

EASTLEIGH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 19 January 2021

FEES AND CHARGES

Report of the Local Area Manager

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee:

- (1) approve the fees and charges set out in the Appendices A-D to come into effect from 1 April 2021; and**
- 2) keep the charges for car parking unchanged for 2021/22, in line with the emerging corporate recommendation**

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| Summary |
| Fees and Charges for Council services are reviewed on a regular basis. In accordance with the budget strategy approved by the Cabinet in October, fees and charges levied by the Council are being reviewed with the intention of increases being introduced with effect from April 2021 where possible. |
| Statutory Powers |
| Section 151 of the, Local Government Act 1972 |

Strategic Implications

2. This report relates to the Council's new ways of working which includes "Operating in a business-like, commercially focused way".

Introduction

3. The purpose of this report is to examine the effects of income received by the Council with regard to fees and charges levied for services that are the responsibility of Eastleigh Local Area Committee.
4. Local Area Committees have the discretion to set fees for services devolved to their areas subject to compliance with the corporate target to generate an additional minimum yield from fees and charges of 2%. This yield increase should be introduced from April 2021 where possible.

Fees and Charges

5. The Service Managers responsible for the affected services have recommended increasing the Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021 and the proposed charges are shown in Appendix A to D.
6. The November 2020 Cabinet approved the following recommendation: 'To support the local economy and town and local centres during the health crisis, businesses will benefit from a real-terms reduction in Environmental Health service costs and a reduction of up to 80% in the cost of Table and Chairs Licences. To support the recovery of the Borough's town and local centres, parking tariffs in car parks will also be frozen.'
7. Car parking income has significantly reduced due to COVID-19 restrictions; the corporate yield target has not been applied to this area, and Local Area Committees are therefore not expected to meet any shortfall. It is therefore recommended that parking charges remain unchanged for 2021/22.

Risk Management

8. There is always a risk that proposed charges will not yield the overall anticipated 2% additional income target for the Budget. The impact of simply increasing the fees and charges needs to be balanced against the impact on demand and this will be monitored closely during the quarterly Performance and Financial Monitoring processes throughout the year.

Equality and Diversity Implications

9. Any service equality and diversity implications will have been considered by Heads of Service as part of their Service Planning processes. No equality and diversity implications have been identified. Rates for statutory, voluntary and community organisations to hire facilities are lower than those for commercial organisations, reflecting the Council's encouragement of equal opportunities and positive action towards groups with protected characteristics.

Conclusion

10. A review of the Local Area Committee fees and charges has been undertaken and where possible the review reflects the budget requirement to achieve a 2% increase in yield. It is recommended that the fees and charges come into effect from the 1 April 2021.

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| Appendices Attached: | 4 |

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D

The following is a list of documents which disclose facts or matters on which this report or an important part of it is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. This list does not include any published works or documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information.

List Background Papers or state - None.

Countryside Service Fees and Charges with effect from 1 April 2021

| Lakeside Country Park (Charges shown are exclusive of VAT) | 01/04/2020 £ | 01/04/2021 £ | Change % |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Lake and changing room hire, per 3-hour session | | | |
| Commercial | 78.00 | 80.00 | 2.56% |
| Registered charity/community or education | 24.00 | 25.00 | 4.17% |
| Registration fee | 78.00 | 80.00 | 2.56% |
| Lake hire, per 3-hour session | | | |
| Commercial | 78.00 | 80.00 | 2.56% |
| Registered charity/community or education | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0% |
| Registration fee | 78.00 | 80.00 | 2.56% |
| Arena Hire, 9am – 5pm | | | |
| Commercial/public sector over 500 people | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 0% |
| Commercial/public sector up to 500 people | 680.00 | 680.00 | 0% |
| Registered charity/education/club | By agreement | By agreement | |
| Not-for-profit/commercial | By agreement | By agreement | |
| Arena hire, extra time per hour | | | |
| Commercial/public sector | 43.00 | 44.00 | 2.32% |
| Registered charity/education/club | 21.50 | 22.00 | 2.32% |
| Conference Room, large (60-seater) whole day | | | |
| Commercial/public sector | 310.00 | 320.00 | 3.23% |
| Registered charity/education/club | 155.00 | 160.00 | 3.23% |
| Conference Room, large (60-seater) half day | | | |
| Commercial/public sector | 155.00 | 160.00 | 3.23% |
| Registered charity/education/club | 75.00 | 77.00 | 2.67% |
| Conference Room, medium (40-seater) whole day | | | |
| Commercial/public sector | 215.00 | 220.00 | 2.32% |
| Registered charity/education/club | 108.00 | 110.00 | 1.85% |
| Conference Room, medium (40-seater) half day | | | |
| Commercial/public sector | 108.00 | 110.00 | 1.85% |
| Registered charity/education/club | 54.00 | 55.00 | 1.85% |
| Conference Room, small (20-seater) whole day | | | |
| Commercial/public sector | 112.00 | 115.00 | 2.69% |
| Registered charity/education/club | 56.00 | 57.00 | 1.79% |
| Conference Room, small (20-seater) half day | | | |
| Commercial/public sector | 56.00 | 59.00 | 5.36% |
| Registered charity/education/club | 28.00 | 29.00 | 3.57% |
| Conference Room, extras | | | |
| Tea and coffee and biscuits - per person | 1.90 | 1.95 | 2.63% |
| Tea and coffee - per person | 1.35 | 1.40 | 3.74% |
| Photocopying – per single sided copy B&W | 0.12 | 0.15 | 25% |

