
2013-14 FEES AND CHARGES

To: **Council – 6 December 2012**

Main Portfolio Area: **Corporate**

By: **Financial Services Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted .**

Ward: **All**

Summary: **To present the proposed fees and charges for 2013/14 for Member approval**

For Decision

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Annex 1 to this report sets out the proposed level of Fees and Charges for 2013-14 in respect of services provided by the Council. Cabinet at its meeting on 8 November agreed to recommend these to Full Council for approval.
- 1.2 As a result of reviewing all the Council's fees and charges, additional income of £197.7k is anticipated in 2013/14. Where increases are proposed, these are in the main at 3% in line with inflation. It is proposed to increase the fees for visiting leisure craft at the Marina by 10%. This recognises the significant improvements that have been made to the facilities at the Harbour, whilst still being competitive
- 1.3 There are no proposed changes to charges for car parking services at this stage as a comprehensive review of the service is currently being undertaken.

2.0 Corporate Implications

2.1 Financial and VAT

- 2.1.1 The proposed Fees and Charges will generate additional income of £197.7k. This has been factored into the budget proposals for 2013/14. Were Members to reject the proposals, then additional savings of the same value would need to be found in order to deliver a balanced budget.

2.2. Legal

- 2.2.1 Some charges are statutory, and are indicated as such in Annex 1, and therefore we have no discretion over these
- 2.2.2 Section 151 of the 1972 Local Government Act requires a suitably qualified named officer to keep control of the Council's finances. For this Council, this is the Chief Executive (S151 Officer), Sue McGonigal, and this report is helping to carry out that function.

2.3 Corporate

- 2.3.1 Corporate priorities can only be delivered with robust finances. The proposed level of fees and charges are believed to be sufficient to meet these priorities by being incorporated into the budget.

2.4 Equality

- 2.4.1 There are no direct equality issues associated with the proposed fees and charges. A full equity and equality impact will be undertaken on the budget proposals to accompany the report going to Cabinet in January 2013.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 That Members approve the Fees and Charges for 2013/14 as set out in Annex 1.

4.0 Decision Making Process

- 4.1 If Council approves the Fees and Charges they will come into force in April 2013.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Fees and Charges Schedule
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Corporate Consultation Undertaken

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