

DYDD GWENER, 6 IONAWR 2023

**AT: YR AELOD O'R CABINET DROS IECHYD A
GWASANAETHAU CYMDEITHASOL**

YR WYF DRWY HYN YN EICH GALW I FYNYCHU CYFARFOD
RHITHWIR O'R YR **AELOD CABINET DROS IECHYD A
GWASANAETHAU CYMDEITHASOL** A GYNHELIR AM **10.00 YB**,
AR **DYDD GWENER, 13EG IONAWR, 2023** ER MWYN
CYFLAWNI'R MATERION A AMLINELLIR AR YR AGENDA
ATODEDIG.

Wendy Walters

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AGENDA

1. DATGAN BUDDIANNAU PERSONOL.
2. COFNOD PENDERFYNIADAU - 18FED MAWRTH 2022. 3 - 4
3. CODI TÂL DIBRESWYL 2023-24. 5 - 12

Sylwer: - Nid oes hawl gan y wasg a'r cyhoedd fynychu'r cyfarfod. Bydd y cofnod penderfyniad yn cael ei gyhoeddi fel arfer o fewn 3 diwrnod gwaith.

Eitem Rhif 2

**CYFARFOD PENDERFYNIADAU AELOD Y CABINET DROS
GOFAL CYMDEITHASOL AC IECHYD**

DYDD GWENER, 18 MAWRTH 2022

YN BRESENNOL: Y Cyngorydd: J. Tremlett (Aelod o'r Cabinet)

Yn bresennol fel sylwedyddion:-
Y Cyngorwyr

Roedd y swyddogion canlynol yn bresennol:
R. Page, Uwch Reolwr Cymorth Busnes
J. Owens, Swyddog Gwasanaethau Democrataidd

Rhith-Gyfarfod 9.15 - 9.35 yb

1. DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANNAU PERSONOL

Ni ddatganwyd unrhyw fuddiannau personol.

2. COFNOD PENDERFYNIADAU - 11 MAI 2021

PENDERFYNWYD llofnodi bod cofnod penderfyniadau'r cyfarfod oedd wedi'i gynnal ar 11 Mai, 2021 yn gofnod cywir.

3. CODI TÂL DIBRESWYL 2022-23

Bu'r Aelod Cabinet yn ystyried adroddiad oedd yn manylu ar effaith bosibl newidiadau ar daliadau am wasanaethau dibreswyl a'r angen i daliadau gynyddu yn Sir Gaerfyrddin er mwyn parhau i sicrhau'r incwm mwyaf posibl.

Er mwyn gweithio tuag at adennill costau yn llawn ar gyfer 2022-23, ac alinio cyfraddau ag awdurdodau lleol eraill yng Nghymru, cynigiwyd cynyddu taliadau dibreswyl am wasanaethau y codir tâl amdanynt fesul awr o £16.85 i £18.00 (6.8%) a chynyddu'r taliadau ar gyfer Gofal Dydd a Lleoli Oedolion o £16.50 i £17.60 (6.66%).

Nodwyd bod graddfa'r taliadau ar gyfer 2022-23, yn y rhan fwyaf o achosion, yn sylweddol is na chost y ddarpariaeth, ond ni fyddai taliadau cynyddol o reidrwydd yn cynyddu incwm eleni oherwydd bod y swm y gall unrhyw un ei dalu yn cael ei reoli drwy gyfrwng "Cap" presennol Llywodraeth Cymru ac Asesiad Ariannol. Fodd bynnag, cydnabuwyd y gallai fod cynnydd bach iawn mewn incwm o'r cynnydd chwyddiant a gymhwyswyd at y pecynnau gofal bach cost llawn.

PENDERFYNWYD bod Sir Gaerfyrddin yn cynyddu'r taliadau dibreswyl am wasanaethau y codir tâl amdanynt fesul awr o £16.85 i £18.00 (6.8%) a chynyddu'r taliadau am Ofal Dydd a Lleoli Oedolion o £16.50 i £17.60 (6.66%) mewn ymgais i adennill cymaint o referniw â phosibl o fewn y rheolau a nodwyd gan Lywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer 2022-23, ac alinio cyfraddau ag awdurdodau lleol eraill yng Nghymru ac yn enwedig er mwyn symud yn agosach at Awdurdodau Lleol rhanbarthol.

4. TÂL SAFONOL GOFAL PRESWYL AWDURDODAU LLEOL AR GYFER 2022-2023

Bu'r Aelod Cabinet yn ystyried argymhelliad mewn adroddiad bod y tâl safonol am gartref gofal preswyl i bobl hŷn gyda'r Awdurdod Lleol yn cael ei gynyddu o £654.06 i £718.56 am welyau prif ffrwd ac o £884.17 i £935.60 am welyau Dementia.

Nodwyd bod y cyfraddau wedi'u cyfrifo cyn cadarnhau'r dyfarniad cyflog er mwyn rhoi gwybod mewn da bryd i'r unigolion yr effeithiwyd arnynt.

