

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

12 NOVEMBER 2014

REPORT OF HEAD OF COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

COMMUNITY CENTRE REVIEW OF ROOM BOOKING – UPDATE

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the actions taken from the review of Room Booking Charges at the Melton Sure Start and Community Centre's in November 2013.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Members to note that recommendations in previous report from November 2013 have been implemented.**
- 2.2 **To note that Room Booking Charges have been agreed to rise with inflation each year as a minimum and any increase on that rate will be brought to Members to discuss before any higher charge would be implemented.**
- 2.3 **Members to note the Charges for 2015/16 that are being proposed for approval (Appendix A).**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 As per the review in 2013 Officers have made a number of changes to the way in which the Council promotes and manages the room bookings at the Community and Children's Centres. The review concluded that the charges are competitive with similar facilities locally and that an annual rise in line with inflation is deemed to be fair.
- 3.2 Leicestershire County Council is currently reviewing the way in which they will run Sure Start Services and we are unsure what impact this may have beyond 2016/17 in relation to the operation of our buildings.
- 3.3 In the future these charges will be presented to Members in line with other charges and fees relevant to this committee

4.0 POLICY & CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This policy links directly into the council's charging policy but has no immediate effect on that policy.

5.0 FINANCIAL & OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no additional resource implications identified.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

- 6.1 There are no direct legal implications relating directly to this report.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

- 7.1 The Centre's have played a key role to date in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and it is important that we ensure they can serve the community as efficiently as possible in order to ensure the public can engage in positive activities.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed and will be forwarded to the Equalities Steering Group for Assessment.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 A detailed risk register will be drawn up for this project.

Probability
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Very High A				
High B				
Significant C		2	1,3	
Low D				
Very Low E				
Almost Impossible F				
	IV Negligible	III Marginal	II Critical	I Catastrophic

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Impact

Risk No.	Description
1	Loss of key staff
2	Marketing is not sufficient
3	Sure Start Services Reduced

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no climate change issues directly arising from this report.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 This policy has undergone consultation with staff members, current users of the centre's and resident groups.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 All wards are affected

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Appendices: Appendix A – 2015/16 Room Booking Charges

Reference: X: Committees/CSA/2014-15/121114/HR- Community centre charging

Background Papers None