

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board Sub Committee

**DATE:** 2 April 2009

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Health and Community

**SUBJECT:** 2009/10 Inflationary uplift for the Supporting People contracts

**WARD(S):** All wards

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the inflationary uplift of Supporting People contracts for the financial year 2009/10.
- 1.2 Endorse the suggested inflationary uplift for all Supporting People contracts within the 2.5% inflationary allowance allocated by the Council.

**2.0 RECOMMENDED – that the proposed 2.5% increase as set out in the report be approved with effect from Monday 6th April 2009.**

## 3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The proposed inflationary uplift of 2.5% is equivalent to the increase awarded to the Adult Social Care budget 2009/10.
- 3.2 The table below sets out Projected Expenditure after the 2.5% Inflationary uplift has been added for 2009/10.

**Table 1 - Projected Expenditure**

	<b>2008/09 Projected expenditure to date</b>	<b>2.5% uplift costs for 09/10</b>	<b>SP Projected expenditure with 2.5% uplift 09/10</b>
Supporting People Contracts	£5,745,323	£143,633	£5,888,956
Short Term bid contracts	£1,281,296	£32,072	£1,313,369
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,026,619</b>	<b>£175,705</b>	<b>£7,202,325</b>

The proposed 2.5% inflationary increase will result in an estimated increase in expenditure of £175,705.

- 3.3 The Supporting People programme currently funds 113 services across

Halton. Of this, 92 are existing contracts across 14 client groups, and a further 21 services are short-term services.

- 3.4 As of the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009 there are approximately 1,968 people in receipt of Supporting People services in Halton.
- 3.5 The increased fees will give enable the Providers the ability to plan their businesses to ensure stability and drive up the quality of provision for the service users of Halton
- 3.6 From April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 the CLG and Sitra are implementing a new Quality Assessment Framework, which all Providers will be expected to carry out. The new framework will have an additional impact on the work undertaken by SP Providers. The new Quality Assessment Framework will now incorporate Child Protection, under 'Every Child Matters' and additional safeguarding legislation. Further training, documentation and a change in practice will be required.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The cost of the inflationary increase can be met within existing Supporting People budgets.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

##### **6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

The new SP Quality Assessment Framework and outcomes will ensure that providers are working in line with child Protection legislation from April 2009.

##### **6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

Supporting People services provide support to enable vulnerable clients to access education, training and employment opportunities.

##### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

Supporting People services work with vulnerable clients to achieve their goals to achieving a healthy lifestyle, which can include for example support to maintain their mental well being, to register and attend GP and dental appointments.

##### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

Supporting People services provide support to a number of socially excluded groups including ex-offenders, people with mental health

problems, people experiencing domestic violence, homeless families and single homeless. The support offered empowers people to secure and maintain a stable home environment in which to rebuild their lives.

**6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

None

**7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Not applicable

**8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.0 Not applicable.

**9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**Document**

**Place of inspection**

**Contact Officer**

None