Priodolwyd y cynnydd o 9.86% ar gyfer gwelyau prif ffrwd a 5.82% ar gyfer gwelyau Dementia i'r cynnydd mewn costau staffio a phwysau costau ychwanegol o ran cyflenwadau a gwasanaethau. At hynny, cydnabuwyd y bu ailgydbwyso costau rhwng y Gwelyau Dementia a Gofal Preswyl Safonol o fewn Strategaeth Cyllideb Refeniw'r Cyngor i adlewyrchu lefel y ddibyniaeth gynyddol ym maes Gofal Preswyl a'r gwahaniaeth mewn cynnydd rhwng y ddau dâl.

PENDERFYNWYD bod y bod y tâl safonol am gartref gofal preswyl i bobl hŷn gyda'r Awdurdod Lleol yn cael ei godi o £654.06 i £718.56 am welyau Prif ffrwd ac o £884.17 i £935.60 am welyau Dementia.

AELOD O'R CABINET

DYDDIAD

**YR AELOD O'R CABINET DROS
IECHYD A GWASANAETHAU CYMDEITHASOL
13 IONAWR 2023**

Yr Aelod o'r Cabinet	Y Portffolio:
Y Cyng. J. Tremlett	Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol

CODI TÂL DIBRESWYL 2023-24		
Yr Argymhellion / Penderfyniadau Allweddol Sydd Eu Hangen:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bod Sir Gaerfyrddin yn cynyddu ei thaliadau Dibreswyl i gyd yn unol â costau gynyddol a chwyddiant. 		
Y Rhesymau:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gyda'r Cap ar godi tâl dibreswyl yn £100, ni fyddai fawr o fudd gyda thaliadau cynyddol y tu hwnt i chwyddiant. Yn wir, ni fydd chwyddiant ond yn dychwelyd isafswm cynnydd mewn incwm, a bydd hynny'n dibynnu'n llwyr ar gyfoeth yr unigolion sydd angen gofal. 		
Y Gyfarwyddiaeth: Cymunedau Enw Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth: Jake Morgan	Swydd: Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cymunedol	Rhif Ffôn: 01267 224698
Awdur yr Adroddiad: Rhys Page	Cyfeiriad E-bost: rjpage@sirgar.gov.uk	

Declaration of Personal Interest (if any): None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any): N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

CABINET MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
13TH JANUARY 2023**

NON-RESIDENTIAL CHARGING 2023-2024

Introduction

- 1.1 Carmarthenshire County Council charge for a range of non-residential services and has a charging policy which currently includes a “Cap” (A maximum anyone can pay towards their service(s)) which is set at the value as announced by Welsh Government from time to time.
- 1.2 In 2017 Welsh Government announced that it intended to increase its “Cap”, which at that time was £60 per week, up to £100 per week by 2022.
- 1.3 This significant increase to the “Cap” over a short period of time has potential to effect income to the extent that the authority may not maximise income if it does not consider how, it will increase individual charges for services to keep pace with the increase(s) in the “Cap”.
- 1.4 Legislation allows a lower “Cap” to be approved but does not allow a higher “Cap” than the one announced by Welsh Government.
- 1.5 The corporate Income and Charging Policy sets out requirements for departments to achieve full cost recovery unless there are legal, strategic or contractual reasons for not doing so.
- 1.6 This report looks at the potential impact, and effect of changes to the “Cap” and how charges may need to change to continue to maximise income from non-residential care services.

Background

- 2.1 There has been different guidance and legislation in place governing charges for Non-residential services since 2002. From the start there was a move away from flat rate charges to charges linked to the quantity of service(s) received. A “Cap” on the amount anyone could pay towards their care, and a financial assessment (Means Test) was also introduced at that time as a way of supporting the concept of fairer charging and ensuring that charges were affordable.
- 2.2 In 2010 the Welsh Government introduced the Social Care Charges (Wales) Measure. Prior to the introduction of the measure Carmarthenshire had a “Cap” of £96 a week, but this legislation introduced a statutory national “Cap” for Wales of £50 a week. Local Authorities could set their “Cap” below this figure, however Carmarthenshire decided to apply the “Cap” as announced by Welsh Government each year and included this in its charging policy.
- 2.3 In 2016-17 the “Cap” was £60, and in January 2017 the Welsh Government made a commitment to increase the “Cap” to £100 by 2021. To achieve this, the “Cap” has increased by £10 per year over the last 4 years, and reached its goal of £100 in April 2020, and therefore the government has met its commitment set out in 2017. No further increase has been confirmed by Welsh Government.
- 2.4 In 2017 the Authority introduced a corporate charging policy which applies to all departments and services. One of the principles within this policy is to maximise income and to work towards full cost recovery when setting charges. It is important to note that for Social Care services the recipient of the service is entitled to a Financial Assessment to determine how much they can afford to pay. It is therefore important to understand the relationship between the ability to pay, the charge for the service, the type and quantity of service provided and the “Cap”, it is this relationship that will determine the level of income even if individual charges are set at full cost recovery. Currently the scale of charges for 2023-24, in most cases is significantly less than the cost of provision, however increasing charges would not necessarily increase income for this year because the amount anyone can pay is controlled by the current “Cap” and Financial Assessment, but there may be a small marginal increase of income from the inflationary uplift applied to the full cost, small packages of care.
- 2.5 The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 is the current legislation which covers charging for services, and for the most part the charging rules have been inherited from previous legislation and continue to include a financial assessment and a “Cap”.

