

# **Executive Member for Health, Leisure and Well-Being**

**Friday, 9 March 2007**

**Present:** Councillor Mark Perks

**Officers:** Jamie Carson (Director of Leisure and Cultural Services), Gary Hall (Section 151 Officer) and Tony Uren (Democratic Services Officer)

## **07.01 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS**

The Executive Member had no reason to declare an interest in the meeting's agenda item.

## **07.02 LEISURE AND CULTURAL SERVICES - FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2007/08**

The Executive Member for Health, Leisure and Well-Being considered a report of the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services reviewing the fees and charges for the facilities and services provided or facilitated by the Leisure and Cultural Services Directorate for 2007/08.

The report recommended increases in the fees and charges which reflected current inflation levels, determined after research and comparison with neighbouring authorities and competitors to ensure that the charges remained competitive.

The fees and charges for Duxbury Golf Course would be set by the operators Glendale and Community Leisure Services had been consulted on the recommended charges for the indoor leisure facilities.

Negotiations are currently proceeding on means of delivering the 2007/08 budget target to reduce the management fee for the Indoor Leisure Contract. The outcome of those discussions will be reported to the Executive Cabinet.

### **Decision taken under delegated authority**

That the fees and charges for the facilities and services provided or facilitated by the Leisure and Cultural Services Directorate for 2007/08, as set out in the appendix attached to the Director's submitted report, be approved and adopted with effect from 1 April, 2007.

### **Reason for decision**

To ensure that a reasonable level of fees and charges for leisure and cultural services is set, in order to maximise income and assist the delivery of the social objectives to encourage greater physical activity.

### **Alternative option(s) considered and rejected**

Other levels of increase and reduction have been considered, but these alternatives did not meet the twin objectives of maximising income and encouraging physical activity as well as the recommended levels.

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