

Adult Care, Public Health and Wellbeing Charging Policy Consultation

Frequently Asked Questions

The proposed changes

1. Why are you changing the charging policy?

Redbridge Council's charging policy has not been reviewed for a number of years and does not reflect the way we currently run our services. We have set out a number of proposals for change which are more up to date and bring us in line with other neighbouring boroughs.

2. Will the charging policy changes affect people in residential and nursing care?

Most of the proposed changes relate to paying for care in the home. There is one proposal which relates to residential and nursing care and will affect those people who self-fund their care. More details about the proposals can be found in the background document and the consultation questionnaire.

The consultation report

3. Who puts together the final consultation report and when/how will that be published?

A consultation report will be produced by the Adult Social Care team. The results will be published alongside the Cabinet report prior to the Cabinet meeting in February 2018.

Decision making process

4. Who makes the recommendation, and what is the basis for any decision (e.g. numbers of responses, proportion for/against, etc.)

The Cabinet, which is chaired by the locally elected leader of the Council and local councillors, recommendation will be made by Adult Social Care with due regard to:

- The Council's adult social care financial resources
- The results of the public consultation
- The Equalities Act
- Council legal advice

5. To whom is the recommendation made?

The recommendation is made to Cabinet who will make their decision at their meeting in February 2018.

6. Who actually makes the final decision and agrees the strategy for the policy's implementation?

The Cabinet makes the final decision based on the recommendations in the Cabinet paper in February 2018 which will also include an effective date for the change. The implementation plan will be developed following Cabinet's decision.

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7. When will the final policy be produced and its implementation plan published?

Affected service users will be contacted if the proposals are agreed to let them know about the changes in policy and how the revised charges will be assessed following the Cabinet meeting in February 2018.

8. When will the required re-assessments take place?

We do not have a definite agreed timescale in place at the moment. We will let you know once the consultation process is complete and the recommendation has been approved by Cabinet.

9. Do you have an estimate of when this re-assessment process might be completed, and when the start date of the any new policy implementation might be?

No decision has been made regarding a potential start date of any proposal. This will be included in the Cabinet report along with the recommendation.

Equalities impact assessment

10. Has an equalities impact assessment been completed?

An initial screening has been completed. A full Equalities Impact Assessment will be considered by Cabinet in February and published with the papers in February.