

Scrutiny Board

9 January 2018

Time 6.00 pm **Public Meeting?** YES **Type of meeting** Scrutiny
Venue Committee Room, Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton
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Membership

Chair Cllr Stephen Simkins (Lab)
Vice-chair Cllr Barry Findlay (Con)

Labour

Cllr Ian Angus
Cllr Paula Brookfield
Cllr Jasbir Jaspal
Cllr Rupinderjit Kaur
Cllr Louise Miles
Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Lynne Moran
Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman
Cllr Linda Leach

Conservative

Cllr Arun Photay

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Agenda

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

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MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1 **Apologies for absence**
- 2 **Declarations of interest**
- 3 **Minutes of the previous meeting (5 December 2017)** (Pages 3 - 6)
[To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record.]
- 4 **Matters arising**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5 **Review of Contributions to Non-residential Adult Social Care** (Pages 7 - 44)
[Helen Winfield, Head of Service – Community Financial Support, to present report on the review of contributions to non-residential adult social care]
- 6 **Work programme** (Pages 45 - 52)
[To consider the Board's work programme for future meetings.]

Attendance

Members of the Scrutiny Board

Cllr Stephen Simkins (Chair)
Cllr Ian Angus
Cllr Rupinderjit Kaur
Cllr Louise Miles
Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Arun Photay
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman
Cllr Lynne Moran
Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Barry Findlay (Vice-Chair)

In Attendance

Cllr Andrew Johnson – Cabinet Member Resources

Employees

Earl Piggott-Smith	Scrutiny Officer
Robert Baldwin	Lead Lawyer
Claire Nye	Director of Finance
Martin Stevens	Scrutiny Officer
Jaswinder Kaur	Democratic Services Manager
Anna Zollino-Biscotti	Information Governance Manager
Alison Shannon	Finance Business Partner

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

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- 1 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jasbir Jaspal.
- 2 **Declarations of interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3 **Minutes of the previous meeting (10 October 2017)**
Resolved:
That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4 **Matters arising**
6. The Youth Council

The Scrutiny Officer advised the panel that further to presentation about Make your Mark at the last meeting the Youth Council are discussing the possibility of holding

two mini reviews in February 2018 to investigate topics selected as a priority. The Scrutiny Board to be advised of further progress.

5 Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018-2019 - 2019-2020 (report to follow)

Councillor Andrew Johnson, Cabinet Member Resources, introduced the report. The Cabinet Member advised the Board that there had been a quiet response to the main consultation events. The consultation ends on 31 December 2017. The public responses on the budget proposals submitted online survey will be analysed in early January and included in the report to Cabinet.

The Cabinet Member commented that there had been a lively discussion with members of Youth Council when the budget proposals were presented to them as part of the consultation event. The Cabinet Member welcome the contribution and interest shown in the budget issues. The Cabinet Member thanked all the Chairs for their comments on the budget proposals that have been included in the report.

The panel queried the reasons for the overspend on the ring-fenced budget for Public Health. The Cabinet Member explained that the Council have used £1.7 million reserves from the Public Health budget to meet the expected shortfall. The Council can carry forward reserves from the Public Health budget to future years. The Cabinet Member explained that action was necessary to bring the public health budget into balance and support the new approach to future work detailed by the Director of Public Health.

The Scrutiny Officer advised the Board that the Director of Public Health had agreed to present a report to Health Scrutiny Panel detailing plans for the future of the service. The Board requested that a similar report be presented for discussion at a future meeting.

Resolved:

The comments of Board on the draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018-19 to be included in the feedback report to Cabinet.

6 Schedule of Petitions Annual Update 2016 to 2017

Jaswinder Kaur, Democratic Services Manager, presented an update on all petitions received by the Council during the last six months. The Democratic Services Manager advised the panel that the issue about speeding on Lea Road may have been resolved following the intervention of Cllr Gakhal but at this stage it is not clear if the petition is still active.

The Board queried the outcome of the petition relating to Dukes Park play area. The Democratic Services Manager agreed to investigate the outcome of the petition and report the findings to a future meeting of the Board.

The Board discussed the impact of changes in the threshold for petitions had on panel workload. The Board were referred to para 3.3 of the report which gave further details about the process for responding to petitions submitted to the Council.

Resolved:

1. The Board agreed note the actions in relation to petitions received by the Council.

2. The Democratic Services Manager to update the Board on the outcome of a petition submitted about Dukes Park play area.

- 7 **Information Governance Quarter Two Performance and GDPR Update Report**
Anna Zollino-Biscotti, Information Governance Manager, presented an update report on the performance of the service. The Information Governance Manager briefed the Board on the plans to comply with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations. The regulations are due to come into effect on 25 May 2018. A briefing paper detailing the changes will be sent to all Councillors in January 2018.

The Chair recommended that future performance reports will be submitted for information and that the Information Governance Manager will not be required to attend. The Information Governance Manager advised the Board on performance for Quarter Two and commented that the response rate by the service had been very good. The service continues to receive freedom of information requests from the local and national press.

The Council is due to appoint a new Data Protection Officer (DPO) in early January 2018.

The panel welcomed the report and progress made.

Resolved:

1. The Board comments of the performance of Information Governance to be considered.
2. The Board agreed to note the progress update on preparations for the implementation of General Data Protection Regulations.
3. The Information Governance Manager to update the Board on progress in recruiting a Data Protection Officer.

- 8 **Scrutiny Board Work programme**
The Scrutiny Officer briefed the board on the current work programme and invited member comments. The Scrutiny Chairs briefed Board on the work of their individual panels.

The Board discussed different approaches to scrutiny and agreed that lessons learnt could be presented to a future meeting. The Chair suggested that the issues could be considered at the annual scrutiny planning event but it was open to each panel to decide how they want to manage their work programme. The Chair encouraged scrutiny board members to discuss the items with their panel.

Resolved:

The Board agreed to the note updates to the annual scrutiny work programme.

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Cabinet (Resources) Panel

16 January 2017

Report title	Review of contributions to non-residential adult social care - outcome of public consultation and final proposals	
Decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Sandra Samuels Adults	
Key decision	Yes	
In forward plan	Yes	
Wards affected	All	
Accountable director	David Watts, Adult Social Care	
Originating service	Community Financial Support, Adult Social Care	
Accountable employee(s)	Helen Winfield	Head of Service – Community Financial Support
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Report to be/has been considered by	Adult Social Care Management Team	1 December 2017
	People Leadership Team	4 December 2017
	Strategic Executive Board	19 December 2017
	Scrutiny Board	9 January 2018

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to approve:

1. The final proposals, following consultation, for a new approach to non-residential contributions scheme based on individual financial assessments that are fair and equitable and Care Act compliant and
 - Allow for a £12.00 disregard on disability benefits for disability-related expenditure (**paragraph 5.3**);
 - Allow for an additional 30% of the enhanced disability premium (currently £4.77) for working-age customers to help mitigate against the lower

Minimum Income Guarantee set by Government for working-age people than for pensioners (**paragraph 5.2 and 5.3**);

- Cap any non-residential weekly contribution at no more than the weekly personal budget rate for a residential care home, currently £394.94 (**paragraph 5.4**);
 - Maintain a £150 charge for the administration costs for self-funders who request that the Council arrange for their care and support and add £75 per year thereafter to cover on-going costs (**paragraph 5.7**);
 - Maintain exemptions from contributions for terminally ill customers and carers (**paragraph 5.6**);
2. Transitional protection for current service users by limiting any significant increases (**paragraph 6.8**)
 3. Implementation of the new contributions scheme from April 2018

Recommendations for noting:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is asked to note:

4. the report on the outcome of the public consultation on the review of contributions to non-residential adult social care (see **Appendix 1**)

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 This report gives details on the outcome of the public consultation, approved by Cabinet on 19 July 2017, on the review of contributions to non-residential adult social care which took place from 4 September 2017 to 26 November 2017. The consultation was later than the original dates proposed (24 July to 15 October) in order to avoid the summer holiday period and therefore maximise participation.
- 1.2 This report also sets out revised proposals, following consultation, for a scheme based on individual financial assessment to replace the current banded contributions scheme for those in receipt of non-residential council support under the provisions of the Care Act 2014.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The City of Wolverhampton (CWC) Council's current non-residential banded contributions scheme is long-standing (since July 1999) and has been reviewed annually with public consultation as part of the review process when there has been an above-inflationary increase in the proposed contribution rates. The current rates were approved by Cabinet Resources Panel in 2015. There was no review in 2016 as relevant working-age social security benefits were frozen.
- 2.2 Prior to the implementation of the Care Act 2014 from April 2015, Section 17 of the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications (HASSASSA) Act 1983 gave councils a discretionary power to charge adult recipients of non-residential services and statutory guidance to Councils was provided by 'Fairer Charging' and 'Fairer Contributions' guidance. The CWC banded contribution scheme, with the option to request a full financial assessment, was fully compliant with these provisions.
- 2.3 Section 14 of the Care Act 2014 and the Care and Support statutory guidance is the current provision giving councils the power to charge individuals for the care and support they receive.
- 2.4 A recent independent review of Wolverhampton's charging scheme concluded that the operation of a banded contributions scheme as opposed to full financial assessment of individuals' resources according to their ability to pay a contribution towards their non-residential care and support, may be open to legal challenge.
- 2.5 It is also recognised that under the current banded contributions scheme, individuals with a higher income who are not in receipt of a means-tested benefit may be contributing significantly less of their overall income than an individual with less income in receipt of a means-tested benefit.
- 2.6 Since the implementation of the Care Act 2014, all other local authorities have charging schemes based on individual assessments of income and capital (see **Appendix 3A**).

