

Committee: Finance & Administration Committee

Agenda Item

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Title: 2010/11 Fees and charges

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Item for decision

Summary

1. This report asks the Committee to set its fees & charges for 2010/11, as set out in Appendix A.
2. Where the Council has discretion over its fees & charges, a review has been carried out by officers which takes into account economic conditions, service objectives and expected activity levels.
3. The rate of VAT reverts to 17.5% with effect from 1 January 2010 and this has been taken into account as part of the review.
4. Changes in fees & charges are within the context of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and 2010/11 Budget Strategy. Inflation (Consumer Prices Index) is currently (November 2009) 1.9%.
5. Land Charges are dealt with by a report elsewhere on tonight's agenda.
6. As detailed in the Members Bulletin issued on 4 December, a new pricing & concessions policy shall be developed and consulted upon during 2010, for implementation in 2011/12.

Recommendations

7. The Committee is recommended to approve the 2010/11 fees & charges as set out in Appendix A.

Background Papers

[Medium Term Financial Strategy](#) approved by Full Council 19 February 2009
[MTFS update report](#) to Finance & Administration Committee 12 October 2009
[2010/11 Budget Strategy report](#) to Finance & Administration Committee 12 October 2009

Impact

Communication/Consultation	No fees or charges are subject to statutory requirements for communication and consultation.
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Community Safety	No specific implications.
Equalities	A new pricing & concessions is currently in development.
Finance	The 2010/11 budget has been prepared on the assumption that the fees & charges will be approved. In the event of any variation, the budget may need to be amended.
Health and Safety	No specific implications.
Human Rights	No specific implications.
Legal implications	The level of charges for some services is subject to statutory provisions.
Sustainability	Some services for which charges are made have an impact on sustainability, and related fees and charges need to be set accordingly.
Ward-specific impacts	No specific implications.
Workforce/Workplace	No specific implications.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Fees & charges do not have the desired effect on service outcomes or budgeted income levels	2 (some risk that variances will occur)	2 (potential impact which could adversely affect service outcomes and/or the council's financial position if not managed)	Budgetary control framework Annual review of fees & charges

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary,

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT & REVENUE SERVICES

	2009/10	2010/11	Does the charge include VAT?	Comments (including date of last increase and rationale for 2010/11 charge)	Effect on income levels in 2010/11 compared with 2009/10
	Charge including VAT where applicable	Proposed Charge including VAT where applicable			
Superloos at: Swan Meadow Car Park, SW Common Car Park, SW Lower Street, Stansted	20p	20p	No	Charge has traditionally been 20p. The Superloos generated income totalling £2,480 excl VAT in 2008/09, and £1,211 excl VAT to month 6 in 2009/10. Costs would be incurred by needing to modify the coin mechanism.	None
Sales income from various staff hot beverage vending machines at the district council offices	15p	15p	Yes	Charge is set so that vending arrangements break even.	None
Sales income from dry vending machine at the district council office	Various	Various	Yes	As above	None
Sales income from can vending machine at the district council office	50p	50p	Yes	As above	None