

## **Suggested changes to our Direct Payments Policy**

	Why are we making changes?
My House	It's important that we help people who need social services support, to be independent and able to live at home.
	And to have choice and control about what they do
Oirect Payment	One of the ways the Council does this is through <b>Direct Payments.</b>



A Direct payment is money from the Council payed into an account so you can pay for your care and support the way you want it



A Direct Payment does not normally pay for care from friends and family



You and your social worker or care worker can decide on what this care and support should be and put it in a plan



The Council must check that your care and support plan will help make your life better

RULES	There are <b>rules</b> about what you <b>can and cannot spend</b> your direct payment on
	You can spend it on anything that meets your care and support needs. For example:
	eating and drinking
SOAP Shampoo for clean hair	washing
	going to the toilet

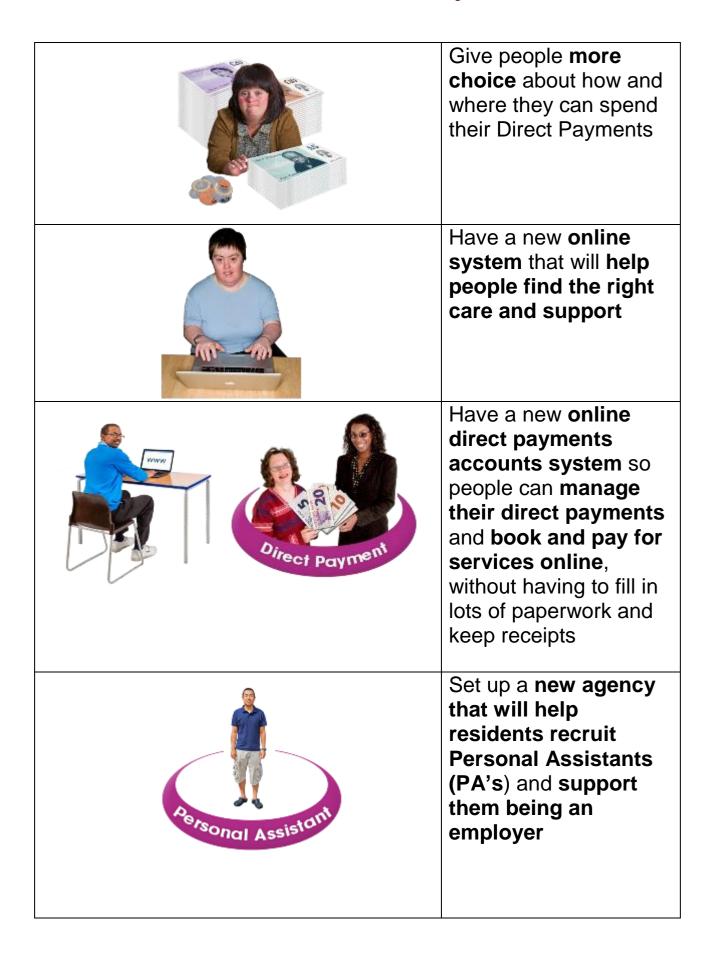




	respite and short break
	You <b>cannot spend</b> a Direct Payment on:
FULL SECTION AND S	anything that is against the law
Betting Shop	gambling
	alcohol

	tobacco
	anything that will <b>harm</b> a person
	paying for things like meals out, fast food takeaways, etc.
Council E Council	anything that other Council services or places like the NHS provide, except in special circumstances
County 201  County	your <b>rent or household bills</b> , like gas or electricity





DIRECT PAYMENTS	Make it easier to have a Direct Payment so more people will choose to have one.
	We want to know how you feel about these suggested changes. If you think they are
	Ok
	Not ok

