Examples of charging calculations (simplified)

Example 1: A person not affected because of high levels of DRE

In this example, a person's DRE is more than the current minimum allowance of £20. Therefore, there would be no increase in charge.

			Current Proposed	
Allowances	State retirement pension	£126	£126	
	Pension credit	£37	£37	
	Basic level of income support	£163	£163	
	125% of basic income support	£204	£204	
	Allowable DRE	£26	£26	
	Total allowances	£230	£230	
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Income	State retirement pension	£126	£126	
	Occupational pension	£105	£105	
	Attendance allowance	£57	£57	
	Total relevant income	£288	£288	
	Actual weekly charge (income minus allowances)	£58	£58	

Example 2: A working age adult not currently paying a charge

In this example, a working age adult is not paying a contribution due to low levels of income. The proposed change to the DRE would not be enough in itself to bring them above the threshold to start having to pay for their care.

		Current Proposed	
Allowances	Employment and support allowance	£127	£127
	125% of basic income support Allowable DRE	£159 £20	£159 £10
	Total allowances	£179	£169
Income	Employment and support allowance Total relevant income	£127 £127	£127 £127
	Actual weekly charge (income minus allowances)	£0	£0

Example 3: A person affected in part by the proposals

In this example, a person's actual DRE is £16, which is less than the current minimum allowance of £20, but more than the proposed minimum of £10. The allowable DRE in the financial assessment will therefore be £16. The service user charge increases by £4 in this example.

		Current Proposed	
Allowances	State retirement pension	£126	£126
	Pension credit	£37	£37
	Basic level of income support	£163	£163
	125% of basic income support	£204	£204
	Allowable DRE	£20	£16
	Total allowances	£224	£220
Income	State retirement pension	£126	£126
	Occupational pension	£105	£105
	Attendance allowance	£57	£57
	Total relevant income	£288	£288
	Actual weekly charge (income minus allowances)	£64	£68

Example 4: A person affected in full by the proposals for DRE

In this example, a person's actual DRE is less than £10, meaning that the council's minimum DRE allowance would be used in the financial assessment. This would increase their charge by £10.

		Current Proposed	
Allowances	State retirement pension	£126	£126
	Pension credit	£37	£37
	Basic level of income support	£163	£163
	125% of basic income support	£204	£204
	Allowable DRE	£20	£10
	Total allowances	£224	£214
Income	State retirement pension	£126	£126
	Occupational pension	£105	£105
	Attendance allowance	£57	£57
	Total relevant income	£288	£288
	Actual weekly charge (income minus allowances)	£64	£74