
REPORT TO:	FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 10
DATE OF MEETING:	14 TH OCTOBER 2004	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	SUPPORTING PEOPLE CHARGES - SHELTERED HOUSING	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: FM08

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the proposed increase to the Supporting People Charge for the Sheltered Housing Service is approved, following consideration by the Housing and Community Services Committee on 7th October 2004. A copy of the report is attached as Annex A.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform members of increase in funding proposed by Derbyshire County Council as the Administering Authority for Derbyshire, for Supporting People.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Supporting People legislation came into effect on 1st April 2003, and replaced the Housing Benefit payment for support costs associated with a tenancy. For South Derbyshire, this relates to the costs associated with providing the Community Warden and CareLine services. A costing exercise was carried out, which showed that the support cost for the Sheltered Housing Service was £8.60 per week.
- 3.2 The Council was advised on 6th September 2004 that an increase of 2.29%, increasing the charge from £8.60 per week to £8.82, backdated to 1st April 2004, has been awarded.
- 3.3 Part IV, Sect 103 (4) of the Housing Act 1985 states that the increase cannot take effect until a notice of variation giving at least four weeks notice of the increased charge has been served. Due to Committee processes, this charge cannot be levied until 22nd November 2004.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The 2.29% increase will give an annual increase in funding of £12,600.
- 4.2 The inability to levy the charge until 22nd November 2004 equates to a loss in funding of £ 7,700.