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 Under the Care Act 2014, the amount that an individual pays towards their non-residential care and support must be assessed by an individual financial assessment of both their capital and income. The rules governing the financial assessment are detailed in the Care and Support statutory guidance. They are not reproduced in full here however they will be explained in more detail in the Council's final policy.
- 3.2 It is proposed that a new and fairer contributions policy is introduced which takes into account the comments received during the public consultation. The consultation outcome report is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 3.3 The proposed new contributions policy would be subject to annual review (as has been the practice with the current contributions policy) following the annual review of social security benefit rates by the Departments for Work and Pensions and the Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) Regulations by the Department of Health.

4. Key Care Act considerations

- 4.1 If an individual has capital above the upper threshold (currently £23,250) set by government, they are required to pay for all of their non-residential care. If their capital is below the upper threshold, means-tested support is available, depending on what they can afford to pay.
- 4.2 When the means-test is applied, their income will be assessed. Any capital that they have above the lower threshold (currently £14,250) set by government will be treated as if it gives rise to an income of £1 a week for every £250 of capital. Capital below the lower threshold will be disregarded.
- 4.3 The means test works on the principle that non-residential contributions must not reduce that person's income to below a certain amount. This amount is known as the Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG), and is reviewed yearly in April. Income above the MIG is described as a person's 'disposable income' and is considered to be available to make a contribution towards the cost of their care and support.
- 4.4 The statutory scheme for the financial assessment of means lays down detailed rules for what capital and income can be taken into account and what capital and income must be disregarded. For example:
 - 4.4.1 Individuals provided with care and support under the Care Act are usually in receipt of Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) disability benefits (Attendance Allowance/Disability Living Allowance care component/Personal Independence Payment daily living component). The local authority can take this income into account in the financial assessment however, it must ensure that individuals have enough money to cover the costs of meeting their disability-related expenditure (DRE).

4.4.2 The mobility component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP), in accordance with guidance, must be disregarded in the financial assessment as must earnings.

4.4.3 The guidance recognises that where individuals are in receipt of disability benefits they may also have additional expenditure related to their disability, such as additional heating requirements or laundry, which are not met by the local authority and therefore should be allowed for in the financial assessment. Local authorities have a discretion to disregard further capital or income thus reducing an individual's contribution but they are not permitted to charge more than is allowed by the statutory scheme.

4.5 The Care and Support statutory guidance suggests various alternative ideas for how local authorities might do this. For example, local authorities can set a maximum percentage of disposable income (over and above the guaranteed minimum income), which may be taken into account in the financial assessment. Having considered these alternatives, it was felt that establishing a maximum percentage of disposable income would favour those individuals with more income and additional protection of income for housing costs was a fairer proposal.

5. Proposals put to consultation and revised proposals

5.1 As part of the consultation, comments were invited on the proposal to apply a 20% disregard of disability benefits to allow for disability-related expenditure without any requirement for evidence of such expenditure but with the option of requesting an enhanced financial assessment and providing evidence if disability-related expenditure (DRE) was more. There was a general consensus that intrusive questions and needing to provide evidence of expenditure should be avoided. From the Council's perspective, enhanced financial assessments are significantly more resource intensive and therefore proposals seek to minimize the need for such assessments by making sufficient allowance for DRE.

5.2 A number of people stated that the MIG amounts were clearly more generous for people of pension age and that the proposals should seek to address this inequity as working age service users had similar financial commitments and requirements in connection with their needs. In particular, it was noted that those people who were considered to be substantially disabled and have "limited capability for work-related activity" by the DWP were entitled to the enhanced disability premium in their benefits in recognition of their needs and that there should be a similar provision made in the contributions scheme.

5.3 It is therefore proposed that instead of a 20% disregard of disability benefits for DRE which would involve different amounts being applied dependent on the level of disability benefits received, a standard disregard of £12.00 per week is allowed for all service users in receipt of a disability benefit plus a 30% disregard of the enhanced disability premium (EDP) where it is included in a person's individual MIG. Currently, the EDP is £15.90 and therefore the disregard would be £4.77 per week (see **Appendix 2**). Those service users with more significant DRE would still be able to request an enhanced

financial assessment which would look at all evidenced DRE to consider higher disregards where applicable. However, with standard disregards at this level it is anticipated that such assessments would be kept to a minimum.

- 5.4 The guidance states that local authorities should consider whether it is appropriate to set a maximum charge such as a maximum percentage of care home charges in the local area which could help ensure that people are encouraged to remain in their own homes, promoting individual wellbeing and independence. It is proposed that for individuals with capital below the capital threshold, the maximum contribution should be set at the fee level for a residential care home. This means that the contribution would be capped at £394.94 per week which is Wolverhampton's current fee level for residential care.
- 5.5 The Care Act creates a series of exemptions from charging for certain individuals or the provision of certain services. This includes the following:
- Individuals with Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (CJD)
 - Intermediate (including re-ablement) care of up to six weeks
 - Aids and minor adaptations of less than £1,000
 - Aftercare under s.117 of the Mental Health Act 1983
 - Services that they are required to provide under other Acts.
- 5.6 The current contributions policy also exempts individuals who are terminally ill and carers from charges. The Guidance suggests that council's recognise that it unlikely to be efficient to charge carers for meeting their eligible needs as this could potentially lead to carers refusing support. It is considered that charging could lead to carer breakdown and therefore cost the Council more in meeting eligible need for the individual. Therefore, it is proposed to maintain exemption from contributions for carers in addition to exemption for terminally ill service users.
- 5.7 Where a person's resources are above the financial limit (and they would therefore be a self-funder paying the full cost of care and support themselves) there is a right, under the Care Act, for them to request local authority support in making arrangements to meet their needs. The Guidance states that it may be appropriate for local authorities to charge a flat rate fee for arranging care (commissioning and managing the contract not undertaking the assessments or care and support plan) but this must be set at a level which does not exceed the costs the local authority actually incurs. Under the current contributions policy a one-off fee of £150 is charged in these circumstances. However, this amount does not take into account the cost to the Council of maintaining and reviewing support over subsequent years. Therefore, it is proposed that in the new scheme an initial charge of £150 is made with a yearly charge of £75 thereafter, for as long as the authority continues to arrange the care.

6. Key considerations for a revised contributions policy

- 6.1 The most important consideration when introducing this policy is that the Council's charging and financial assessment must become compliant with the current statutory scheme.

- 6.2 We also believe that the new system will be a fairer approach, since it will be based on an assessment of individuals' circumstances and their ability to contribute to the care and support provided by the Council.
- 6.3 Further, it is now easier and more practical to conduct individual financial assessments than it used to be. Following consultation by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), there was a programme to develop local authority access to the DWP Customer Information System (CIS) to allow verification of individuals' benefits information for financial assessment purposes. The Council's Financial Assessments Service has recently secured access to the system and has implemented the software provided.
- 4.2 This increased availability of DWP information provides an opportunity to undertake a more detailed financial assessment for those individuals in receipt of DWP means-tested benefits (currently in Bands A to E) without it impacting considerably on the resource required to undertake the assessment.
- 4.3 For those cases where individuals who are not in receipt of a means-tested benefit as they receive higher income than (currently in Bands F to H) individual financial assessments will determine a contribution that is appropriate for their individual income. Whilst an assessment in these cases will be more resource intensive there are far fewer in number and would be managed within existing resources.
- 4.4 The financial assessment guidance for non-residential care and support states that disability-related expenditure (DRE) should be taken into account when a full financial assessment is undertaken which includes disability benefits. A review of other local authority's contributions policies and information provided by the independent review has highlighted that many authorities set standard levels of disability-related expenditure applied to each assessment with the option of a more detailed/enhanced assessment of disability-related expenditure if requested; an approach which would be built into our implementation process.
- 4.5 Clearly, this proposal is a significant change of approach but it will bring the Council into line with the approach of other local authorities and will be based on an assessment of individuals' circumstances and their ability to contribute to the care and support provided by the Council.
- 4.6 Comments submitted during the consultation made clear that where contributions are significantly more as a result of any changes implemented, there should be protection considered. It is proposed that transitional protection which limits any increase to between £1 and £6.00 per year (depending on an individual's current banded contribution rate) is applied for a period of two years (or until the new contribution rate is reached) for current service users:
- Band A – Not applicable as no charge
 - Band B/C - £1.00
 - Band D/E & Supported Living on Means-tested Benefits - £4.00
 - Band F - £4.00
 - Band G/H - & Supported Living not on Means-tested Benefits- £6.00

5. Proposals - summary and impact

7.1

Contributions to non-residential Adult Social Care and Support		
Current Banded Contributions (capital below £23,250)	Proposed Individual Assessment (capital below £23,250)	Summary of Changes
A (MTB Only) £0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• £12.00 disregard on DBs for DRE• Additional 30% of the EDP (currently £4.77)• Cap on contribution at no more than the weekly personal budget rate for a residential care home, currently £394.94	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual assessment instead of banded contribution• Standard disregard on DBs• Additional disregard for working-age people entitled to the EDP• Cap on amount of contribution
B (MTB plus middle/standard DB) £8.08		
C (MTB plus higher/enhanced DB) £8.08		
D (MTB plus middle/standard DB and SDP) £65.61		
E (MTB plus higher/enhanced DB and SDP) £65.61		
VSH/SL Low (middle/standard DB and SDP) £77.03		
VSH/SL High (higher/enhanced DB and SDP) £90.63		
Contributions to non-residential Adult Social Care and Support continued.....		
Current Banded Contributions (capital below £23,250)	Proposed Individual Assessment (capital below £23,250)	Summary of Changes
Full Financial Assessment upon request to establish actual DRE	Enhanced Financial Assessment upon request to establish actual DRE	No change
Exemption for terminal illness	Exemption for terminal illness	No change
Exemption for Carers Services	Exemption for Carers Services	No change
Administrative charge of £150 for self-funders who request that the Council arrange for their care and support	Maintain a £150 charge for the administration costs for self-funders who request that the Council arrange for their care and support and add £75 per year thereafter to cover on-going costs	Additional £75 per year for on-going administration costs for self-funders who request that the Council arrange for their care and support

	Transitional protection limiting any increase to between £1 and £6.00 per year (depending on an individual's current banded contribution rate) for two years (or until the new contribution rate is reached) for current service users
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DRE = Disability-related Expenditure; **MTB** = Means-tested Benefits; **DB** = Disability Benefits (Attendance Allowance/Disability Living Allowance care component/Personal Independence Payment daily living component); **SDP** = Severe Disability Premium); **EDP** = Enhanced Disability Premium.

