APPENDIX B

A summary of what the changes will mean to people who use the services:

Current **Future outcome** outcome of a of a financial **Change in actual contribution** financial assessment assessment Nil contribution Nil contribution No change because the service user has no available income to paid by the service contribute whatever the cost of the care (Example 1) paid by the service user user No change because the service user only has a certain amount of available income to contribute towards the cost of care and the **Contribution paid Contribution** paid by the service user cost of their care has not decreased (Example 2) by the service user covering Full cost paid by A decrease in the amount of the contribution e.g. a move from the part of the cost of average to actual cost of home care reduces the cost and the the service user the service(s) service user can now pay the full cost (Example 3) Full cost paid by A decrease in the amount of the contribution e.g. a move from the the service user average to actual cost of home care reduces the cost and the service user pays less (Example 4) or Full payment by or the service user **Contribution paid** by the service An increase in the amount of the contribution e.g. a move from the average cost of home care in an extra care setting to actual user increases the cost and the service user pays more (Example 5)

Examples illustrating what the changes will mean to people who use the services

Example 1 – Nil Contribution

No change because the service user has no available income to contribute whatever the cost of the care

Mr A is aged 22. He receives 10 hours home care and attends day care twice a week. He has a total income of £100.70 a week.

Under the current policy he pays no contribution towards his personal budget as his level of eligible income is below the basic Income Support level plus a buffer of 25 per cent.

Under the proposed Fairer Contributions policy he will still pay no contribution towards his personal budget as his level of eligible income is below the basic Income Support level plus a buffer of 25 per cent.

Mr A could choose to change the balance of services that he receives (as long as the new combination still meets his assessed needs) through his personal budget, but his cost will not change.

The detailed figures for this example are set out below:

	Income		Package of care
	Income Support (£100.70)		Home care, 10 hours (£129.70)
TOTAL INCOME	£100.70	PLUS	Day care, 2 days per week (£96.00)
		TOTAL COST	£225.70
MINUS	Basic Income Support plus 25 per cent (£116.87)	CONTRIBUTION	Zero
EQUALS INCOME AVAILABLE FOR CHARGING	-£16.17		

Example 2 – Contribution (No change in the amount contributed) No change because the service user only has a certain amount of available income to contribute towards the cost of care and the cost of their care has not decreased

Mr B is aged 70. He receives 10 hours home care and attends day care twice a week. He has a total income of £250.70 a week. Under the current policy he pays a

contribution of £84.95 towards his personal budget. This is based on the average cost of £17.48 per hour for home care. There is no charge for day care.

Under the proposed Fairer Contributions policy Mr B will continue to pay a contribution of £84.95 towards his personal budget as this is the maximum income available for charging above the basic Income Support level plus a buffer of 25 per cent.

Mr B could choose to change the balance of services he receives (as long as the new combination still meets his assessed needs) through his personal budget, but his contribution will either stay the same or go down, depending on the services he chooses.

This is worked out as follows:

Income		Package of care
Pension paid by employer (£250.70)		Home care,10 hours (£129.70)
£250.70	PLUS	Day care, 2 days per week (£96.00)
	TOTAL COST	£225.70
Basic Income Support plus 25 per cent (£165.75)	CONTRIBUTION	100 per cent of INCOME AVAILABLE FOR CHARGING (£84.95)
£84.95		
	Pension paid by employer (£250.70) £250.70 Basic Income Support plus 25 per cent (£165.75)	Pension paid by employer (£250.70) £250.70 PLUS TOTAL COST Basic Income Support plus 25 per cent (£165.75) CONTRIBUTION

Example 3 – Contribution (Decrease in the amount contributed) A decrease in the amount of the contribution e.g. a move from the average to actual cost of home care reduces the cost and the service user can now pay the full cost

Ms C is aged 63. She receives 10 hours home care each week. She has a total income of £315.75 a week. Under the current policy she pays £150 towards her personal budget. This is based on the average cost of £17.48 per hour for home care.

Under the proposed Fairer Contributions policy Ms C will pay a £129.70 contribution towards her personal budget. This is a decrease of £20.30 in the contribution to her personal budget as the actual cost of Home care is less than the average cost.

Ms C could choose to change the type of service she receives (as long as the new service(s) still meet her assessed needs) through her personal budget, but her contribution will either stay the same or go down, depending on the services she chooses.

This is worked out as follows:

	Income		Cost of care
	Pension paid by employer (£315.75)	COST OF PACKAGE	Home care,10 hours (£129.70)
TOTAL	£315.75	CONTRIBUTION	100 per cent of INCOME AVAILABLE FOR CHARGING (£129.70)
MINUS	Basic Income Support plus 25 per cent (£165.75)		
EQUALS INCOME AVAILABLE FOR CHARGING	£150.00		

Example 4 – Full payment (Decrease in contribution)

A decrease in the amount of the contribution e.g. a move from the average to actual cost of home care reduces the cost and the service user pays less Ms D is aged 63. She receives 10 hours home care. She has a total income of £365.05 a week. Under the current policy she pays the full cost of care, £174.80. This is based on the average of £17.48 per hour for Home care.

Under the proposed Fairer Contributions policy Ms D will pay £129.70 towards her personal budget. This is decrease of £45.10 in the contribution paid as the actual cost of Home care is less than the average cost.

Ms D could choose to change the type of service she receives (as long as the new service(s) still meet her assessed needs) through her personal budget, but she will always either pay the full cost or care or a contribution. This is worked out as follows:

	Income		Cost of care
	Pension from employer (£350.00)	COST OF PACKAGE	Home care,10 hours (£129.70)
TOTAL INCOME	£350.00	CONTRIBUTION	£129.70
MINUS	Basic Income Support plus 25 per cent (£165.75)		
EQUALS INCOME AVAILABLE FOR CHARGING	£184.25		

Example 5 – Full payment (Increase in contribution)

An increase in the amount of the contribution e.g. a move from the average cost of home care in an extra care setting to actual increases the cost and the service user pays more

Ms E is aged 63. She receives 7 days extra care each week and attends day care twice a week. She has a total income of £432.50 a week. Under the current policy she pays the full cost of her care, £41.93. This is based on the average costs of £41.93 per week (£5.99 per day, 7 days per week) for extra care. Day care is currently not charged for.

Under the proposed Fairer Contributions policy Ms E receives a personal budget and she chooses to use her personal budget to pay for extra care and daycare. Under the proposed Fairer Contributions policy she will pay a contribution of £266.75 towards her personal budget. This is an increase of £224.82 in the amount she pays towards her care package. She will also no longer pay the full cost but will only contribute. This is because the actual cost of extra care is more than the average cost and she is now being charged for daycare.

Ms E could choose to change the type of service she receives (as long as the new service(s) still meet her assessed needs) through her personal budget, but she will always pay the full cost of care or a contribution.

This is worked out as follows:

	Income		Cost of care
	Pension paid by employer (£432.50)		7 days extra care (based on 14 hours week maximum) (£193.06)
TOTAL INCOME	£432.50	PLUS	Day care, 2 days per week (£96.00)
		TOTAL COST	£289.06
		CONTRIBUTION	100% per cent of INCOME AVAILABLE FOR CHARGING (£266.75)
MINUS	Basic Income Support plus 25% per cent (£165.75)		
EQUALS INCOME AVAILABLE FOR CHARGING	£266.75		