Impact

- 3.1 Carmarthenshire charges service users for a range on non-residential social services and each year as part of the budget setting process it reviews these charges. Historically Carmarthenshire has increased its charges for services based on inflation and budget expectations.

- 3.2 All service users are offered a Financial Assessment (Means Test), and the outcome of this assessment protects those who cannot afford to pay. For those who are wealthier in society it is the “Cap” which limits the amount that the service user is required to pay, but it is also this group that would generate the most income for the department because the size of the package would usually mean that they would pay in full up to the “Cap”.
- 3.3 The increase to charges for 2023-24 will fall in line with the authority’s wider policy, by increasing charges by inflation.

Conclusion

- 4.1 The figures shown in this report for the next year are based on existing Welsh Governments announcements, however there is no indication as to what will happen beyond 2023-24. We may have to increase charges to a greater extent if Welsh Government amend the charging rules
- 4.2 It is important to be aware that Welsh Government, in setting annual resource allocations to local authorities, will not necessarily compensate this authority because its charges are low. It is therefore not appropriate to assume that any gap in income which appear by keeping charges low will automatically be filled by Welsh Government funding.
- 4.3 The department has an opportunity to review the way it increases service charges at this current time, which will enable it to limit the impact of changes to the “Cap” in the future. Increasing service charges above inflation, in some cases significantly, will potentially have political implications as well as potential opposition from service users and families, however as already stated this authority’s service charges are significantly below that of neighbouring authorities.

Recommendation

- 5.1 That Carmarthenshire increase its Non-Residential charges for hourly charged services by inflation from £18.00 to £20.00 (11.11%) and Day Care and Adult Placement sessional charges from £17.60 to £19.55 (11.08%). This will attempt to recover as much revenue as possible within the rules set down by Welsh Government for 2023 - 24, and to align rates with other local authorities in Wales, and to move closer to regional Local Authorities.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	NO – (Attached – • Appendix 1 – Summary of Charges
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Jake Morgan, Director of Community Services

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

This would be in-line with the approved Income and Charging policy adopted by Carmarthenshire. It would also follow the Social Care Charging Policy for Carmarthenshire.

3. Finance

The additional income for 2023-2024 will be generated by increasing service charges as per attachment, at these rates the authority would be setting a rate to maximise recovery of costs.

The additional income has been factored into the savings proposals needed to create a balanced budget for 2023-24.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jake Morgan, Director of Community Services

1. Scrutiny Committee – N/A

2. Local Member(s) – N/A

3. Community / Town Council – N/A

4. Relevant Partners - N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE

APPENDIX
CHARGING DIGEST - Social Services

2021/22 Actual £	2022/23 Budget £	2023/24 Budget £	Business Unit	Service Provided	2022/23 Charge Levied £	2023/24 Proposed £	Comments	Statutory S / Discretionary
38	921	939	Laundry	Cost per person to max 1 load	2.75	3.10	12.73%	D
14,483	194,939	198,838	Community meals incl day care	Cost per meal	5.35	6.00	12.15%	D
				Cost per day	-	8.50	New flat rate charge for Service users attending full day at a Day Care setting.	D
201,131	218,993	223,373	Respite Care Charge to Clients	Adults with learning difficulties (per wk)	Full cost of placement	Full cost of placement		D
				All other adults <u>except</u> those receiving Higher Rate Attendance Allowance / Higher Rate Disability Living Allowance	Full cost of placement	Full cost of placement		D
				All other adults receiving Higher Rate Attendance Allowance/ Higher Rate Disability Living Allowance (per wk)	Full cost of placement	Full cost of placement		D
3,377,906	2,892,941	2,950,800	Non - Residential Care Charges	Max charge (per wk)	100.00	100.00	Set by Welsh Government (Awaiting confirmation on this)	S
				Home Care Charge (per hr)	18.00	20.00	11.11%	D
				Day Care - all adults (per session)	17.60	19.55	11.08%	D
				Community Support (per hr)	18.00	19.55	11.08%	D
				Education Support (per hour)	FREE	FREE		D
				Supported Living (per hour)	18.00	20.00	11.11%	D
				Adult Placement Long Term Placement (per night)	17.60	19.55	11.08%	D
				Adult Placement Short/Short Breaks	17.60	19.55	11.08%	D
				Adult Placement Day Care/Sessional	2.85	Delete	Service is no longer applicable	D
				Replacement Care	18.00	20.00	11.11%	D
				Telecare (per week)	3.50	4.20	20.00%	D

Tudalen 11

Mae'r dudalen hon yn wag yn fwiadol