- 7.2 To introduce a policy which is Care Act compliant, consistent with approaches used in other local authorities and adheres to the Personalisation Agenda by focusing on the individual and their individual income when undertaking a financial assessment.
- 7.3 To implement a new scheme for non-residential contributions to adult social care from April 2018 which would be based on an assessment of each individual's income and capital and would reflect their disposable income (less a protected amount for housing costs) with standard allowances/income disregards for disability-related expenditure (DRE) applied and with the option of actual DRE being considered upon request in an enhanced financial assessment (see paragraph 5.3).
- 7.4 To cap individuals' contribution to non-residential care and support, where their capital is below the threshold, at the average Personal Budget rate for a residential care home (see paragraph 5.4).
- 7.5 To charge individuals with resources above the financial limit where they request support from the Council in arranging care and support for meeting their needs at the rate of an initial charge of £150 with a yearly charge of £75 thereafter (see paragraph 5.7).
- 7.6 To maintain the current exemption from contributions for carers receiving support and for service users who are terminally ill in addition to the statutory exemptions from charging (see paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6).
- 7.7 To utilize the DWP system to identify benefits in payment to the individual to ensure a structured and improved implementation process (see paragraph 6.3).
- 7.8 To allow for transitional protection for current service users by applying a limit on any significant increase in contribution for two years (see paragraph 6.8).
- 7.9 As the proposal is to introduce a financial assessment of each individual's resources, the amount of the actual contribution will depend on the outcome of the individual financial assessment. For those individuals where we know the level of income because means-tested benefits are in payment – about 70% of the total number in receipt of non-residential care and support – an estimate of the likely effect can be provided (subject to

varying amounts allowed for housing costs and any enhanced financial assessment of additional disability-related expenditure). See **Appendix 3**.

- 7.10 Some individuals not in receipt of means-tested benefits may be significantly affected by the proposals but their contribution to the cost of the care and support received would still be determined by an individual financial assessment based on their individual income and ability to pay.
- 7.11 If the new policy is implemented in April 2018, a review of the financial impact on individuals and the Council can be undertaken when individual assessments have been completed in February/March 2018. Some case study examples are provided at **Appendix 4** to illustrate the potential impact of the proposals.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1 In 2016-2017 the current banded policy generated in the region of £4.1 million in contributions towards the cost of non-residential care and support.
- 8.2 It is not possible to quantify the total level of income that will be received as a result of this policy change as actual contributions will depend on individuals circumstances. However, it is not expected that the new policy will have an adverse effect on the Council. Over the medium term once the transitional protection period has ended it is anticipated that income received towards the cost of non-residential care and support will increase.
[AS/02012018/K]

9. Legal implications

- 9.1 The proposals are fully compliant with the Care Act 2014 and the Care and Support statutory guidance (as updated 17 August 2017).
[TC/03012018/F]

10. Equalities implications

- 10.1 An Equality Analysis has been undertaken which shows an adverse impact of these proposals on disabled people. This is to be expected as disabled people with eligible needs are the customer base for non-residential care and support under the Care Act 2014. However, the proposed contributions scheme is an equitable system in line with Care Act 2014 requirements and will achieve fairness across all age groups based on an assessment of individuals' circumstances and their ability to contribute to the care and support provided by the Council. The means employed to achieve the aims of the proposed policy are proportionate, necessary and appropriate.

11. Environmental implications

- 11.1 There are no environmental implications.

12. Human resources implications

12.1 There are no direct Human Resources implications.

13. Corporate landlord implications

13.1 There are no Corporate Landlord implications.

14. Schedule of background papers

14.1 Report to Cabinet 19 July 2017 - Approval to Consult on Review of Non-residential Contributions to Adult Social Care.

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Report on the Outcome of Public Consultation on:

**Proposals to review and change the Adult
Social Care non-residential contributions
scheme – including very sheltered housing
and supported living**

4 September 2017 – 26 November 2017

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Purpose of Report

Proposals to review and change the non-residential Adult Social Care Services contribution scheme

The City of Wolverhampton Council are proposing to change the scheme for contributions to non-residential Adult Social Care, including Direct Payments and care and support provided in very sheltered housing and supported living accommodation.

Methodology

A twelve-week consultation commenced on 4 September 2017 and finished on 26 November 2017

Information on the proposals to review and change the current banded non-residential contributions scheme to an individual assessment scheme was sent to service users (**see Appendix 1A**), carers and stakeholders along with a letter inviting them to attend one of the public consultation meetings.

- Four public meetings were held
- One stakeholder meeting was held
- One specific service user group meeting was held
- The consultation was published on the City of Wolverhampton Council's current consultation pages inviting comment via a comments form
- A press notice was released giving information on the consultation and dates of meetings
- A customer services telephone number was provided to support people wishing to make comments
- A comments form was included on the website and sent to service users (**see Appendix 1B**)
- A total of 46 people attended the public/stakeholder events
- A total of 14 Comments Forms were received (see pages 4-6)

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Consultation Report

Consultation meetings

Date	Venue	Type of meeting	Number in attendance
Tuesday 10 th October 10.00 am - 12.00 noon	Ashmore Park Hub Griffiths Drive Ashmore Park	Public Consultation	9
Friday 13 th October 10.00 am – 12.00 noon	Bilston Town Hall Church Street Bilston	Public Consultation	4
Wednesday 18 th October 12.00noon – 2.00pm	Gathering Space Art Gallery	Stakeholder Consultation	4
Thursday 19 th October 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Action 4 Independence Albert Road	Public Consultation	11
Wednesday 25 th October 5.30 pm – 7.30pm	Bob Jones Community Centre Bromley Street Blakenhall	Public Consultation	6
Wednesday 22 nd November 11.00am – 12.00noon	Ernest Bold Resource Centre Bilston	Service specific – Learning Disabilities	12

Summary of comments from consultation meetings

Attendees received a powerpoint presentation on the proposed changes to the current banded non-residential contribution scheme given by Helen Winfield, Head of Community Financial Support and Matt Fisher, Principal Financial Assessments Officer. There were also Benefits and Assessments staff at the meetings to answer any individual personal questions 1:1.

The key elements of the proposed individual assessment scheme were presented including the proposals for a standard disability-related expenditure disregard and examples how the new scheme may affect service users with typical types of income.

There were queries raised about whether the proposals were part of a savings target for the Council and it was explained that the purpose of the review and proposed changes was to fully comply with the Care Act 2014; to provide a fairer scheme based on individual resources and also to address the changes to the benefit system which would introduce Universal Credit Full Service in Wolverhampton which would impact upon the level of individual's income. It was further explained that if the proposals were implemented, some

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individual's contribution would be less and some would be more. It was stated that where contributions were significantly more as a result of any changes implemented, there should be protection considered.

There was some opposition to the proposals to change from the current banded scheme. Some of the participants were of the belief that it was a decision that has already been made and were concerned with the financial burden they felt was being placed on the most vulnerable in society.


Some attendees felt that factors such as food and fuel poverty were not being considered, particularly for people who suffer from long-term disability. They felt a lot of people who are affected are experiencing hardship and their quality of life should be considered. It was especially noted that working age people are unfairly treated by the minimum income guarantee and that the Council have not addressed that in the discretion they have within the care and support statutory guidance to allow more generous disregards within the financial assessment. It was felt by a number of people that the Council should consider this further before final proposals were submitted.

There were also concerns raised about the reduction of care and support hours from recent re-assessments and the fact that the contribution remained the same.

