

Y CABINET

4 MAWRTH 2024

POLISI CODI TÂL – TALIADAU GOFAL CYMDEITHASOL DIWYGIADAU I'R POLISI PRESENNOL

Y Pwrpas:

- Adolygu'r "Polisi Codi Tâl – Gofal Cymdeithasol" presennol ac ymgynghori ar y newidiadau allweddol arfaethedig i'r polisi.

Yr argymhellion / penderfyniadau allweddol sydd eu hangen:

Mae'r newidiadau allweddol sy'n cael eu cynnig fel a ganlyn:

- Cyflwyno ffi Rheolaeth Flynyddol ar gyfer Rheoli Dirprwyaethau, Penodeiaethau, ac achosion Diogelu Eiddo. Mae'r baich gweinyddol sy'n gysylltiedig â'r gwaith hwn yn sylweddol. Taliadau cymedrol yw'r rhain, sydd ar gyfer Dirprwyaethau wedi'u nodi gan y Llys Gwarchod. Byddai'r ffioedd hyn o leiaf yn adennill rhai costau a ysgwyddwyd a byddent yn llai na'r hyn a godir gan ddirprwy broffesiynol i unigolion.

Effaith Ariannol Bosibl:

Ceisiadau dirprwyaeth = 15 y flwyddyn am £745.00

= £11,175.00 y flwyddyn

Penodeiaethau Gofal Preswyl = 183 am £260.00 y flwyddyn, ond byddai'r mwyafrif yn gymwys i gael gwariant sy'n gysylltiedig ag anabledd, gan leihau'r incwm ychwanegol i oddeutu

= £12,480.00 y flwyddyn

Penodeiaethau cymunedol = 99 am £260.00 y flwyddyn. = £25,740.00 (ond byddai'r mwyafrif yn cael gwariant sy'n gysylltiedig ag anabledd, sy'n golygu y byddai eu cyfraniad yn lleihau. Byddai 88 yn talu tâl ychwanegol am Benodeiaeth)

= £22,882.08 y flwyddyn

Achosion Eiddo = 17 y flwyddyn yn barhaus, 6 y flwyddyn yn atgyfeiriadau newydd.

Achosion parhaus = tâl o £520.00 y flwyddyn

= £8,840.00 y flwyddyn

Atgyfeiriadau Newydd = tâl o £100.00

= £600 y flwyddyn

Cyfanswm = £56,000 y flwyddyn

Sylwer: Mae gan cyngor Sir Benfro daliadau a chyfraddau tebyg ar gyfer 2023-24

Atodiad 2 - Ffioedd a Thaliadau - Cyngor Sir Penfro

- 2. Codi'r tâl llawn ar ddefnyddwyr gwasanaeth mewn cartrefi gofal am wyliau, arosiadau byr i ffwrdd o'r Cartref Gofal. O dan y polisi presennol nid oes tâl am hyn, ond mae'r awdurdod yn talu'r Cartref Gofal yn llawn.**

Effaith Ariannol Bosibl:

Yn seiliedig ar oddeutu 10 defnyddiwr gwasanaeth, sy'n cael arosiadau rheolaidd i ffwrdd o'r cartref gofal yn rheolaidd.

Cyfanswm = £5,000

- 3. Codi tâl llawn am dderbyniadau i'r ysbyty neu absenoldebau dros dro o'r Cartref Gofal am uchafswm gyfnod o 4 wythnos.**

Ar hyn o bryd mae'r Awdurdod yn lleihau'r tâl pan fydd yna absenoldeb dros dro i "Gyfradd pensiwn yn unig", sy'n golled refeniw i'r awdurdod, gan ein bod yn dal i dalu'n llawn am y lleoliad. Byddai'r awdurdod yn edrych ar unrhyw gostau absenoldeb ychwanegol fesul achos o fewn paramedrau'r Asesiad Ariannol.

Effaith Ariannol Bosibl:

Yn seiliedig ar 150 o achosion y flwyddyn am uchafswm o 4 wythnos ar dâl asesedig wythnosol, heb fudd-daliadau DWP sy'n cael eu codi o dan y polisi cyfredol.

£44,000 y flwyddyn

- 4. Codi ffi weinyddol benodol ar gyfer preswylwyr Hunangyllidig sy'n gofyn i'r awdurdod drefnu eu lleoliad cartref gofal ar eu rhan.**

Effaith Ariannol Bosibl:

Yn seiliedig ar 188 o ddefnyddwyr gwasanaeth (sydd â chyfalaf rhydd uwchben y trothwy cyfalaf/heb ei ddatguddio) ac yn contractio trwy CSC. Byddai ffi weinyddol unwaith yn unig o £520 yn rhoi incwm o:

= £97,760.00 y flwyddyn.

