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Dear Councillor Jones

CABINET MEMBER QUESTION SESSION – 12TH DECEMBER 2016

Thank you for your letter of the 12 January regarding the Scrutiny Programme Committee on 12 December 2016 when priorities, actions, achievements and impact were explored, in relation to my areas of responsibility as Cabinet Member for Adults & Vulnerable People.

You agreed that technology provided great potential for monitoring in the home, but were not sure how far things have developed and were being utilised locally. You asked for confirmation of current charges for telecare / community alarms and whether an increase was planned for the next financial year. Please see attachment A.

You raised a question about the employment of personal assistants and work place pensions. I have checked this issue re the provision of a work place pension and that is addressed in Appendix A.

I am grateful for your continuing interest in the future of adult social care and the development of the new model. I assure you that detailed work is continuing in all areas with particular emphasis on: the local ability to develop community resilience and to provide services at tier 1: the range of transport available to assure access to tier 1, 2 and 3 services; the appropriate range of provision at tier 2, 3 and 4 across all partners.

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Yours sincerely



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Charges for Services	Current charges in 2016/17	Charges to apply in 2017/18	% Increase/ Comment
Lifeline	£3.58/ week	£3.13/ week	Flat rate charge. The existing policy is predicated on the service operating at full cost recovery. Whilst last years policy set out a charge of £3.58, in practice the charge applied was £2.50 as costs were offset by introducing a charge to another local authority to provide a disaster recovery suite. The option to offset charges is no longer available.
Telecare -	new category	£5.67	Last years policy set out a new charge for this service at £3.75 to avoid standard lifeline customers offsetting the costs of more expensive equipment. Work to implement this charge was delayed but can now be implemented in the new financial year.
Enhanced Telecare	new category	£6.53	No VAT chargeable. Last years policy set out a new charge for this service at £5.50 to avoid standard lifeline customers offsetting the costs of more expensive equipment. Work

			to implement this charge was delayed but can now be implemented in the new financial year.
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