Comments forms/correspondence received

1	<p>Summary submitted:</p> <p>It is recognised that changes need to be made to the current charging scheme for non-resident Adult Social Care in order to comply with the Care Act 2014. However, whilst the proposals made by Wolverhampton City Council appear to comply with the letter of the law, it is our view that they do not comply with the spirit of the statutory guidance published by the Government in support of the Care Act 2014.</p> <p>In the attached pages we have given detailed reasons for this view and have provided our proposals for improvements that should be made that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not increase costs to Wolverhampton compared with the current scheme.• Provide transitional relief for those service users who will see significant increases in their charges• Better protect the income of the service users• Be fairer to disabled service users of working age especially those in the ESA support group who are unable to supplement their income through work. <p>Complete comments form submitted:</p> <p></p> <p>Comments Form re WCC Non-residentia</p>
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2	I received this letter on 30/9/17 concerning [Mr H service user] about his contribution to his adult social care. At the moment [Mr H] is adult social care which living at [care home]. The manager is [BS]. He has lived at this address from 4/9/15. I pay his money to [BS] every month which is 572.12 which is rent, food, electric. I also give money for [Mr H] for clothes or whatever he needs which is 250 a month. The I have to pay your bill which is contribution to his adult social care which is 453.15 one month or 362.52 another month. Could you please look into the money we pay out if Mr H's bill could be reduced. Thank you.
3	If a family member has to move in with their mom or dad to help with their care, the income should not be affected to the point it gets taken away from the disabled person. Where the funding contribution goes up or down needs to be carefully look at before decisions are been made.
4	Complete comments form submitted:  Non-resiConsultati onComments.pdf
5	I disagree with the proposed new scheme. I do not think that it is fair that people who have savings have to use them to pay for their care. Many of these people have worked all their lives and saved their earnings. People who have never worked get the same care and do not have to contribute towards costs.
6	The proposal to change the way the contributions are calculated to make a fairer system so those that can contribute towards their care and support do so is a good idea. The explanation of the new proposed scheme and the examples of how the proposed policy work are quite difficult to understand.
7	I attend Broadway Gardens Social Club every Thursday. I am very happy there. What I pay now is a fair price. I am happy with current arrangements.
8	My husband is no longer a Social Service User. He is a Nursing Care User.
9	My comments relate to disability related expenses. The 20% disregard may not cover these expenses. In addition DRE is only considered for monthly fees/costs. In the current climate with families being encouraged to find their own solutions & not request help from the council, incidental expenses should be considered. In my mother case I spent £400 on purchasing [care equipment] to monitor her. This year £300 on [care equipment] to prompt/remind her & will have ongoing disability related expenses as she deteriorates.
10	I have a carer in once a day to help me get dressed, give me my medication and do me a bit of breakfast. I do attend the blind institute but I only live down the road and pay £8.00 each day I attend the Blind Institute. Can you lower the cost for me and others like me. Thankyou.
11	I think its disgusting the way my son and his peers are being treated. His day centres have been closed and he has had to move to different places. We are getting older and have our own health issues and we are concerned about the future. He already has to pay towards his care and any activities and does not have a lot left.
12	Thank you for the presentation. We had a great help from Stacey Bell [Benefits and Assessments member of staff] with our PIPS so I am sure if we need this help again she is still there.

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13	Its absolutely disgusting yet again that this silly council is targeting the vulnerable. How about [if] the council sacked the overpaid councillors who do nothing and have no knowledge of the real world and how hard it is to be vulnerable and have to live with a lifelong disability. It's the easy solution for Wolverhampton council overpaid councillors to attack the disabled, as you know these people cannot defend themselves. DISGUSTING. TAKE A PAY DECREASE AND SEE HOW MUCH MONEY WILL BE SAVED, INSTEAD OF ATTACKING INNOCENT VULNERABLE PEOPLE.
14	He is awarded with: 83.10 Daily Living Need 58.00 Help with Mobility Need. Severe Learning Disabilities.

All queries raised in the comments forms relating to current payments have been addressed by Benefits and Assessments Officers.

The final proposals seek to address the issues raised consistently about disregarding enough money to allow for disability-related expenditure and avoid intrusive enhanced financial assessments and about protection against significant increases in contributions.

Review of contributions to the cost of non-residential Adult Social Care.....

Consultation (closing date Sunday 26 November 2017)

Background

- The City of Wolverhampton Council currently operates a Banded Contributions scheme for non-residential Adult Social Care. This has been reviewed annually with a number of public consultations having been held where there have been substantial changes proposed.
- The Council have taken the decision as part of this year's review to consult on a proposal to introduce a new non-residential contributions policy. The Cabinet Report gives full details on these proposals: <http://bit.ly/2wnjVi6>
- There have been changes in the rules for charging for Adult Social Care which came about when the Care Act 2014 was implemented and in following years. A banded contributions scheme is no longer considered to be fully compliant with Care Act requirements of individual financial assessments based on the full assessment of each individual's income and capital.

The Proposal

- It is not proposed to change the capital limit above which an individual is expected to pay the full cost of their care and support. This is the minimum amount set by Government, currently £23,250.
- For individuals with less than the capital limit, it is proposed to introduce a policy where service user's contributions to non-residential adult social care and support would be determined based on a calculation of income received above the Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) amount set by Government (see page 4) less any disregarded income (such as the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP)) and additional amounts for housing costs.
- It is also proposed to disregard a standard amount of 20% of service user's disability benefits (see page 3) for disability-related expenditure (DRE) with an option of actual DRE being considered upon request.
- This is considered to be a fairer way of calculating contributions as it means that those who can afford to contribute towards their care and support do so within their means and those with more income would be required to contribute more towards their care and support. Other local authorities operate similar schemes.

What will change?

The current assessment process:

Are you receiving a means tested benefit?  Do you get a disability benefit?



Band	Assessment	Contribution
A	Means-tested benefit* but no disability benefit**	No contribution
B/C	Means-tested benefit with a disability benefit	£8.08
D/E	Means-tested benefit with a disability benefit and an extra allowance because of a severe disability	£65.61
F	No means-tested benefit and no disability benefit	£55.40
G/H	No means-tested benefit and getting a disability benefit	£75.84
Supported Living*** Lower Rate	Getting a lower rate disability benefit	£77.03
Supported Living*** Higher Rate	Getting a Higher rate disability benefit	£90.63

* The means-tested benefits are Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit) but not Pension Credit (Savings Credit), Income Support, Income-related Employment & Support Allowance (ESA) (but not Contributory ESA), Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (but not contribution-based JSA) and/or Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction

** A Disability Benefit is Attendance Allowance or an equivalent rate of the Disability Living Allowance care component or Personal Independence Payment daily living component





*** Including Very Sheltered Housing

The proposed new scheme:


- The proposals are to introduce a scheme which ensures that a person contributes towards their care and support according to an individual financial assessment of their income and capital. **Some case examples are given at page 5.**
- For individuals with less than the capital limit (currently £23,250), the financial assessment will determine the amount of income above the levels set by Government (see page 4). This amount is considered to be "disposable income" and in most cases a person will have "disposable income" because of the disability benefits they receive which would be expected to be used to pay for their care and support.
- For those individuals with capital of £23,250 or more who want the Council to arrange care and support to meet their eligible needs on their behalf, it is proposed to introduce a yearly charge of £75 after the current initial charge of £150 in the first year.

- Under the current contributions policy, carers are not required to contribute to the cost of support with their caring role. Whilst this exemption will remain for carers with less than the capital limit (currently £23,250), it is proposed that carers with £23,250 or more would pay the full cost of their support.
- **Contributions under the proposed scheme would be calculated as follows:**

Total weekly income (not including any disregarded income)

-  **Minus protected income set by the Minimum Income Guarantee**
-  **Minus housing costs**
-  **Minus 20% of any disability benefit received**
-  **Contribution to care and support**

- An **enhanced financial assessment** would be able to be undertaken where a person has evidence of significant expenses because of their disability which cannot be met by the 20% disregard of disability benefit. This would involve looking at each item of expenditure and enabling protection of sufficient income to allow for this where this is reasonable.

**If you would like to have your say on the proposals,
You can complete the  [comments form \[77kb\]](#) by Sunday 26 November 2017 or if you prefer, attend one of the public meetings listed below to hear about the proposed changes and make your views known:**

Tuesday 10th October	10.00 am - 12.00 noon	Ashmore Park Hub Griffiths Drive Ashmore Park
Friday 13th October	10.00 am – 12.00 noon	Bilston Town Hall Church Street Bilston
Thursday 19th October	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Action 4 Independence Albert Road Wolverhampton
Wednesday 25th October	5.30 pm – 7.30pm	Bob Jones Community Centre Bromley Street Blakenhall

Protected Income (Minimum Income Guarantee set by Government)

Single Person State Pension Age	Weekly Amount
Basic Rate	£189.00
with a carer's premium	£232.25
Single Person aged 18 to 24	Weekly Amount
Basic Rate	£72.40
with a disability premium or Disability Living Allowance care component (low or middle rate) or Personal Independence Payment daily living component (standard rate)	£112.75
with Disability Living Allowance care component (higher rate) or Personal Independence Payment daily living component (enhanced rate)	£132.45
with a carer's premium	£115.65
with a disability premium or Disability Living Allowance care component (low or middle rate) or Personal Independence Payment daily living component (standard rate) and a carer's premium	£156.00
with Disability Living Allowance care component (higher rate) or Personal Independence Payment daily living component (enhanced rate) and a carer's premium	£175.70
Single Person aged 25 up to State Pension Age	Weekly Amount
Basic Rate	£91.40
with a disability premium or Disability Living Allowance care component (low or middle rate) or Personal Independence Payment daily living component (standard rate)	£131.75
with an enhanced disability premium or Disability Living Allowance care component (higher rate) or Personal Independence Payment daily living component (enhanced rate)	£151.45
with a carer's premium	£134.65
with a disability premium or Disability Living Allowance care component (low or middle rate) or Personal Independence Payment daily living component (standard rate) and a carer's premium	£175.00
with an enhanced disability premium or Disability Living Allowance care component (higher rate) or Personal Independence Payment daily living component (enhanced rate) and a carer's premium	£194.70

Note: There are also Minimum Income Guarantee set amounts for couples

Case examples of how the proposed policy would work:

Olive (Aged 59):

Olive suffered a stroke which has left her with difficulty mobilising and short-term memory problems. She is a home owner living with her adult son in the community. Olive receives 5 hours of personal care during the day each week at £14.12 per hour and she has Telecare at £9.00 per week – **a total cost of £79.60 per week for her care and support package.**

Olive has **savings of £15,000** and an **income of £276.65 per week** (£109.65 Contributory Employment and Support Allowance plus £83.90 Occupational pension plus £83.10 enhanced rate Personal Independence Payment for daily living). She receives a Council Tax Reduction but is required to pay £17.02 per week towards her Council Tax which will be allowed for in the financial assessment

Olive would be **expected to contribute £67.11 per week (£1.50 more than her current contribution)** towards the cost of her care, leaving £209.54 per week for her to live on.

