

I. Appendix 1

Current charges (All of which come under the category of regulatory charges)

	Thurrock Council current charge	Recommendation or Proposal
Meals on Wheels	£4.00 (2 course hot delivered meal) (actual cost £7.78)	<p>The contract for meals on wheels ends 31 March 2015. In recent years demand for this service has plateaued. The Star Chamber process in 2012 (review of spending in Adult Social Care aimed at seeking efficiencies) recommended that a full service review take place before further decisions in regard to retendering the contract are made. A full consultation will take place prior to the end of the contract and a report submitted to cabinet.</p> <p>Recommendation - charges remain the same for the remainder of the contract term.</p>
Domiciliary Care	£13.00ph (based on full cost recovery proposal)	Recommendation - Maintain current charge
Pendant alarms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free - if living in council accommodation 93p pw – if private tenant and meet ASC FACs criteria £4.13pw – if self funding 	<p>Although the charging policy for pendant alarms was originally determined by Housing, this also applies to those that require a pendant alarm commissioned through the Adult Social Care assessment process.</p> <p>Thurrock Councils Legal Team have reviewed this charging mechanism and guidance provided states that any charges made must be based on the principle of eligibility to pay following a financial assessment and not on tenure type</p> <p>Proposal – The current criteria for charging to be referred to Housing colleagues for review following the advice provided by Legal. These charges will remain out of the scope of this review and if required be subject to a separate consultation.</p>

II. New Charges

	Thurrock Council current charge	Recommendation or Proposal
Telecare	Currently no charge is being made for the monitoring aspect of any additional peripherals to the pendant alarm	<p>It is proposed that a charge be made in addition to the pendant alarm, for the monitoring of telecare as per the 5 proposals below</p> <p>Proposal 1 – No charge to recognise that this is a preventative service</p>

		<p>Proposal 2 - Charge £1.10pw flat fee for telecare irrespective of the total number of items installed (this is equal to the lowest charge across comparator LA's excluding Havering as this is a monitoring & response service)</p> <p>Proposal 3 - Charge £2.80pw flat fee for telecare irrespective of the total number of items installed (this is the average charge across comparator LA's excluding Havering as this is a monitoring & response service)</p> <p>Proposal 4 – Charge £3.85 flat fee for telecare irrespective of the total number of items installed (this is the highest charge across comparator LA's excluding Havering as this is a monitoring and response service)</p> <p>Proposal 5 – Charge 50p pw for each item of telecare technology installed</p>
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III. Discretionary Charges

	Thurrock Council current charge	Recommendation or Proposal
Administration costs for Homecare provision	No charge currently being applied	<p>Proposal – further work to be undertaken in 13/14 by finance colleagues to explore potential numbers of service users that would be affected by this charge and gain more accurate information in regard to the potential income. This will then be brought back to HOSC for consideration in 2015</p> <p><i>Research has indicated that there are not any other Local Authorities that currently make this charge and on this basis it is likely that this proposal maybe contentious if included for public consultation</i></p>
Deferred Payments	No charge currently being applied	<p>Recommendation – A minimum charge of £144.00 to be applied where the council implements a deferred payment. Based on current numbers that are provided care under the deferred payments scheme (31) this would generate an income of £4,464</p>

IV. Anomalies within current charging policy

	Thurrock Council current charge/anomaly	Recommendation or Proposal
Charges made for Double Handed Care provision	In cases where 2 carers are required for the provision of homecare the provision of the 2 nd carer is currently not charged for	Recommendation – All double handed care is charged at the total commissioned hours.
Charges for externally purchased respite	At present there is disparity between the charges applied for the provision of respite between working age adults and over 65's	Recommendation – As part of the review on respite charges (as detailed in 4.1) all respite charges (including those commissioned with external providers) are included