

Contributions Policy Questionnaire

Contributions

As is well known local authorities are having to review their expenditure in the light of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review.

Bradford Council has already taken a number of actions to significantly reduce administrative and other costs, but the savings required are so large that administrative savings on their own will not deliver what is required

The Council is faced with making some difficult decisions in the near future and we would value your thoughts in order to work together to continue to provide the best possible service for the adults we support in Bradford.

Subsidising cost of Service

Currently if you receive any of the following types of care, you may have to pay towards the cost of the service:

Home care delivered to people in their own home is charged at £10.35 an hour but the actual cost to Bradford Council is £13.75 an hour.

Day care services are charged at £20.58 a day but the actual cost to Bradford Council is £35.00 a day.

Sitting Service is currently charged at £4.13 an hour but the actual cost to Bradford Council is £12.75 an hour

In the future we will have less money to provide social care services so increasing the contributions clients make towards the actual cost of the service would help us to continue to provide these services.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about the changes we are proposing.

Please tick one box for each statement

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
1) As the Council has not renewed its Charging Policy since 2006 it is right to do this					

2) Peoples contributions to their service should be increased or introduced for those who can afford to pay.					
3) Contributions people make should be based on actual cost of providing the service					

Maximum Charge

Currently in Bradford the most anyone can be charged for their non-residential care package is £199 per week. Fairer Charging guidance from the Government is clear that it is considered realistic to expect those with sufficient means to pay the full cost of services they receive as is the case with Residential or Nursing Care.

We are proposing that the maximum charge is deleted and if a person can afford to pay for the full cost of their package they should do so

Please tick one box for each statement

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
4) The maximum charge should be deleted for those who can afford to meet the full cost					

Annual Billing

We want to move away from calculating contributions on a weekly basis to an annual basis and ensure no double charging occurs when respite and other services are provided in the same week. Whatever adjustments need to be made to your account will be calculated annually.

Although one annual bill will be raised, you will still be able to determine the frequency of your payments e.g. weekly, monthly etc and have more options of paying e.g. by direct debit from your bank account or by telephone.

This option will also create efficiencies and save the Council considerable administrative costs.

Please tick one box for each statement

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
5) It is a good idea to move to an annual calculation of contributions to reduce administration costs and keep the costs of services as low as possible					

Transport to Day Centres

The current average cost of transport provided to day centre users is £34 per return journey. Currently clients do not pay anything towards the cost of this service and we are proposing to charge a nominal amount of £3 per return journey.

We want to reduce the subsidy on transport provided to day centre users by charging £3 for a return journey

Please tick one box for each statement

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
6) There should be a £3 charge for return journeys to day centres					
7) People who can afford to pay should pay the whole cost of transport					

Meals

Currently clients do not currently pay anything towards the cost of a meal provided in council day centres and we are proposing to charge a nominal amount of £3 per meal.

We want to reduce the subsidy on meals provided to day centre users by charging £3 for a meal.

Please tick one box for each statement

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
8) There should be a £3 charge for meals in day centres					

9) Any other comments please write them in this box	Comments
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