Note: As Olive has £750 savings above the lower threshold, a further £3.00 per week is added to her income in the financial assessment. If Olive had £23,250 or more in savings/capital then she would be expected to pay the full £79.60 per week cost of her care. Although Olive owns her own home the value of his property is not taken into account when assessing her savings/capital because this is where she is living.

Kishan (Aged 25):

Kishan has a learning disability. When his mother passed away he moved to live in a Wolverhampton homes flat in the community. He receives 7 hours of personal care per week at £14.12 per hour and 3 hours of outreach support at £13.00 per hour by way of an Individual Service Fund. **His total care and support package costs £123.00 per week.**

Kishan has an **income of £263.60 per week** (£180.50 Employment & Support Allowance including the work-related activity component, an enhanced disability premium and an amount for severe disability as he lives on his own, plus £83.10, enhanced rate Personal Independence Payment for daily living although only £55.65 would be taken into account as he does not receive any night-time support). He also receives Housing Benefit and a Council Tax Reduction but he has to pay £4.67 per week towards his Council Tax which will be allowed for in the financial assessment.

Kishan would be **expected to contribute £68.90 per week (£3.29 more than his current contribution)** to his care and support, leaving £167.25 per week for him to live on.

Albert (Aged 71):

Albert suffers with dementia and is physically frail. He lives in on his own in a privately rented house in the community. Albert receives 10.5 hours of personal care during the day each week at £14.12 per hour and he has Telecare at £9.00 per week – **a total cost of £157.26 per week for his care and support package.**

Albert has **savings of £10,000** and an **income of £304.90 per week** (£221.80 State Retirement Pension/Pension Credit including an amount for severe disability as he lives on his own, plus £83.10 higher rate Attendance Allowance). He also receives Housing Benefit and a Council Tax Reduction.

Albert would be **expected to contribute £71.83 per week (£6.22 more than his current contribution)** towards his care, leaving £233.07 per week for him to live on.

Note: Albert's savings are disregarded as they are below the £14,250 lower threshold.

If you wish to contact us regarding this consultation, please email City of Wolverhampton Council Community Financial Support on:

SS.DomCare@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Or send your comments to:

Financial Assessments, Adult Social Care, Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RT.

Or, if you would like help to make your comments please contact Customer Services on: 01902 551155

Have Your Say on the review of contributions to the cost of non-residential Adult Social Care.....

Comments Form

**Personal
Details:**

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Status (e.g. service user, carer):

Please note: You do not need to give us your personal details if you do not wish to

My comments are:

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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Protected Income: Minimum Income Guarantee set by Government (the minimum amount for a person to be left with after paying the contribution) plus standard Disability-related Expenditure (DRE) disregard

KEY:

DB	Disability Benefit = Attendance Allowance/Disability Living Allowance care component/Personal Independence Payment daily living component
EDP	Enhanced Disability Premium or equivalent amount of Universal Credit
LRAA	Lower rate Attendance Allowance
HRAA	Higher rate Attendance Allowance
LRDLA	Lower rate Disability Living Allowance care component
MRDLA	Middle rate Disability Living Allowance care component
HRDLA	Higher rate Disability Living Allowance care component
SPIP	Standard Personal Independence Payment daily living component
EPIP	Enhanced Personal Independence Payment daily living component

Single Person aged 18 to 24	MIG Weekly Amount	Standard DRE Disregard (£12.00 of any DB + 30% of any EDP)	Net Protected Income*
Basic Rate	£72.40	£0.00	£72.40
Entitled to a disability premium (or would be if in receipt of Income Support)	£112.75	LRDLA: £12.00	£124.75
		MRDLA/SPIP: £12.00	£124.75
Entitled to an enhanced disability premium (or would be if in receipt of Income Support)	£132.45	MRDLA/SPIP + EDP: £16.77	£149.22
		HRDLA/EPIP + EDP: with night-time services: £16.77	£149.22
		HRDLA/EPIP + EDP: with no night-time services: £44.22	£176.67
Entitled to a carer's premium (or would be if in receipt of Income Support)	£115.65	£0.00	£115.65
Entitled to a disability premium and a carer's premium (or would be if in receipt of Income Support)	£156.00	LRDLA: £12.00	£168.00
		MRDLA/SPIP: £12.00	£168.00
Entitled to an enhanced disability premium and a carer's premium (or would be if in receipt of Income Support)	£175.70	LRDLA + EDP: £12.00	£187.70
		MRDLA/SPIP + EDP: £16.77	£192.47
		HRDLA/EPIP + EDP with night-time services: £16.77	£192.47
		HRDLA/EPIP + EDP with no night-time services: £44.22	£219.92

Single Person aged 25 up to Pension Age	MIG Weekly Amount	Standard DRE Disregard (£12.00 of any DB + 30% of any EDP)	Net Protected Income*
Basic Rate	£91.40	£0.00	£91.40
Entitled to a disability premium (or would be if in receipt of Income Support)	£131.75	LRDLA: £12.00	£143.75
		MRDLA/SPIP: £12.00	£143.75
Entitled to an enhanced disability premium (or would be if in receipt of Income Support)	£151.45	LRDLA + EDP: £12.00	£163.45
		MRDLA/SPIP + EDP: £16.77	£168.22
		HRDLA/EPIP + EDP: with night-time services: £16.77	£168.22
		HRDLA/EPIP + EDP: with no night-time services: £44.22	£196.67
Entitled to a carer's premium (or would be if in receipt of Income Support)	£134.65	£0.00	£134.65
Entitled to a disability premium and a carer's premium (or would be if in receipt of Income Support)	£175.00	LRDLA: £12.00	£187.00
		MRDLA/SPIP: £12.00	£187.00
Entitled to an enhanced disability premium and a carer's premium (or would be if in receipt of Income Support)	£194.70	LRDLA + EDP: £12.00	£206.70
		MRDLA/SPIP + EDP: £16.77	£211.47
		HRDLA/EPIP + EDP with night-time services: £16.77	£211.47
		HRDLA/EPIP + EDP with no night-time services: £44.22	£238.92
Single Person Pension Age	MIG Weekly Amount	Standard DRE Disregard (£12.00 of any DB)	Net Protected Income*
Basic Rate	£189.00	LRAA: £12.00	£201.00
		HRAA with night-time services: £12.00	£201.00
		HRAA with no night-time services: £39.45	£228.45
Entitled to a carer's premium	£232.25	LRAA: £12.00	£244.25
		HRAA with night-time services: £12.00	£244.25
		HRAA with no night-time services: £39.45	£271.70

Note 1: There are also Minimum Income Guarantee set amounts for couples

Note 2: Where HRAA/HRDLAcare/EPIPdaily living is in payment and **no** night time services are provided the difference between LRAA/MRDLAcare/SPIPdaily living and HRAA/HRDLAcare/EPIPdaily living (£27.45) is disregarded in addition to the standard £12.00 of AA/DLAcare/PIPdaily living

* Before Housing Costs added and any further DRE evidenced if an enhanced financial assessment is requested

Banded Contributions to Assumed Individual Assessment (29/11/2017)

