

# Decision Schedule



## Cabinet Member for Adult & Community Services

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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL**

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The Cabinet Member took the following decision on 15 December, 2015. It will become effective at Noon on 23 December 2015 with the exception of any particular decision(s), which is (are) the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a 'Call-in' request form is 4.00 pm on 22 December, 2015.

Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found via [Democratic Services](#).

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**ACS 07/15**

### **Fairer Charging Policy and Service Charges Rates 2015-16**

#### **Options Considered/Reasons for Decision**

The Cabinet Member considered revised service charges for 2015-6 and amendments to the Fairer Charging Policy. It was proposed to make adjustments to the service charges in 2015-16 for residential, day care and domiciliary services so that they more accurately reflected the cost of these services to the Authority and to update the Fairer Charging Policy matrix and remove the Severe Disability Premium additional disregard rates.

There would be no costs involved with the amended charges or Fairer Policy amendments and the Direct Payment rates were already included within the community care budgets so no additional cost would be incurred. Following the introduction of specific software this additional income had been set from 6 April, 2015, maximising the full year. Years 2 and 3 were based on no further changes but charges should be reviewed again at the start of each financial year.

#### **Decision**

1. To implement revised service charges for residential, day care and domiciliary services for 2015-16 from the date the report is agreed.
2. To update the Fairer Charging Policy matrix and the removal of the Severe Disability Premium additional disregard rates as agreed in February 2015 cabinet budget setting process.

#### **Consultation**

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People & Business Change

All Members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment when previously circulated. Any comments received and response thereafter are set out in the report.

**Implemented By: Head of Adult and Community Services**

**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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Councillor Paul Cockeram, Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services

Date: 15 December, 2015

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