



Lambeth

Proposed changes to adult social care fees and charges

The council does not have enough money to do everything it wants.

The council is thinking about charging more money for some services.

The council is thinking about making some new charges.

Charging for adult social care

When someone needs a service the council asks them how much money they have and if they own a house.

The council then allows them to keep the money that the government thinks the person needs.

The council then works out how much it will pay and how much the person needs to pay for the services they have. This is called their maximum contribution.

The person will not need to pay more than their maximum contribution even if they have more expensive services.

THE CHANGES

The council wants to know what you think. The council is asking you about 8 changes:

1 _____

Charging people for home care as soon as they start getting the service.

At the moment the council waits 6 weeks before charging people.

The council will still not charge if the care is from the Reablement Service. Reablement is a service for up to 6 weeks to help people get better. People will be told if they are getting a Reablement Service.



2 _____

Charging for 2 carers if people need 2 carers at the same time.

Now the council only charges for 1 carer. The council wants to charge for both.

Not many people will have to pay more as they already pay as much as they need to.



3 _____

Charging more for Meals on Wheels.

Now people pay £3 for a meal. The council wants to charge £3.50 and then £4 from April 2020.

The council has not asked for more money for Meals on Wheels for 5 years.



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Charging more for a community alarm.

Now some people pay nothing and some pay £3 a week. The council wants to charge everyone £4 a week for their community alarms.

The council has not asked for more money for a community alarm for over 10 years.



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Reduce the automatic amount people can keep from £25 to £10 a week.

Most people with disability benefits who have a service from Adult Social Care are allowed to keep an extra £25 a week.

This is to help them pay for extra things they need because they have a disability. The council wants to reduce this to £17.50 a week from November 2019 and then to £10 a week from April 2020.

If people need more because of their disability and can show it, the council will allow them to keep more. The council will advise people on how to claim this. Most other councils do not allow people to keep as much as £25 a week.



6

The council wants to stop increasing the amount older people keep.

The council let older people who need support keep a set amount of their money when it charges them for services.

Every year, the council has been increasing this amount when it doesn't need to.

The council want to stop increasing it for a while.



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People to pay the costs if they want to borrow from the council.

Some people need to sell their house to pay for their care if they are moving into a care home.

The council can let people keep their house and pay later. There are costs to the council when this happens.

The council wants people to pay these costs.

The council will not make money.



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People who pay for all their care themselves to pay £140 if they want the council to arrange it.

Some people may ask the council to find a home care agency for them even though the person will pay for the service in full themselves.

If the council does this then there are some costs.

The council wants to charge £140 once for doing this.

This charge is only for people who need to pay for the home care service in full themselves.

The council will not make money.



The council knows that lots of people do not have much money and will not want to pay more for what they need.

The council has kept the changes as small as they can.

Other councils charge more.

If someone already pays as much as they can and the council agrees then they will not have to pay any more.

To tell the council what you think you can:

Email: engagement@lambeth.gov.uk

Telephone: 020 7926 3261

Or come to a meeting:

Meetings are being held on:

Date: Friday 20 September

Time: 10am - 12 noon

Location: Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill, SW2 1RW

This meeting in particular will be accessible to adults with learning disabilities.

and

Date: Monday 30 September

Time: 4.30 - 6.30pm

Location: 336 Brixton Road, SW9 7AA

and

Date: Wednesday 2 October

Time: 7 - 9pm

Location: Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill, SW2 1RW

The council will be asking what people think about these changes up to **20 October 2019**.