							Aged 25-State Pension Age (SPA)				State Pension Age (SPA) and above					
Band - Means-tested Benefit	Current Banded Contribution	Aged 18-SPA	SPA	Number of Customers	Actual Contribution	Current weekly Total	Assumed Income - IR-ESA	MIG	DRE Disregard + £4.00 HC	Assumed weekly Contribution (after MIG, any DRE Disregard & any HC)	Assumed Income - Pension Credit	MIG	DRE Disregard	Assumed weekly Contribution (after MIG & any DRE Disregard)	Assumed Total weekly Contribution	Difference
Band A - Means Tested Benefits Only	£0.00	35	35	70	£0.00	£0.00	£125.55	£131.75	£4.77 + £4	£0.00	£159.35	£189.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Band B - MTB + LR AA or MR DLA	£8.08	122	73	195	£8.08	£1,575.60	£181.20	£151.45	£12 + £4.77 + £4	£8.98	£215.00	£189.00	£12.00	£14.00	£2,117.56	£541.96
Band C - MTB + HR AA or HR DLA*	£8.08	221	183	404	£8.08	£3,264.32	£208.65	£151.45	£39.45 + £4.77 + £4	£8.98	£242.45	£189.00	£39.45	£14.00	£4,347.68	£1,083.36
Band D - MTB + LR AA or MR DLA + SDAA or SDP	£65.61	65	156	2	£20.93	£41.86									£41.86	
				1	£21.18	£21.18									£21.18	
				1	£24.15	£24.15									£24.15	
				1	£24.71	£24.71									£24.71	
				2	£28.24	£56.48									£56.48	
				2	£31.77	£63.54									£63.54	
				1	£37.13	£37.13									£37.13	
				3	£41.86	£125.58									£125.58	
				2	£45.66	£91.32									£91.32	
				1	£46.00	£46.00									£46.00	
				4	£48.02	£192.08									£192.08	
				14	£49.42	£691.88									£691.88	
				1	£56.48	£56.48									£56.48	
				2	£58.50	£117.00									£117.00	
				184	£65.61	£12,072.24	£243.65	£151.45	£12 + £4.77 + £4	£71.43	£277.45	£189.00	£12.00	£76.45	£13,795.72	£1,723.48
Band E - MTB + HR AA or HR DLA + SDAA or SDP*	£65.61	61	228	1	£14.12	£14.12									£14.12	
				1	£20.93	£20.93									£20.93	
				1	£23.00	£23.00									£23.00	
				5	£24.15	£120.75									£120.75	
				1	£24.71	£24.71									£24.71	
				1	£25.00	£25.00									£25.00	
				1	£35.30	£35.30									£35.30	
				1	£46.00	£46.00									£46.00	
				23	£49.42	£1,136.66									£1,136.66	
				1	£56.48	£56.48									£56.48	
				2	£62.79	£125.58									£125.58	
				1	£65.00	£65.00									£65.00	
				250	£65.61	£16,402.50	£271.10	£151.45	£39.45 + £4.77 + £4	£71.43	£304.90	£189.00	£39.45	£76.45	£18,846.44	£2,443.94
Band No Means Tested Benefit	Current Banded Contribution	Aged 18-SPA	SPA	Number of Customers	Actual Contribution	Current weekly Total									Assumed weekly Total Contribution	Difference
Band F - NO Means Test Ben + NO Att Allow	£55.40	1	17	1	£41.86	£41.86									£41.86	
				5	£49.42	£247.10									£247.10	
				12	£55.40	£664.80									£664.80	
Band G - LR AA or MR DLA Only	£75.84	1	50	1	£14.12	£14.12									£14.12	
				3	£20.93	£62.79									£62.79	
				1	£23.00	£23.00									£23.00	
				2	£24.15	£48.30									£48.30	
				1	£37.13	£37.13									£37.13	
				2	£41.86	£83.72									£83.72	
				1	£45.66	£45.66									£45.66	
				2	£48.30	£96.60									£96.60	
				2	£49.42	£98.84									£98.84	
				1	£59.76	£59.76									£59.76	
				1	£70.00	£70.00									£70.00	
				4	£74.13	£296.52									£296.52	
				30	£75.84	£2,275.20									£2,275.20	
Band H - HR AA or HR DLA Only*	£75.84	1	121	2	£20.93	£41.86									£41.86	
				2	£22.83	£45.66									£45.66	
				1	£23.00	£23.00									£23.00	
				1	£24.71	£24.71									£24.71	
				1	£28.24	£28.24									£28.24	
				4	£35.30	£141.20									£141.20	
				2	£37.13	£74.26									£74.26	
				2	£41.86	£83.72									£83.72	
				1	£42.36	£42.36									£42.36	
				1	£45.66	£45.66									£45.66	
				1	£48.02	£48.02									£48.02	
				8	£49.42	£395.36									£395.36	
				1	£63.04	£63.04									£63.04	
				3	£74.13	£222.39									£222.39	
				3	£74.26	£222.78									£222.78	
				89	£75.84	£6,749.76									£6,749.76	
Band - Full Cost - Capital Threshold of £23,250		Aged 18-SPA	Aged SPA+	Number of Customers	Actual Contribution	Current weekly Total									Assumed weekly Total Contribution	Difference

Band J - Any Income More Than Capital Level Full Cost		6	74	6	£20.93	£125.58									£125.58	
				1	£35.00	£35.00									£35.00	
				3	£37.13	£111.39									£111.39	
				3	£41.86	£125.58									£125.58	
				1	£45.66	£45.66									£45.66	
				1	£46.00	£46.00									£46.00	
				1	£48.30	£48.30									£48.30	
				8	£49.42	£395.36									£395.36	
				1	£58.06	£58.06									£58.06	
				1	£63.54	£63.54									£63.54	
				1	£70.35	£70.35									£70.35	
				1	£70.60	£70.60									£70.60	
				2	£74.13	£148.26									£148.26	
				4	£74.26	£297.04									£297.04	
				1	£82.32	£82.32									£82.32	
				10	£98.84	£988.40									£988.40	
				1	£111.39	£111.39									£111.39	
				1	£120.05	£120.05									£120.05	
				4	£123.55	£494.20									£494.20	
				1	£130.00	£130.00									£130.00	
				1	£135.97	£135.97									£135.97	
				1	£140.70	£140.70									£140.70	
				1	£141.20	£141.20									£141.20	
				1	£144.06	£144.06									£144.06	
				6	£148.26	£889.56									£889.56	
				1	£150.92	£150.92									£150.92	
				1	£151.04	£151.04									£151.04	
				1	£151.79	£151.79									£151.79	
				1	£158.85	£158.85									£158.85	
				1	£161.26	£161.26									£161.26	
				1	£172.41	£172.41									£172.41	
				1	£172.97	£172.97									£172.97	
				1	£197.43	£197.43									£197.43	
				4	£197.68	£790.72									£790.72	
				2	£222.39	£444.78									£444.78	
				1	£249.76	£249.76									£249.76	
				1	£271.81	£271.81									£271.81	
				1	£330.00	£330.00									£330.00	
No FAF - Full Charge		1	6	1	£37.13	£37.13									£37.13	
				1	£48.30	£48.30									£48.30	
				1	£49.42	£49.42									£49.42	
				2	£98.84	£197.68									£197.68	
				1	£148.26	£148.26									£148.26	
				1	£197.68	£197.68									£197.68	
				1	£343.00	£343.00									£343.00	
Band - Nil Contribution		Aged 18-SPA	SPA	Number of Customers	Actual Contribution	Current weekly Total									Assumed weekly Total Contribution	Difference
Exemption - Terminal Illness	£0.00	5	49	54	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
Exemption CHC	£0.00	26	11	37	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
Exemption CRAG Superseding	£0.00	2	4	6	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
Exemption S117	£0.00	23	12	35	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
Safeguarding - Nil	£0.00	1	0	1	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
No FAF - Assessment Pending	£0.00	12	23	35	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
							Aged 25-State Pension Age (SPA)				State Pension Age (SPA) and above					
Band - Full Assessment		Aged 18-SPA	SPA	Number of Customers	Actual Contribution	Current weekly Total	Assumed Income - ESA	Aged 25-SPA MIG	DRE Disregard + £4.00 HC	Assumed weekly Contribution (after MIG, any DRE Disregard & any HC)	Assumed Income - PC	SPA+ MIG	DRE Disregard	Assumed weekly Contribution (after MIG, any DRE Disregard & any HC)	Assumed weekly Total Contribution	Difference
FAF2 Child Benefit - Young Adult (A)	£0.00	8	0	8	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
FAF2 Earnings and DLA Care Only (A)	£0.00	7	1	8	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
FAF2 Earnings Only (A)	£0.00	2	0	2	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
FAF2 CESA and DLA Care Only (B/C)	£8.08	18	0	18	£8.08	£145.44	£165.30	£151.45	£12 + £4.77	£0.00					£0.00	£-145.44
FAF2 - Fairer Charging - Contributing		4	14	1	£2.22	£2.22									£2.22	
				1	£4.98	£4.98									£4.98	
				1	£17.03	£17.03									£17.03	
				1	£18.76	£18.76									£18.76	
				1	£23.02	£23.02									£23.02	
				1	£23.07	£23.07									£23.07	
				1	£32.00	£32.00									£32.00	
				1	£33.06	£33.06									£33.06	
				1	£37.19	£37.19									£37.19	
				1	£40.52	£40.52									£40.52	
				1	£51.37	£51.37									£51.37	
				1	£51.98	£51.98									£51.98	
				1	£54.66	£54.66									£54.66	
				1	£57.91	£57.91									£57.91	
				1	£59.55	£59.55									£59.55	

