

Supporting People in Herefordshire

Policy Statement

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR LEASEHOLDERS 2007/2008

Where a person receives housing-related support services under the terms of a lease and those terms impose a service charge in respect of this service, which are eligible welfare services the Administering Authority may contribute towards the costs.

The Commissioning Body have determined that: -

Strategic Relevance

A leasehold scheme would be deemed to be strategically relevant if it contributes to meeting the aims and objectives of the Older Persons Accommodation Strategy.

Quality of Service

A leasehold scheme would be deemed to provide a quality of service if the managing organisation were members of the 'Association of Retirement Housing Managers'.

Value for Money

A leasehold scheme would be deemed to provide value for money if the service charge is consistent with value for money guidelines.

The housing-related support charges of existing leaseholders paid in 2006/2007 will continue to be met by the Administering Authority in 2007/2008 subject to the eligibility criteria specified below.

Eligibility

- The leaseholder will need to provide evidence that they are in receipt of Pension Credit Guarantee in order for any payment of housing-related support charges to be considered by the Administering Authority.
- Should a leaseholder not be in receipt of Pension Credit Guarantee but is in receipt of Attendance Allowance or Disability Living Allowance and can satisfy the Administering Authority of their need for the service; the payment of housing-related support charges may be considered.

Factors that have been taken into account in making this decision:-

- There remains uncertainty over future government funding for the programme, and the Herefordshire Supporting People Programme Grant is reducing year on year. No additional funding has been received from the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) for people who decide to move into leasehold property, in fact, Leaseholders sit outside the review process
- There are no contracts between the providers of leasehold services and the Administering Authority

This policy was reviewed in June 2007 and will be reviewed annually.