



Glasgow City Council
City Administration Committee

Item 13

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Report by Councillor Chris Cunningham, Convener for Health,
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SOCIAL CARE CHARGING POLICY 2026/27

Purpose of Report:

To update Committee on the Social Care Charging Policy annual uplift and revision for 2026/27.

Recommendations:

City Administration Committee is asked to:

- a) Approve the revised Charging Policy for Social Care for 2026/27 attached at Appendix 1 as directed by the IJB in support of delivery of council services in accordance with the IJB's strategic plan.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the City Administration Committee on the Social Care Charging Policy annual uplift and revision for 2026/27.

2 Background

- 2.1 The purpose of the Social Care Charging Policy is to determine when charges should be applied for social care services taking into consideration a full range of legal, financial and policy drivers. The Policy sets the charges that apply to social care services and how those charges are levied to service users. The Social Care Charging Policy is subject to annual review.
- 2.2 The IJB has approved its budget for 2026/27. The increase to charges was included as part of the balanced budget set on 18 March 2026. The Council has been directed to deliver Council services in line with this budget to secure delivery of the IJB's Strategic Plan and as such this Committee is directed to amend the charging policy to secure the income included within this budget.

3 Social Care Charging Policy

- 3.1 The Social Care Charging Policy is a document which sets out the Council's Social Work Services Charging Policy with a focus on Non-Residential Charging. The Glasgow City Council Charging Policy sets out the legislative background to charges for non-residential social care services and describes the services to which service user contributions apply, together with minimum income thresholds and tapers.
- 3.2 The annual review process will take a range of factors into consideration:
- COSLA Guidance for Non-Residential Charging
 - Uplifts required to service charges to reflect cost of service delivery
 - Any changes required to the levers within the charging policy, which determine the level of charge made to service users, to reflect the income levels required to be generated to meet budgetary requirements
 - Any changes required to the policy to reflect changes in legislation, local or national policies
 - Any refinements required to reflect service experiences from the previous twelve months.
- 3.3 The proposed changes from this year's review are:
- Updated to reflect Regulations coming into force on 6 April 2026

- An increase in Local Authority rates to reflect the increased cost of delivery. Most charges will see a 4.8 % uplift, and there are no increases to aids and adaptations minimal limits or blue badge administration
- An increase to Minimum Income Thresholds and Interim Charges in accordance with annual Department for Work and Pensions/Social Security Scotland benefit uplifts
- Alignment with COSLA guidance in respect of Partner’s Carers benefits. These benefits will be excluded as income from the financial assessment and calculation of charge. Although anticipated low in numbers, the HSCP will review existing financial assessments where this will apply with effect from April 2026
- Removal of Private Help at Home rates within Appendix 1. These were legacy services provided prior to the transfer of Cordia to the HSCP. All Service users have moved to alternative supports where appropriate.

3.4 The proposed increases to charges were included within the IJB Budget that was considered and approved by the IJB on Wednesday 18 March 2026.

3.5 The revised policy is attached in Appendix 1 for approval.

4 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: The annual uplift to Local Authority charges will result in additional income of £0.07m and has been reflected in the IJB’s budget for 2026/27.

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: None

Council Strategic Plan: Grand Challenge 1 – Reduce poverty and inequality in our communities. Mission 3: Improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities. Where appropriate the relevant Commitment can also be listed.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council’s Equality Outcomes Yes. Outcome 3. Service Users are provided with information accessible to them on services provided by the Council Family,

2025-29? Please specify. particularly those who face barriers through disability, language and digital exclusion.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report? Socio-economic impact for those experiencing poverty. Those with disabilities experience a higher cost of living and are at a higher risk of living in poverty. Minority ethnic communities are more likely to be living in poverty compared to white people. Muslims suffer the greatest economic disadvantage of any group in society.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage. Although it won't help address socio-economic disadvantage, there are mitigations and exceptions in place to address the socio-economic impact of the policy. The National Assistance Regulations are subject to a separate EQIA undertaken by the Scottish Government. The EQIA link relating to this policy can be found at: [Equality Impact Assessment \(EqIA\) - Glasgow City Council](#)

This is provided to assist committee in having regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty and should be considered prior to considering the recommendation of this report.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify: No

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal? None

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target? No

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts: None.

Are there any potential
data protection impacts
as a result of this report?

5. Recommendations

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