				1	£66.09	£66.09									£66.09	
				1	£71.11	£71.11									£71.11	
				1	£72.72	£72.72									£72.72	
							Aged 25-State Pension Age (SPA)				State Pension Age (SPA) and above					
Band - Supported Living & VSH	Current Banded Contribution	Aged 18-SPA	SPA	Number of Customers	Actual Contribution	Current weekly Total	Assumed Income - ESA	Aged 25-SPA MIG	DRE Disregard + £4.00 HC	Assumed weekly Contribution (after MIG, any DRE Disregard & any HC)	Assumed Income - PC	SPA+ MIG	DRE Disregard	Assumed weekly Contribution (after MIG, any DRE Disregard & any HC)	Assumed weekly Total Contribution	Difference
Shared Lives - Higher Rate	£90.63	8	0	8	£90.63	£725.04	£271.10	£151.45	£12 + £4.77 + £4	£98.88					£791.04	£66.00
Shared Lives - Middle Rate	£77.03	5	2	7	£77.03	£539.21	£243.65	£151.45	£12 + £4.77 + £4	£71.43	£277.45	£189.00	£12.00	£76.45	£510.08	-£29.13
Sup Liv - FAF2 Fairer Charging - Contributing		10	0	1	£27.55	£27.55									£27.55	
				1	£37.41	£37.41									£37.41	
				2	£41.15	£82.30									£82.30	
				5	£41.55	£207.75									£207.75	
				1	£41.65	£41.65									£41.65	
Sup Liv - Higher Rate	£90.63	56	4	60	£90.63	£5,437.80	£271.10	£151.45	£12 + £4.77 + £4	£98.88	£304.90	£189.00	£12.00	£103.90	£5,952.88	£515.08
Sup Liv - Middle Rate	£77.03	29	5	34	£77.03	£2,619.02	£243.65	£151.45	£12 + £4.77 + £4	£71.43	£277.45	£189.00	£12.00	£76.45	£2,453.72	-£165.30
Sup Liv - 50% DLA Higher Rate (no SDP)	£41.15	4	0	4	£41.15	£164.60	£208.65	£151.45	£12 + £4.77 + £4	£36.43					£145.72	-£18.88
Sup Liv - Exemption CHC	£0.00	2	0	2	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
Sup Liv - Exemption S117	£0.00	8	0	8	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
Sup Liv - FAF2 Fairer Charging - Nil	£0.00	14	0	14	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
VSH - Exemption S117	£0.00	9	3	12	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
VSH - Exemption Terminal Illness	£0.00	0	2	2	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
VSH - FAF2 Fairer Charging - Nil	£0.00	3	8	11	£0.00	£0.00									£0.00	
VSH - FAF2 Fairer Charging - Contributing		3	12	1	£20.22	£20.22									£20.22	
				1	£27.55	£27.55									£27.55	
				5	£41.15	£205.75									£205.75	
				1	£41.52	£41.52									£41.52	
				1	£42.00	£42.00									£42.00	
				1	£44.11	£44.11									£44.11	
				1	£52.15	£52.15									£52.15	
				1	£55.43	£55.43									£55.43	
				1	£57.87	£57.87									£57.87	
				1	£61.03	£61.03									£61.03	
				1	£70.98	£70.98									£70.98	
VSH - AA Higher Rate	£90.63	9	96	105	£90.63	£9,516.15	£271.10	£151.45	£12 + £4.77 + £4	£98.88	£304.90	£189.00	£12.00	£103.90	£10,864.32	£1,348.17
VSH - AA Lower Rate	£77.03	7	61	68	£77.03	£5,238.04	£243.65	£151.45	£12 + £4.77 + £4	£71.43	£277.45	£189.00	£12.00	£76.45	£5,163.46	-£74.58
VSH - Band A - Trans Tested Benefits Only	£0.00	3	0	3	£0.00	£0.00		£125.55	£131.75	£4.77 + £4	£0.00	£159.35	£189.00	£0.00	£0.00	
VSH - Band B - MTB + MR DLA	£8.08	1	0	1	£8.08	£8.08	£181.20	£151.45	£12 + £4.77 + £4	£8.98					£8.98	£0.90
VSH - Band C - MTB + HR AA or HR DLA	£18.08	0	1	1	£18.08	£18.08					£242.45	£189.00	£12.00	£41.45	£41.45	£23.37
VSH - Band D - MTB + MR DLA + SDP	£65.61	11	0	11	£37.24	£409.64	£243.65	£151.45	£12 + £4.77 + £4	£71.43					£409.64	
VSH - Band E - MTB + HR DLA + SDP	£75.61	15	0	15	£37.24	£558.60	£271.10	£151.45	£12 + £4.77 + £4	£98.88					£558.60	
Band - Supported Living & VSH Full Cost		Aged 18-SPA	SPA	Number of Customers	Actual Contribution	Current weekly Total									Assumed weekly Total Contribution	Difference
VSH - Band J - Any Income More Than Capital Level	£166.71	0	3	3	£166.71	£500.13									£500.13	
VSH - No FAF - Full Charge	£166.71	0	2	2	£166.71	£333.42									£333.42	
VSH - Self Funded	£166.71	0	32	32	£166.71	£5,334.72									£5,334.72	
VSH - Self Funded Bridge Court	£183.06	0	5	5	£183.06	£915.30									£915.30	
		819	1293	2112		£92,714.56									£100,027.49	£7,312.93
						52 weeks									52 weeks	£5.201M

* Assumes that no night-time services are provided and therefore an additional £27.45 DRE is included
 Assumes Housing Costs of £4.00 for working age service users Council Tax contribution
 Assumes ESA includes the support component
 Assumes Supported Living & VSH service users on ESA or PC with SDP
 Assumes service user is not a carer
 Assumes Band F G & H service users would pay the same contribution as income unknown
 Assumes Full Assessment (FAF2) outcome contributions remain the same
 Amount likely to change when detailed income details known
 Default to actual cost of care
 DLA = Disability Living Allowance/Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

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LA Comparator Table (excluding Housing Costs)

Aged 18-64 Bands	Current Banded Contribution	WALSALL - 90% of Disposable Income after 10% of Disability Benefit allowed	DUDLEY - Disposable Income minus 20% of Disability Benefit	SANDWELL - 47% of Disposable Income	SOLIHULL and STAFFS - Max. figures as Individual DRE deducted from Disposable Income	Proposed Wolverhampton Scheme £12.00 Disability Benefit Disregard + 30% of Enhanced Disability Premium or equivalent
A (MTB Only)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
B (MTB plus middle/standard DB)	£8.08	£21.58	£18.42	£13.89	£29.55	£12.98
C (MTB plus higher/enhanced DB)*	£8.08	£15.70	£9.13	£25.00	£25.75	£12.98
D (MTB plus middle/standard DB and SDP)	£65.61	£77.79	£80.87	£43.24	£92.00	£75.43
E (MTB plus higher/enhanced DB and SDP)*	£65.61	£71.90	£71.58	£54.36	£88.20	£75.43
VSH/SL Low (middle/standard DB and SDP)	£77.03	£77.79	£80.87	£43.24	£92.00	£75.43
VSH/SL High (higher/enhanced DB and SDP)	£90.63	£96.61	£99.03	£54.36	£115.65	£102.88
Aged 65+ Bands	Current Banded Contribution	Walsall - 90% of Disposable Income after 10% of Disability Benefit allowed	Dudley - Disposable Income minus 20% of Disability Benefit	Sandwell - 47% of Disposable Income	Solihull and Staffs - Max. figures as Individual DRE deducted from Disposable Income	Proposed Wolverhampton Scheme £12.00 Disability Benefit Disregard
A (MTB Only)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
B (MTB plus lower DB)	£8.08	£18.39	£14.87	£12.22	£26.00	£14.00
C (MTB plus higher DB)*	£8.08	£15.92	£9.38	£25.12	£26.00	£14.00
D (MTB plus lower DB and SDP)	£65.61	£74.59	£77.32	£41.57	£88.45	£76.45
E (MTB plus higher DB and SDP)*	£65.61	£72.13	£71.83	£54.47	£88.45	£76.45
VSH/SL Low (lower DB and SDP)	£77.03	£74.59	£77.32	£41.57	£88.45	£76.45
VSH/SL High (higher DB and SDP)	£90.63	£96.83	£99.28	£54.47	£115.90	£103.90

* Difference between middle/standard/lower Disability Benefit and higher/enhanced Disability Benefit is disregarded in the calculation of income where no night-time services provided. Example figures in the Table assume that there are no night-time services. All LAs except Sandwell operate this disregard.

DRE = Disability-related Expenditure; MTB = Means-tested Benefits; DB = Disability Benefits (Attendance Allowance/Disability Living Allowance care component/Personal Independence Payment daily living component); SDP = Severe Disability Premium).

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Case examples of how the proposed policy would work

Julie (Aged 35)

Julie has advanced multiple sclerosis. She lives in supported living accommodation in the community. **Her total care and support package costs £260.00 per week.**

Julie has an **income of £220.25 per week** - £164.60 Income-related Employment and Support Allowance with the work-related activity component (abolished for new claims from April 2017) and an amount for severe disability as she lives on her own, plus £55.65, standard rate Personal Independence Payment for daily living. She also receives Housing Benefit and a Council Tax Reduction but she has to pay £4.67 per week towards her Band A Council Tax which will be allowed for in the financial assessment.

Julie would be **expected to contribute £71.83 per week (£6.22 more than her current contribution)** to her care and support, leaving £148.42 per week for her to live on.

Income	MIG	Disregards
£164.60 Income-related ESA £55.65 Standard PIP £220.25 Total	£131.75	£4.67 Council Tax £12.00 PIP £16.67 Total
Contribution calculation: £220.25 - £131.75 - £16.67 = £71.83		
Current contribution: £65.61		

Dilbag (Aged 40)

Dilbag has cerebral palsy which significantly affects his mobility, communication and ability to care for himself. He lives in supported living accommodation in the community. **His total care and support package costs £190.00 per week.**

Dilbag has an **income of £243.65 per week** - £188.00 Income-related Employment and Support Allowance including the support component, an enhanced disability premium and an amount for severe disability as he lives on his own, plus £55.65, standard rate Personal Independence Payment for daily living. He also receives Housing Benefit and a Council Tax Reduction but he has to pay £4.67 per week towards his Band A Council Tax which will be allowed for in the financial assessment.

Dilbag would be **expected to contribute £70.76 per week (£6.27 less than his current contribution)** to his care and support, leaving £172.89 per week for him to live on.

Income	MIG	Disregards
£188.00 Income-related ESA £55.65 Standard PIP £243.65 Total	£151.45	£4.67 Council Tax £16.77 £12 PIP + 30% EDP £21.44 Total
Contribution calculation: £243.65 - £151.45 - £21.44 = £70.76		
Current contribution: £77.03		

Albert (Aged 71)

Albert suffers with dementia and is physically frail. He lives in on his own in a privately rented house in the community. Albert receives 10.5 hours of personal care during the day each week at £14.12 per hour and he has Telecare at £9.00 per week – **a total cost of £157.26 per week for his care and support package.**

Albert has **savings of £10,000** and an **income of £304.90 per week** - £221.80 State Retirement Pension/Pension Credit including an amount for severe disability as he lives on his own, plus £83.10 higher rate Attendance Allowance. He also receives Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction.

Albert would be **expected to contribute £76.45 per week (£10.84 more than his current contribution)** towards his care, leaving £228.45 per week for him to live on.

Note: Albert's savings are disregarded as they are below the £14,250 lower threshold.

