Further to your Freedom of Information request FOI67814 please find your questions and our responses below:

1. What actions your council is taking or intends to take to ensure it complies with Clause 2.23 of the Care Act Statutory Guidance (“Developing a local approach to preventative support”) which requires a local authority to:

“…provide or arrange for services, facilities or resources which would prevent, delay or reduce individuals’ needs for care and support, or the needs for support of carers. Local authorities should develop a clear, local approach to prevention which sets out how they plan to fulfil this responsibility, taking into account the different types and focus of preventative support as described above. Developing a local approach to preventative support is a responsibility wider than adult care and support alone, and should include the involvement, by way of example, of those responsible for public health, leisure, transport, and housing services which are relevant to the provision of care and support.”

Please see the link below which is the RBWM prevention strategy setting out our approach
http://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200128/council_publications/167/adult_care_services_strategy_publications

RBWM and CCGs Integrated Commissioning Strategy and Delivery Plan for Carers

2. Relating to Clause 14 of the Care Act 2014 (“Power of local authority to charge), whether or not your council:

I. Currently charges carers for their own support, or;
II. Does not charge carers for their own support but intends to either introduce charges or consult or debate on the introduction of charges in the next 12 months, or;
III. Does not charge carers for their own support and has no current plans to introduce charges.

Answer = III - Does not charge carers for their own support and has no current plans to introduce charges. Therefore question 3 does not apply

3. If your council does charges carers we would like to know further details of how these charges are applied, specifically:
I. How your council calculates the amount a carer will be charged for the support they receive;  
II. The average charge per carer in your local authority; and  
III. The support services the charges apply to.

If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:

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or send an e-mail to martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk

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We are keen to hear about your experience with the Information Management Team here at the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and look forward to receiving any comments you have about the way your information request was processed.

Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

Yours sincerely

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