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| To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE     |            | Subject: REPORT ON STANDARD CHARGE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION OPERATED BY THE COUNCIL |
| From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK |            |                                                                                          |
| Date: 11 MARCH 2004           | Ref: RP/JH |                                                                                          |

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION**

1.1. To seek committee approval for the uprating of the standard charges for residential accommodation operated by the council for the elderly and people with learning disabilities.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1. The National Health Service and Community Care Act requires local authorities to set a standard charge each year for accommodation operated and provided by it.

**3. PROPOSALS / CONSIDERATIONS**

3.1. The current charge is the average cost of providing a residential place in homes operated by North Lanarkshire Council and it is not intended to set a different rate for each individual home.

3.2. It is proposed that the new rate would be applied from 12<sup>th</sup> April 2004 to coincide with the uprating of DSS pension increases.

3.3. The amount contributed towards the standard charge by a resident will be based on a financial assessment of the clients' ability to pay as determined by legislation.

**4. FINANCIAL / PERSONNEL / LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1. The proposed charge for long term care are as follows:

|                                                           | <u>Cost per resident per week</u> |                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                                           | 2003/04<br>Actual<br>NLC Charge   | 2004/05<br>Proposed<br>NLC Charge |
| Residential Home for elderly                              | £372.00                           | £379                              |
| Residential Home for people<br>With Learning Disabilities | £607.00                           | £730                              |

## 5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1. Committee is asked to:

- (i). approve the standard charge for long term care as shown at 4.1 with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> April 2004



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