

The following questions are proposed for the public consultation:

Your views on charging for Adult Social Care Services

1 Information about You

a) Do you currently use Bracknell Forest Council's adult social care service?

Yes / No / Prefer Not to Say

b) Please tell us which services you receive:

- i. Residential or Nursing care
- ii. Home Care
- iii. Other

c) In what capacity are you responding to this consultation

- i. I currently use adult social care services
- ii. On behalf of someone who uses adult social care services
- iii. On behalf of a group of people who use adult social care services
- iv. I am a carer
- v. A resident of Bracknell Forest, not currently using adult social care services
- vi. Other (please specify)

2 The Council currently spends £11.3m paying the fees of people in Residential and Nursing Care, and receives £2.5m in charges in part payment of those fees from the people using the service. Every person has a financial assessment, and therefore only pays what they can afford.

If the Council was to stop making these charges it would need to find the money from elsewhere, which might mean reducing services to other people. **The Council is therefore proposing to continue charging for this care.** Do you:

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strong Disagree

3 There are people who have to pay all of cost of their care home fees. For some people this could mean having to sell their home when they go into care. The Council can help those people avoid having to sell their home by paying the fees for the person, and placing a charge on the person's home. The Council gets the money back when the home is eventually sold, usually after the person has died. This is called a Deferred Payment, and is effectively a loan of the care fees.

The Council is proposing to charge interest on this arrangement at a rate set by the Government. Do you

Unrestricted

Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree

- 4 Setting up a Deferred Payment arrangement costs the Council money. The Council is proposing to charge an administration fee to people who take out a Deferred Payment equal to the costs incurred. The costs are estimated at £500. Do you

Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strong Disagree

- 5 The Council is able to set up care arrangements for people who completely fund their own care, for example contracting with a Home Care provider to provide support to the individual. This incurs additional costs for the Council.

The Council is proposing to charge an administration fee to people who fund their own care, but ask the Council to make the arrangements on their behalf, equal to the costs incurred. Do you

Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strong Disagree

- 6 The Council provides a range of services to Carers, including for example respite care to give the carer a break. The Council is proposing to continue to provide services to Carers free of charge. Do you:

Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strong Disagree

- 7 The Council needs to change its financial assessment of couples. Do you have any observations to make on the proposed changes

- 8 Do you have any other comments to make on the proposed changes.