

APPENDIX 1

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Dear Customer,

Changes in payment for meals and respite services

This letter is being sent to customers who use the Council's meals service, respite service, or both, to explain changes in payments that will apply from 6th April.

You may remember that in September and October 2008 we wrote to you, asking for your views on how the Council could increase its income in order to expand and improve some of our services.

We received many helpful replies and the feedback was used to draw up proposals that were approved by the Council last month.

As a result, the amount you will be asked to pay for all meals and respite services provided through Adult Social Care will change.

The increased income the Council will get from these and other changes will mean that we can expand our improved hot meals service across the city (it is only available in parts of north and east Leeds at present). We will be able to invest more in our services to protect our most vulnerable older or disabled people from neglect or abuse. Lastly, we will be able to give more help to carers and improve the way we plan and monitor your services.

I hope you will agree that these are very necessary improvements, but they are



ones that the Council could not afford without the changes in payments I am describing in this letter.

Changes in payment for meals

From the 6th April 2009, the new payments will be:

£3.00 for a main meal and a dessert
£1.90 for a second meal for tea-time

Changes in payment for respite service

We are changing the payments for people aged 60 and over so that payments for all adults are calculated in the same way.

The payment for respite care is based on the amount of income support or pension credit that a person would be entitled to, taking age into account. The Government estimates how much people living in residential care need to cover personal expenses. This amount is then deducted from the person's income support or pension credit, to work out how much the service user has to pay.

The payments from 6th April 2009 will be:

60 and over	£102.90 per week
25-59 with disability premium	£69.90 per week
25-59 no disability premium	£42.40 per week
Under 25 with disability premium	£56.55 per week
Under 25 no disability premium	£29.05 per week

These payments apply to respite care in a residential or nursing home and for the Family Placement service.

If you receive other Adult Social Care services not covered in this letter, we will write to you soon to tell you about changes to the payments for them, but these will not come into effect until 1st June 2009.

Yours sincerely,



Sandie Keene
Director of Adult Social Services



NOTES

If you no longer receive services and have received this letter in error, please accept our apologies.

There is more information available on the the feedback from the consultation and how this was taken into account by the Council's Executive Board when the changes were approved. The documents available are:

- The Report of the Income Review Service User and Carer Reference Group on the consultation outcomes
- A report on the comments received from people and organisations that took part in the consultation
- A report on the results from the questionnaire that a number of people completed
- An explanation of how the outcomes of the consultation have been taken into account by Executive Board
- The report to Executive Board on the changes to service user contributions

These documents can be found on Leeds City Council's consultation portal "Talking Point" at www.leeds.gov.uk or by telephoning the Freephone helpline (0800 7838516). If you need them in other languages or formats you can contact Janet Somers on 0113 2477443.

