DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 16 MAY 2005

REPORT ON: STANDARD CHARGES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

REPORT NO: 320 - 2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report recommends the level of standard charge to be applied in 2005/06 for local authority residential accommodation for adults.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Social Work Committee:-agrees standard charges for local authority residential accommodation as laid out in Appendix 1.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Adopting the recommended standard charges will have no effect on the present level of budgeted income, as no residents presently pay the full standard charge.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The local authority is required by statute to review its charges for residential accommodation for adults each year. The method of calculating charges is prescribed by regulation and guidance and results in a full economic cost being calculated, including overheads and the cost of capital.
- 6.2 Each resident has a full assessment of their financial circumstances each year, which determines the amount they are required to contribute to the cost of their care. Only those residents with savings in excess of £19,500 or significant weekly income pay the full standard charge for their care. At present no residents pay the full standard charge. Every resident retains at least £18.80 per week in personal allowance.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Alan G Baird Director of Social Work

Date: 6 May 2005

STANDARD CHARGES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS

It is recommended that the following standard charges be applied from April 2005:-

	£ per week	£ per week
	from April 2005	from April 2004
Residential Homes for Older People	665	634
Maryfield Hostel	666	619
Elmgrove Hostel	1,298	1,208
Whitetop Centre Respite Unit	2,258	1,792
Mackinnon Centre Respite Unit	814	745

Notes

Increase in April costs for White Top Centre reflect the full establishment required to meet care Commission Standards.