Sylwch y gallai ffi weinyddol leihau niferoedd lleoliadau 'Hunangyllido' yn unig, a pheidio â chynhyrchu incwm ychwanegol, felly rydym wedi lleihau'r amcangyfrif 50%.

= £49,000 y flwyddyn

Sylwer: Mae cyngor Ceredigion wedi codi tâl amdano yn yr amgylchiadau hyn ers sawl blwyddyn:

Tudalen 12 - [Charging for Residential Care and Support \(ceredigion.gov.uk\)](http://ceredigion.gov.uk)

13.1 Administration Charge Self-funders (Permanent Placements Only)

Administration charge (Self-funders)	Charge per annum	£710.00
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- 5. Cyflwyno ffi reoli ar gyfer Taliadau Gohiriedig ffurfiol, a lle delir taliadau yn erbyn eiddo. Nid yw hyn yn y polisi codi tâl ar hyn o bryd, ac eto byddai'n helpu i adennill costau.**

Effaith Ariannol Bosibl:

Tua 20 achos o Gytundebau Taliadau Gohiriedig/Pridiannau Cyfreithiol y flwyddyn, byddai ffi o £200 yr achos yn cynhyrchu

= £4,000 y flwyddyn

Sylwer: Mae cyngor Ceredigion wedi codi tâl amdano yn yr amgylchiadau hyn ers sawl blwyddyn:

Tudalen 12 - Charging for Residential Care and Support (ceredigion.gov.uk)

13.2 Administration Charge Deferred Payments

Administration charge (Deferred Payments)	Charge per annum	£710.00
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- 6. Newid sail y cyfrifiad ar gyfer "Costau Ychwanegol" ar gyfer Lleoliadau y Tu Allan i'r Sir. Ar hyn o bryd mae'r gost yn cael ei chyfrifo ar sail cyfraddau safonol y sir lle'r ydym yn lleoli unigolyn, byddem yn newid hynny i gost gomisiynu arferol Sir Gaerfyrddin. Yn bennaf, byddai hyn yn symleiddio'r broses, ac ni fyddai'r awdurdod yn gorfod talu costau lleoli a bennir gan Awdurdodau Lleol eraill.**

Effaith Ariannol Bosibl:

Yn seiliedig ar 64 o achosion y flwyddyn, y gwahaniaeth rhwng cyfradd contract safonol CSC a'r swm a godir gan gartrefi Gofal OOC. Bydd y newid hwn yn sicrhau bod yr awdurdod yn fwy cyson, ac unwaith eto'n gallu lleihau'r galw am leoliadau cartrefi gofal, a pheidio â chynyddu incwm. Mae hyn yn debygol o achosi osgoi costau, yn hytrach na chynyddu incwm.

= £100,000 y flwyddyn* (Nodyn 1)

- 7. Diwygio'r polisi i gynnwys elfen y nos ar gyfer y Lwfans Gweini neu Lwfans Byw i'r Anabl neu Daliad Annibyniaeth Personol i'r Asesiad Ariannol, gan fod hyn yn**

cael ei ddiystyr ar hyn o bryd ar gyfer gwasanaethau dibreswyl dros nos yn Sir Gaerfyrddin.

Y maes gwasanaeth yr effeithir arno'n sylweddol yw Llety â Chymorth. Ar hyn o bryd nid yw Sir Gaerfyrddin yn cyd-fynd ag awdurdodau eraill ar yr elfen hon o'r polisi, a byddem yn edrych ar newid trosiannol i liniaru caledi i unrhyw unigolyn. Bydd yr awdurdod lleol yn parhau i ganiatáu diystyr Gwariant ar Sail Anabledd ar 25%, ac yn edrych ar unigolion fesul achos.

Effaith Ariannol Bosibl:

Llety â Chymorth: Yn seiliedig ar y sampl gyfredol o ddefnyddwyr gwasanaeth a'u Hasesiadau Ariannol, rydym yn rhagweld y gallai 30% o ddefnyddwyr gwasanaeth Llety â Chymorth dalu mwy.

= £100,000 y flwyddyn

Cysylltu Bywydau: Yn seiliedig ar y sampl gyfredol o ddefnyddwyr gwasanaeth a'u Hasesiadau Ariannol, rydym yn rhagweld y gallai 30% o ddefnyddwyr gwasanaeth Cysylltu Bywydau dalu mwy.

= £12,000 y flwyddyn

Nodyn 1: *Mae £100,000 yn osgoi costau, yn hytrach nag incwm ychwanegol.

Y rhesymau:

I adennill yr incwm mae Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin yn ei gasglu o'r gwasanaethau gofal a ddarperir gennym. Bydd y taliadau sy'n cael eu codi ond yn seiliedig ar reolau'r Asesiad Ariannol, a'r hyn y gall unigolion fforddio ei dalu.

