

FC81. 2ND UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CHARGING POLICY FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this item had been called in to Council by Councillors Jackson, A MacDonald and Meiklejohn.

There was submitted (circulated) (a) Extract of draft Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Social Care Committee held on 1 February 2011, and (b) Report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services submitted to the said meeting (1) providing a second update on the implementation of the charging policy for non-residential Social Care Services which came into effect on 1 November 2010, and (2) updating on the processes being followed to implement the charging policy, the resource implications and the likely financial impact of the charging policy.

Councillor Blackwood, seconded by Councillor McNeill, moved the recommendations as detailed in the Report.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor McNally, moved that Council:-

- “(1) notes the problems with the implementation of the charging policy;
- (2) notes the projected income based on the current information and request a further more detailed report on the charges for services actually received;
- (3) notes the adjustments to the operation of the policy as set out in Paragraphs 4.1 to 4.8 of the Report;
- (4) notes the additional staffing required for the safe and robust operation of the charging policy and confirm that this should have been contained within the original report;
- (5) notes that the report states that the 2nd stage of the charging policy will not be proceeding and that this is consistent with the decision taken by Policy and Resources Committee with regard to dropping 2nd stage charges, and
- (6) requests the Acting Director of Social Work Services to provide a further update to the next meeting of the Housing and Social Care Committee.”

On a division 17 Members voted for the Motion and 14 voted for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **NOTED** the:-

- (1) progress achieved to date in the implementation of the charging policy and the challenges of bringing the policy into full operation and up to date;
- (2) projected income figures based on current information;

- (3) adjustments to the operation of the policy set out in Paragraphs 4.1 to 4.8 of the Report, and
- (4) additional staffing required for the safe and robust operation of the charging policy.

AGREED that:-

- (1) the current policy be further reviewed in June 2011 before considering any options to move to a second stage policy, and
- (2) the Acting Director of Social Work Services to provide a further update in June 2011 to Members of the Housing and Social Care Committee.