

Equality and Rights Impact Assessment

2015-2018 Budget Summary Report

What budget option does this ERIA information relate to?

Increase charges for Home Care	
Option number	HSC4
Savings proposal	Increase charges for home care
Division	Older People and Disability Services
Service area	Business Services
Description of savings proposal	
Increase means-tested Home Care and Care at Home charges from £13.50 per hour in 2014/15 to £15.50 per hour in 2015/16, in line with agreed changes to Care at Home contract floor price. (Income increase assumes similar Pension and Department for Work and Pensions benefits increase as in 2014/15).	

What are the main impacts of this option on rights?

There are no impacts on rights – any amount an individual is required to contribute to the cost of his or her home care services is means-tested, following a financial assessment based on national guidance, intended to ensure that charging for care services is fair and proportionate.

What are the main impacts of this option on equality?

As above.

What are the main recommendations to address either the positive or negative impacts?

Health and Social Care to ensure that any changes in charges agreed by the Council at its Budget Meeting are communicated through channels that all service users and their families can access.

Sign Off (print name and position and contact details)

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Carbon Impact Assessment Template

BUDGET OPTION (number/title/details)		HSC4: Increase charges for home care		
LEAD OFFICER (name and contact details)		Kyle Hay, Acting Business Services Manager		
To record your assessment put an X in the appropriate columns below.				
COUNCIL CARBON EMISSIONS	IMPACTS			NOTES
	↓	↑	↔	
WASTE to landfill			X	No impacts
BUILDINGS energy usage			X	No impacts
INFRASTRUCTURE energy usage			X	No impacts
TRANSPORT fuel consumption			X	No impacts

↓ = *anticipated decrease in emissions*

↑ = *anticipated increase in emissions*

↔ = *no change anticipated*