

**Key Decision:** Yes / No

## **Fees and Charges Report 2014/2015 (Cabinet Member for Regeneration)**

### **Report by the Strategic Director (JM)**

#### **1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 This report puts forward proposals for an increase in the fees and charges relating to the Foreshore services managed by the Parks and Foreshore section.
- 1.2 This includes the approach to increase the fees by 2%.
- 1.3 All of the proposed charges will apply from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

#### **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 This report puts forward proposed increases to the fees and charges relating to the Foreshore services being provided by the Parks and Foreshore section.

#### **3.0 Proposal**

- 3.1 The level of fees and charges proposed are set out in a table in Appendix1. The table details the existing charge and the proposals in adjoining columns. The table also indicates the VAT status of the service.
- 3.2 The approach adopted is to propose increases of 2%, rounded up where practical to the nearest £5.00.

#### **4.0 Legal**

- 4.1 Section 93 of the Local Government Act 2003 provides a general power to charge for discretionary services, such as leisure and cultural services. Discretionary services are those services the Council has a power to, but is not obliged to, provide.

4.2 Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provides a local authority with the discretionary power to provide recreational indoor and outdoor facilities as it thinks fit, that includes the power to provide buildings, facilities, equipment, supplies and assistance of any kind, and at a charge it thinks fit.

4.3 In accordance with the Constitution, The Cabinet Member for the Environment is responsible for events together with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration.

## **5.0 Financial implications**

5.1 The proposals recommended will raise income in the full financial year in line with the 2% target set.

## **6.0 Recommendation**

6.1 The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve the Fees and Charges detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.

## **Local Government Act 1972**

### **Background Papers:**

None

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## **Schedule of other matters**

### **1.0 Council Priority**

1.1 Provide and develop further customer driven cost effective services

### **2.0 Specific Action Plans**

2.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **3.0 Sustainability Issues**

3.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **4.0 Equality Issues**

4.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **5.0 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)**

5.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **6.0 Human Rights Issues**

6.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **7.0 Reputation**

7.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **8.0 Consultations**

8.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **9.0 Risk Assessment**

9.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **10.0 Health & Safety Issues**

10.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **11.0 Procurement Strategy**

11.1 There are no procurement issues identified in this report

### **12.0 Partnership Working**

12.1 Matter considered and no issues identified