

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

21 MARCH 2017

REPORT OF HEAD OF COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBOURHOODS

OPERATIONS, FEES & CHARGES- / WATERFIELD LEISURE CENTRE/KING EDWARD VII LEISURE CENTRE

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek members approval on the fees and charges proposed for 2017/18 for the Waterfield and King Edward VII Leisure Centres.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 **Members approve the fees and charges relating to the Waterfield and King Edward VII Leisure Centres for 2017/18**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 Waterfield Leisure Centre

Waterfield Leisure Centre continues to attract high number of visitors and is sustaining the number of people participating in a range of activities at the Centre since the Councils refurbishment investment.

The Management Operator, SLM, set the fees and charges for the centre, however, in line with our contract the Council need to approve the proposals.

In regards to 2017/18 the proposals are attached as Appendix A.

Members will note from Appendix A that the prices proposed are moderate and in many cases remain as 2016/17.

3.2 King Edward VII Centre

Since the freehold acquisition of the King Edward VII site officers have been working with the interim management Company SLM, to increase the usage and offer at the facility.

In regards to any changes to the fees and charges, they are also included within Appendix A.

Members are asked to note no increases are proposed for 2017/18.

Members will be aware that interim management arrangements only cover 2017/18 as a longer term procurement process has begun and coordinated through the Melton Sports, Leisure & Culture Working Group.

3.3 Participation

Members are asked to note Appendix B which shows the usage figures for both sites.

In regards to the WLC following the slight dip in attendance during 2016 following the full year after the refurbishment, attendance has started to increase near to the peak 2015 figures.

During 2016 there were over 315,000 visitors to the WLC

In regards to the King Edward site 2015 and much of 2016 was focused on developing the customer base for the site, following purchase by the Council. A number of initiatives and activities were piloted and promoted to increase participation and the latter part of 2016 and early 2017 indications are that participation has increased significantly.

Officers are preparing a report highlighting the increased level of activities and initiatives that have been introduced at the site and this will be presented to members at their June Committee.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Both services have direct links to some of the Council's Priorities around economic well-being, healthier communities and independent lives.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATION

5.1 The WLC contract with SLM is based on an annual management fee payable by SLM for the duration of the contract, fees and charges are proposed by SLM as part of their business plan linking it to the management fee the Council receives.

5.2 Members at the full council approved the revenue budgets for 2017/18 which included the full year budget for the management of the King Edward site.

5.3 Officers will be working throughout the year to introduce new revenue stream/activities as the interim management arrangements are linked to on-going income and expenditure and officers are currently progressing Tennis provision proposals that have the potential to increase income and thus reduce the management fee payable by the Council.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 No direct legal implications have been identified.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 No community safety issues have been identified in this report.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 An initial Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken in regards to the proposals contained in this report, the charges designed to be reasonable and affordable for all users of the service.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 The risk around the proposed increasing having a detrimental impact on the services has been assessed as low having a critical impact. Officers will be closely monitoring

this as any risk of losing users will mean a loss of income and less than as per the workings.

10.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE**

10.1 No direct impactions have been identified.

11.0 **CONSULTATION**

11.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken in regards to the recommendations in this report however, the proposals do take into account current usage and feedback. .

12.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 All wards are affected.

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Appendices:	Appendix A – Summary of proposed charges and Fees. Appendix B- Summary of usage of both sites
Background Papers:	None
Reference:	X: C'tees, Council & Sub-C'tees/CSA/21-03-17/HR- W2W-WLC=KEVII fees and charges