ABSTRACT

This report advises Elected Members of the need identified for High Dependency Residential Care for Older People and proposes a rate to be paid for such care. The report proposes that this service will be provided at Dorward House, Montrose.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee:-

i) notes the need identified for High Dependency Residential Care for Older People

ii) approves the rate proposed for this service;

iii) approves the proposal that this service will be provided at Dorward House, Montrose.

2 INTRODUCTION

A need has been identified for High Dependency Residential Care for Older People in Angus. The aims of High Dependency Residential Care are:-

- To support older people with a level of dementia and/or substantial physical disability to live in a small group living setting.
- To provide an intensive level of staff intervention designed to support service users with high levels of care needs, including dementia.
- To provide a safe and stimulating environment which meets needs holistically.
- To create and maintain a unique personal plan for each service user based on their current assessed needs and abilities, which promotes their quality of life.
- As far as possible to provide a home for life for its service users, and to this end the unit will work in partnership with outside agencies to enable this to happen.

In recent years we have been developing partnership arrangements with Dorward House in Montrose regarding its future use (committee reports 957/02, 1004/03, 666/05 and 1237/06 refer). Over the past 18 months Dorward House in Montrose has undergone a comprehensive refurbishment as part of which an 8 bed High Dependency Unit has been created within the home. This unit meets the requirements of the proposed specification for High Dependency Residential Care for Older People as regards facilities and Dorward House have indicated that they will meet the other requirements of the proposed specification.
3 PROPOSAL

It is proposed that a rate of £702.00 per bed per week will be paid to Dorward House on a spot purchase basis. The Council’s Financial Regulations permit the negotiation of residential care home rates on an annual basis without competition. This is justified in this case due to the background partnering arrangement referred to.

This rate will be reviewed annually along with the regular residential care home rates review undertaken by the council. There is also an emerging strategic procurement work stream on social care services being led by Scotland Excel. Angus Council (as part of the Tayside Procurement Consortium) will participate in that development work and evaluate its outcomes in terms of suitability to meet the council’s requirements.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If Angus Council were to purchase all 8 beds in the High Dependency Unit the cost would be a maximum of £292,032 per annum. However, it is noted that a number of the residents in the unit could be self or partly self funded or may be placed by another local authority. The cost of purchasing places in the High Dependency Unit will be met from the budget for purchasing care from Private and Voluntary Care Homes and will be contained within the Departments Revenue Budget.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising as a result of the recommendations contained in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.