Income	MIG	Disregards
£221.80 State Pension and Pension Credit £83.10 Higher rate Attendance Allowance £304.90 Total	£189.00	£12.00 AA £27.45 Night-time deduction £39.45 Total
Contribution calculation: £304.90 - £189.00 - £39.45 = £76.45		
Current contribution: £65.61		

Kiranjit (Aged 45)

Kiranjit has a learning disability. When his mother passed away he moved to live in a Wolverhampton homes flat in the community. He receives 7 hours of personal care per week at £14.12 per hour and 3 hours of outreach support at £13.00 per hour by way of an Individual Service Fund. **His total care and support package costs £123.00 per week.**

Kiranjit has an **income of £271.10 per week** - £188.00 Income-related Employment & Support Allowance including the support component, an enhanced disability premium and an amount for severe disability as he lives on his own, plus £83.10, enhanced rate Personal Independence Payment for daily living although only £55.65 would be taken into account as he does not receive any night-time support. He also receives Housing Benefit and a Council Tax Reduction but he has to pay £2.55 per week towards his Band A Council Tax which will be allowed for in the financial assessment.

Kiranjit would be **expected to contribute £72.88 per week (£7.27 more than his current contribution)** to his care and support, leaving £198.22 per week for him to live on.

Income	MIG	Disregards
£188.00 Income-related ESA £83.10 Enhanced PIP £271.10 Total	£151.45	£2.55 Council Tax £16.77 £12 PIP + 30% EDP £27.45 Night-time deduction £46.77 Total
Contribution calculation: £271.10 - £151.45 - £46.77 = £72.88		
Current contribution: £65.61		

Janet (Aged 59)

Janet suffered a stroke which has left her with difficulty mobilising, difficulty with personal care and short-term memory problems. She is a home owner living with her adult son in the community. Janet receives 8.5 hours of personal care during the day each week at £14.12 per hour and she has Telecare at £9.00 per week – **a total cost of £129.02 per week for her care and support package.**

Janet **has savings of £15,000** and an **income of £301.75 per week** – £127.00 occupational pension plus £88.65 Contributory Employment and Support Allowance including the support component (reduced by £21 due to an occupational pension over £85), plus £83.10 enhanced rate Personal Independence Payment for daily living (although only £55.65 would be taken into account as she does not receive any night-time support). She is not entitled to Council Tax Reduction so she and her son are required to pay £21.72 per week (£10.86 each) towards the Band B Council Tax which will be allowed for in the financial assessment.

Janet would be **expected to contribute £95.22 per week (£19.38 more than her current contribution)** towards the cost of her care, leaving £206.53 per week for her to live on.

Note: As Janet has £750 savings above the lower threshold, a further £3.00 per week is added to her income in the financial assessment. If Janet had £23,250 or more in savings/capital then she would be expected to pay the full £129.02 per week cost of her care. Although Janet owns her own home the value of his property is not taken into account when assessing her savings/capital because this is where she is living.

Income	MIG	Disregards
£88.65 Contributory ESA £127.00 Occupational pension £83.10 Enhanced PIP £3.00 Tariff Income £301.75 Total	£151.45	£10.86 Council Tax £16.77 £12 PIP + 30% EDP £27.45 Night-time deduction £55.08 Total
Contribution calculation: £301.75 - £151.45 - £55.08 = £95.22		
Current contribution: £75.84		

Jacob (Aged 28)

Jacob has an acquired brain injury. He lives with his mother and father in the community. Jacob receives 5 hours of personal care during the day each week at £14.12 per hour and 6 hours of outreach support at £13.00 per hour. **His total care and support package costs £148.60 per week.**

Jacob has an **income of £208.65 per week** - £125.55 Income-related Employment & Support Allowance including the support component and an enhanced disability premium, plus £83.10, enhanced rate Personal Independence Payment for daily living although only £55.65 would be taken into account as he does not receive any night-time support. He has no housing-related costs.

Jacob would be **expected to contribute £12.98 per week (£4.90 more than his current contribution)** to his care and support, leaving £175.97 per week for him to live on.

Income	MIG	Disregards
£125.55 Income-related ESA £83.10 Enhanced PIP £208.65 Total	£151.45	£16.77 £12 PIP + 30% EDP £27.45 Night-time deduction £44.22 Total
Contribution calculation: £208.65 - £131.75 - £44.22 = £12.98		
Current contribution: £8.08		

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Scrutiny Work Programme 2017/18 – 9 January 2018

Scrutiny Board

09.01.2018	• Post 16 Update (Alex Jones, Angela McKeever, Tony O'Callaghan)
06.03.2018	• Feedback from the Fire Safety Scoping Group
01.05.2018	tbc

Other potential items (when something significant needs a panel recommendation):

1. Cyber Security
2. Recommendations from Succession Planning Scrutiny Review

Scrutiny Reviews

1. Budget Task and Finish Group for the Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee
2. Scoping Group to consider fire safety
3. Transport- what could transport in the city look like in 20 years time?

Confident, Capable Council Scrutiny Panel Work Programme

14.02.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of the Building (by external organisations and partners) and Corporate Landlord – inc Trade Unions.• Budget Consultation – how can we get better public engagement into the Council's budget consultation and decision making?
18.04.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agile working (including different levels of staffing and types of job)• Review of the Rules of Debate and the Constitution

Other potential items (when something significant needs a panel recommendation):

Stronger City Economy Scrutiny Panel Work Programme

13.02.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tettenhall District Centre – What should the Council’s role be in Tettenhall that would better benefit local businesses and residents• City Centre BID (Business Improvement District) or equivalent and how do we now manage the way we sell the City centre of Wolverhampton?
17.04.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Innovation - how can we work with the University and other key players to encourage innovation across the city?• Evaluation of the outcomes from Inward Investment and Tourism activities commissioned through the West Midlands Growth Company• Strategic Economic Plan – look at final draft of the plan• Footfall

Other Potential items (when something significant needs a panel recommendation):

1. The potential effects of Brexit on the local economy
2. Policy implications from West Midlands Combined Authority/Regional/National or International Sources
3. How do we monitor our communications?
4. Civic Hall (from economic perspective)

Vibrant and Sustainable City Economy Scrutiny Panel Work Programme

01.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enforcement including Dog Control - looking at enforcement policy across a number of services to explore possible new models and the balance between enforcement and education• Private Sector Housing Update
26.04.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air Quality/Transport – Public Health to contribute – looking at ways to improve air quality in hot spots around the city which could include work for the Transport Review Group

Health Scrutiny Panel

25.1.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CAMHS Transformation Plan Refresh 2017-20• Oral Health - Adult and Children• Public Health Outcomes Framework• Patient Mortality Rates
29.3.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suicide prevention• Urgent and emergency care and 7 day hospital services• The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust - Quality Accounts 2017/18• West Midlands Ambulance Service - Quality Accounts 2017/18

Long list of topics 2017/18 - dates for presentation and method of scrutiny to be agreed

1. The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust – Primary Care Vertical Integration
2. CAMHS – Emma Bennett to lead and Stephen Marshall (CCG)
3. Healthwatch Wolverhampton Annual Report 2017/18
4. Walsall CCG - Reconfiguration of hyper acute and acute stroke services
5. Healthwatch Work Programme Planning Document 1 April 2017- 31 March 2018

- Urgent and emergency care
- Dementia
- Access to healthcare for the deaf community
- Transfer of services
- CAMHS
- Youth Healthwatch
- Oral health

6. A briefing note for the panel on how The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust reviews 'never events' to be presented

Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel 2017/18

06.02.2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reducing Reoffending Strategy- To comment on the draft Reducing Reoffending Strategy for the city developed in response to significant national policy and organisational change• Organised Crime – briefing paper
10.04.2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Safety Strategy Update

Long list of topics 2017/18 - dates for presentation and method of scrutiny to be agreed

1. Quality of Care – issues of quality assurance - Sarah Smith, Head of Commissioning

2. Adult Education
3. With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 5 (Update on the Dementia City) – 13.6.17
4. Draft People Directorate Commissioning Strategy – 13.6.17
5. Responding to Serious and Organised Crime - To provide an outline of partnership proposals to address serious and organised crime in the city and the Council's contribution. (Karen Samuels – CWC Community Safety/Chief Inspector Karen Geddes – West Midlands Police/Andy Moran – CWC Procurement)
6. Modern Slavery – update report on progress May 2018 (Modern Slavery Report 19.9.17)

Briefing notes for distribution via the Document Library:

1. Fatal Contraband and Alcohol - Update requested from meeting in July 2016 – Sue Smith agreed to lead
2. Crime Reduction and Community Safety and Drugs Strategy Update – request from meeting held in July 2017 – Karen Samuels and David Watts
3. Supporting a Safe and Seamless Transfer from Specialist Care or Hospital Setting – Update to be provided following meeting on 31 January 2017 (David Watts).
4. Better Care Fund – Update requested at meeting held on 31 January 2017.
5. Dementia City – Update on how GP services could be improved, any identified strengths and weaknesses and if possible data on which GPs were reporting incidents – lead Kathy Roper

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07.02.2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improving Standards at Key Stage 4• Update on Early Intervention and Prevention model• Review of Children and Young People Improvement The Way – review of progress
11.04.2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The impact of the HEADSTART programme• Update on implementation of the Early Years Strategy/including the standard of childcare provision• SEND and Inclusion Review

Long list of topics 2017/18 - dates for presentation and method of scrutiny to be agreed

1. Supporting Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children – pre-suggested item
2. Mental Health Issues/CAMHS (Emma Bennett/CCG) – pre-suggested item
3. Youth homelessness– pre-suggested item
4. Update on Youth Offending Team Inspection Action Plan - panel agreed to receive the information about the findings and recommendations of the doctorate research as a briefing paper rather than a report when published.

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