

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>FAIRER CHARGING</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	7th June 2007
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because	
It is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Herefordshire in an area comprising one or more wards	
The item was included in the Forward Plan.	
IF NO	
A notice was served in accordance with section 15 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulation 2000	
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To recommend to Cabinet a number of changes to be made under the Fairer Charging regulations governing non-residential services in Adult Social Care.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>That Members agree the recommendations as set out in Appendix 1 to this report. These are highlighted as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>The revised and updated Fairer Charging Policy and Appendices are approved including the specific changes set out in the Appendix;</b></li> <li>b) <b>Changes are made to the maximum weekly charge so the current absolute ceiling charge is replaced by one defined as the ‘full cost of the service’;</b></li> <li>c) <b>Tariff income is included in the financial assessment from savings and capital between £13,000 and £21,500;</b></li> <li>d) <b>100% of occupational/private pensions are included in the financial assessment;</b></li> <li>e) <b>A flat rate for meals and transport is continued to be charged;</b></li> <li>f) <b>Day care charges be set at £7.30 rather than £14.00 and that a review of day care service provision takes place recognising the changing preventative agenda</b></li> </ul>

	<p><b>and other local authority good practice;</b></p> <p><b>g) Direct payments charges to be set using the same principles as day care and homecare;</b></p> <p><b>h) Services for carers remain free of charges; and</b></p> <p><b>i) Members are also asked to approve an eight-week consultation period which will take place with all stakeholders, including service users.</b></p>
Reasons for the Decision:	Members are required to approve significant changes in the charging for non-residential care services as set out in Appendix 1.
Options Considered:	Given the immediate requirement to move towards a modernised pattern of social care services no options are being proposed to those set out in Appendix 1.
Declaration of Interest:	None.
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	14th June 2007

<p><b>COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS</b>.....Date: 7th June 2007  <b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b></p>
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<b>To be completed by officer:</b>	
Date consent received from Chairman of Scrutiny Committee:	
Subject to Call-in:	No
If yes was the decision modified?	
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	
Date original decision took effect:	