Bydd y newidiadau uchod yn effeithio ar unigolion sy'n gallu fforddio talu yn unol â Rhan 4 a Rhan 5 o Ddeddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant (Cymru) 2014.

Bydd y newidiadau yn alinio'r adran yn agosach â'r polisi incwm a chodi tâl corfforaethol.

Angen i'r Cabinet wneud penderfyniad

OES - 4 Mawrth 2024

Angen i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad

NAC OES

<p>YR AELOD CABINET SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:- Y Cyngorydd J. Jane Tremlett, Aelod Cabinet dros lechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol</p>		
<p>Y Gyfarwyddiaeth: Cymunedau Enw Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth: Chris Harrison Awdur yr Adroddiad: Rhys Page</p>	<p>Swyddi: Pennaeth Comisiynu Strategol ar y Cyd Uwch-reolwr Cymorth Busnes</p>	<p>Cyfeiriadau e-bost: chris.harrison@pembrokeshire.gov.uk rjpage@sirgar.gov.uk</p>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CABINET

4TH MARCH 2024

CHARGING POLICY - SOCIAL CARE CHARGES

AMENDMENTS TO CURRENT POLICY

1. Introduction

The current charging policy was last updated in April 2019; therefore, it is now timely to review the policy, and consider any changes that are needed. Therefore, based on a high-level review within the operational team, and in consultation with other officers, several changes have been identified, and due to the nature of these changes it will require the authority to formally consult on the proposed key changes within the policy.

This paper sets out the suggested proposed revisions and seeks authority to consult on the amendments to the policy.

2. Main Body of the report

The department has been actively looking at various options to try and close the gap in funding that the department has due to the reduction in funding from Welsh Government from the Workforce Grant (£600k), and a real terms reduction to the department funding due to the challenges from the growth in activity for 2024-25.

One of the options considered; is to increase income recovery within Social Care. Therefore, the Business Support team has been reviewing the current charging policy to support with the recovery of costs and trying to support the department to balance the Social Care budget in Carmarthenshire.

The division currently collects income from more than 1000 residential placements, and over 2600 non-residential packages. The charging policy was originally consulted on in detail back in 2014, when there were several changes made. More recently the policy was reviewed again in 2019.

Therefore, it is timely that the Charging Policy is reviewed post pandemic, as it has been operating in the same way for the last 4 years. The team have looked at the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, and consulted with other local authorities in identifying changes that the department would need to make to improve the administration of charging within Social Care, and identifying areas where the authority can increase cost recovery.

The department is focused on working towards full cost recovery where possible in line with the Corporate Income and Charging Policy. There are limits to this in Social Care based on the legislative rules, and maximum charges set by Welsh Government.

Under the “Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014” (The Act) which came into force on 6 April 2016, there is comprehensive rules on how Local Authorities must operate a charging policy for Care charges, and there is a cap on charging for non-residential services. This cap has remained at £100 a week for several years. There is no such cap in place for Care Home charges, residents will pay the full cost of the placement if they have sufficient means to do so.

The high-level review of the current policy identified that the Communities Department is not charging in some areas and should look to align itself with other Local Authorities by making some changes to the policy. All suggested changes are permissible within the Act, but not currently stipulated within Carmarthenshire's Policy.

Therefore, the department has set out the key areas of change above but will also take the opportunity to make other small amendments and add clarification to other parts of the document as required.

The changes above will impact on a small proportion of service users; therefore, we will consult on the revised document when it is agreed. We therefore seek permission to consult on the Key changes with all stakeholders.

If accepted, the department would suggest that the next steps would be:

- Cabinet: 4th March
- Full Council: 8th May 2024

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	NO – Attached – Carmarthenshire County Council Charging Policy for Social Care Services (April 2019)
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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: Chris Harrison

Head of Strategic Joint Commissioning

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
NONE	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

2. Legal

The changes being suggested are all in accordance with the Part 4 and Part 5 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

3. Finance

There is no cost implication to the department as the proposed policy revisions would be accommodated within the existing infrastructure of support. The increased revenue from charging cannot be accurately modelled due to several unknown impacts from the changes to the policy. The authority is likely to see a reduction of Self-Funded individuals asking the authority to place Care Home contracts on their behalf, therefore it is anticipated that this would be cost avoidance rather than income. (Approx. £100,000 per annum)

The estimated additional income per annum from the proposed changes is:

£270,000 per annum.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Chris Harrison Head of Strategic Joint Commissioning

1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination	NO
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Scrutiny Committee	
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Date the report was considered:-	
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Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-

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

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED YES – Meeting held with Cllr. Tremlett on the 26 th January, 2024.	Include any observations here: The proposals have been discussed. Cllr. Tremlett understood the financial pressures and was supportive of putting forward the suggested changes.
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**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 Part 4 and 5 Code of Practice (Charging and Financial Assessment)		Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (gov.wales)
Charging Policy 2019		Attached