

## MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN BUDGET PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

### 2025/26 BUDGET REPORT SUMMARY

CMT Director	Suzanne Westhead
Cabinet Portfolio	Cllr Alison Born Adult Services
Budget Proposal Title	<b>Provider Services Income Opportunities</b>
Describe how this proposal will be achieved? (50 words)	As a provider of Learning Disabilities Day Services, Community Resource Centres - Residential Care Homes and an Extra Care Service the council has always offered a service to self funders. This proposal seeks to increase the level of income generated from self funders, placements commissioned by other local authorities and ICB by charging the actual cost of delivering care.
Risk to delivery of saving (H/M/L)	Medium
FTE reduction/increase	0
Impacts on Council assets	None
Impacts to Service Delivery	None
Service Cash Limit (budget)	None

**Budget Reduction per financial year £000 (any value in year 2 or 3 is in addition to the value in year 1)**

2024/25	
2025/26	100
2026/27	

<b>Detailed description of proposal (High level summary)</b>	<p>Section 14 of the Care Act 2014 gives the Council the power to charge adults for care and support. This applies where adults are being provided with care and support to meet needs identified under Section 18, Section 19 or Section 20 of the Care Act 2014. These needs can be referred to as 'identified needs' or 'eligible needs'. Income from charges for adult care and support are included in the ASC overall base budgets.</p> <p>Provider services receive income in 4 ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adult Social Care Budget</li> <li>2. Placements made and funded by other local authorities</li> <li>3. Placements made and funded by continuing health care (ICB)</li> </ol>
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4. People who self fund their own care

Services users who have a package of care funded by ASC (1) will see no change as the financial assessment care charge is based on their income not on service delivery costs or fee levels.

Adult Social Care need to ensure that all services provided to service users are adequate and proportionate to meet their assessed eligible care and support needs, regardless of whether individuals fund their own care. If a person is assessed as self-funding, payments towards the cost of care are paid to the care provider.

This proposal seeks to increase the level of income generated from placements made by other local authorities, placements commissioned by the ICB and self funders by charging the actual cost of delivering care.

There are currently 43 service users (of which 12 are joint funded and 1 ICB interim funded) who are either self funders or commissioned by other local authority/ICB.

Self Funders 27  
Commissioned by other local authority 4  
Commissioned by ICB 12

A 10% increase will be applied incrementally to self-funders.

**Outline the main outcomes**

- People using the service will have a clear and transparent costing for the care they receive
- Other local authorities and the ICB will have a clear and transparent costing for the care they commission
- The services will receive full cost recovery for the service they provide
- For new self funders using the services from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 they will be charged at the rate of full cost recovery
- For existing self funders we will review the current charges Vs proposed charges and plan a how this gap will be aligned to actual costs
- For new people commissioned by other local authorities or the ICB from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 they will be charge at the rate of full cost recovery

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<b>Does the Proposal have a direct impact on Residents, Service Users, or Staff? (Y/N)</b>	<b>Yes</b>

### Delivering the Proposal

#### High level milestones for delivery (*including timescales*)

Activity	Timescale
Cost modelling for each service to determine actual cost of delivery (Learning Disabilities Day Service, Community Resource Centres and Extra Care)	Underway
Finalise actual costs of delivery for each service	Dec 24
Understand current price to self funders and placements commissioned by other local authority and ICB to determine price gap to align with actual costs	Dec 24
Seek legal advice to determine appropriate uplift in price for self funders	Dec 24
Formal notification to other local authorities and ICB of price change as of 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Jan 25

<b>Delivering the proposal: Key people involved (<i>internal and external</i>)</b>
Assistant Directors of Operations and Safeguarding and Assistant Director Adult Regulated Services and Governance Finance Legal Heads of Residential Services and Learning Disabilities Day Service Manager Service Operational Teams
<b>Delivering the proposal: Key resources needed (<i>internal and external</i>)</b>
Time and commitment from officers Project support

**Outline any investment requirements and proposed funding sources to deliver opportunity (i.e. capital / revenue investment)**

N/A

**Are there any constraints or limitations?**

Competing demands in Adult Social Care that require significant officer resource across leadership, management and operational service teams.

**Anticipated impact (including equality and health and safety considerations) on Service, Service Users and the Community**

The Care Act 2014 – This legislation underpins all work with vulnerable adults. This includes ensuring that adults give consent for support that is tailored to them and chosen by them.

**Please indicate the likely staffing impacts if possible (including the number of redundancies anticipated)**

None associated with these proposals.

**Any risks associated with this proposal**

Risk of increase in complaints from existing service users and funders (self funder and other local authorities/ICB)  
Risk of people giving notice and moving to other provision

**Any possible mitigating measures or actions**

Communication via letter to other local authorities and ICB giving 3 months notice of the price change.  
For existing self funders where the gap between current and new price is greater than 10% introduce an incremental increase every 6 months



# Equality Impact Assessment / Equality Analysis

## Budget Savings Proposals

This template has been developed for the specific purpose of analysing the equalities impact of proposals that have been put forward as part of budget savings. Use this template to identify what impact or likely impact the proposal will have on people with protected characteristics.

<b>Title of savings proposal</b>  <b>Insert budget reference number for internal use only</b>	Provider Services Income Opportunities
<b>Proposal aim (one sentence)</b>	This proposal seeks to increase the level of income generated from self funders, placements commissioned by other local authorities and ICB by charging the actual cost of delivering the service.
<b>Directorate/Service area</b>	Adult Social Care
<b>Do the aims of this proposal link to or conflict with any other proposals, or existing policies of the Council?</b>	Yes

**Assessment of impact: 'Equality analysis'** - Use the spaces below to demonstrate you have analysed how this proposal:

- Meets any particular needs of equalities groups or helps promote equality in some way.
- Could have a negative or adverse impact for any of the equalities groups - and if so, mitigating actions
- Could have potential knock on effects for other service areas or create problems because of cumulative impacts

		<p><b>What benefits will this proposal bring to people with protected characteristics and/or from different groups</b></p>	<p><b>Potential negative or adverse impacts - and what steps have been taken to mitigate this</b></p>	<p><b>Potential knock-on impacts for other service areas/other proposals. (insert hyperlink to these proposals).</b></p> <p><b>Provide evidence that you have informed the budget decision makers and the owners of any conflicting proposals.</b></p>
	<p><b>All equality areas/characteristics</b></p>	<p>All people eligible for a service will still receive one and it will be compliant with statutory requirements.</p>	<p>None- service requirements will be assessed and met to comply with statutory requirements. Service users will continue to receive a social care package as per their identified needs. Service users (self funders, placements commissioned by other local authorities and ICB) will continue to receive the service that meets their individual needs.</p>	

1	<b>Sex</b>	No Change	None	
2	<b>Pregnancy &amp; maternity</b>	No Change	None	
3	<b>Gender reassignment</b>	No Change	None	
4	<b>Disability</b>	No Change	None	
5	<b>Race</b>	No Change	None	
6	<b>Sexual orientation</b>	No Change	None	
7	<b>Marriage &amp; civil partnership</b>	No Change	None	
8	<b>Religion/belief</b>	No Change	None	
9	<b>Age</b>	No Change	None	

**Name of officer(s) carrying out equality analysis:** Ann Smith, Assistant Director Adult Social Care Operations and Safeguarding and Claire Thorogood Assistant Director Adult Regulated Services and Governance

**Signed off by:** Suzanne Westhead (Director Adult Social Care)

**Date:** 27.11.2024

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