

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Leisure and Cultural Services	With Executive Member for Health, Leisure and Well Being, Councillor M Perks	09/03/2007

LEISURE AND CULTURAL SERVICES FEES AND CHARGES 2007/2008

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To review fees and charges for leisure and cultural activities during 2007/2008.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report contributes towards the corporate priority around reducing pockets of inequality by ensuring that services are accessible to those who are least able to afford leisure and cultural services. Appropriate pricing is also essential to ensure that people have improved access to public services.

RISK ISSUES

- The issue raised and recommendations made in this report involve risk considerations in the following categories:

Strategy		Information	
Reputation		Regulatory/Legal	
Financial	4	Operational	
People	4	Other	

- The risks associated with this report relate to Finance and People. It is important that prices are set at a level that maximises income and increase opportunities for people to be physically active.

BACKGROUND

- The setting of fees and charges for Leisure and Cultural Services is an annual process.
- The setting of Leisure and Cultural Services fees and charges is a delegated decision for the Executive Member for Health, Leisure and Well Being.

FEES AND CHARGES 2007/2008

- The recommended fees and charges for 2007/2008 are shown in the Appendix to this report. In arriving at the recommendations for fees and charges, our existing fees and charges were compared to similar facilities, neighbouring authorities and competitors in the voluntary, community and private sectors.



8. Where the previous year's prices are consistent with the market, an inflationary increase has been added and rounded up for ease of cash handling.

DUXBURY PARK GOLF COURSE

9. The fees and charges for Duxbury Park Golf Course are set by Glendale, therefore they are not part of this report. The fees and charges at Duxbury Park Golf Course need to remain consistent with similar pay as you play facilities in the region. This is monitored via separate meetings with Glendale.

INDOOR LEISURE

10. CLS provided suggestions for the fees and charges in our indoor leisure facilities. The additional income generated by this increase is retained by CLS.
11. Within the 2007/08 budget there is a target to reduce the management fee for the Indoor Leisure Contract. Officers are currently in negotiations to deliver this saving without having to resort to above inflation increases. The outcome of these discussions will be reported to Executive Cabinet in due course.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

12. There are no Human Resource issues arising from this report.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

13. The additional income generated by fees and charges will be incorporated within the Leisure and Cultural Services budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

14. To approve the fees and charges for 2007/2008 as set out in the Appendix to this report, with effect from 1 April 2007.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

15. To agree fees and charges for 2007/2008 in order to maximise income and to ensure we deliver the social objectives around increasing physical activity.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

16. Other levels of increase and reduction have been considered but did not meet the twin objectives of maximising income and delivering social objectives around increased physical activity, as well as the recommendations contained in this report.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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