Outdoor Sports Facilities with effect from 1 April 2021

| Outdoor Sports Facilities (Charges shown are exclusive of VAT) | 01/01/2020 £ | 01/04/2021 £ | Change % |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Cricket | | | |
| Pitch for Adults with two dressing rooms half day or evening matches | 84.00 | 85.50 | 1.79% |
| Pitch for children (under 18 years) with changing facilities | 30.00 | 30.50 | 1.67% |
| Football | | | |
| Pitch for Adults with two dressing rooms | 84.00 | 85.50 | 1.79% |
| Pitch for children (under 18 years) with changing facilities | 32.00 | 32.50 | 1.56% |
| Mini - Soccer pitch - per session | 33.00 | 33.50 | 1.52% |
| Rugby | | | |
| Pitch-Adults with two dressing rooms | 100.00 | 102.00 | 2.00% |
| Pitch-children (under 18) with dressing room | 50.00 | 51.00 | 2.00% |
| Mini – Rugby pitch - per session | 23.50 | 24.00 | 2.13% |

Energy Centre Fees and Charges with effect from 1 April 2021

| Energy Centre (Charges shown are exclusive of VAT) | 01/01/2020 £/hr | 01/04/2021 £/hr | Change % |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Room Commercial Each 1 to 1 Room (Lime room, Blue room. Pink room, White room) | 7.80 | 8.00 | 2.00% |
| Room Vol Org/Stat Agency Each 1 to 1Room (Lime room, Blue room. Pink room, White room) | 6.30 | 6.50 | 2.00% |
| Main hall and chill out area – Commercial | 39.00 | 40.00 | 2.56% |
| Main hall and chill out area – Org/Stat Agency | 31.40 | 32.00 | 1.91% |
| Whole facility (minus recording studio, office & locked storage) – Commercial | 62.80 | 64.00 | 1.91% |
| Recording Studio – Commercial | 12.80 | 13.00 | 1.56% |
| Recording Studio – Org/Stat Agency | 6.30 | 6.40 | 1.59% |
| Kitchen an extra per session amount will be charged – Commercial | 12.70 | 13.00 | 2.36% |
| Kitchen an extra per session amount will be charged – Org/Stat Agency | 12.70 | 13.00 | 2.36% |
| Whole Centre all day – Commercial | 385.00 | 395.00 | 2.60% |
| Whole Centre all day – Org/stat Agency | 310.00 | 315.00 | 1.61% |
| Gasson Suite - Commercial | 17.30 | 17.70 | 2.31% |
| Gasson Suite - Other | 13.80 | 14.00 | 1.45% |
| New Customers one month free on bookings over 6 months | | | |

Cemeteries Fees and Charges with effect from 1 April 2021

| Cemeteries (All charges inclusive of VAT where applicable) | 01/01/2020 £ | 01/04/2021 £ | Change % |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Internment: | | | |
| Single depth | 1,012.00 | 1,033.00 | 2.08% |
| Double depth | 1,287.00 | 1,315.00 | 2.18% |
| Re-open to single depth | 1,091.00 | 1,115.00 | 2.20% |
| Cremated remains | 348.00 | 356 | 2.30% |
| For right to scatter ashes | 94.00 | 96 | 2.13% |
| Additional charge for providing a 24-hour burial service | 580.00 | 593 | 2.24% |
| Exhumation | POA | POA | |
| Additional Charge for Weekend Working or late funerals incurring overtime. | 219.00 | 224 | 2.28% |
| Plot in Columbarium (includes purchase and rights for inscribed plaque and first interment) | 878.00 | 898 | 2.28% |
| Exclusive burial rights (30 years) - plot selected by Council (purchased at time of burial): | | | |
| Plot for Adult | 880.00 | 898 | 2.05% |
| Plot for Cremated remains | 368.00 | 376 | 2.17% |
| Plot selected by purchaser (purchased in advance, only available at Eastleigh Cemetery): | | | |
| Plot for Cremated remains | | | |
| Transferral of burial deeds | | | |
| Memorials: | | | |
| Inscribing vase under 10" | 98.00 | 100 | 2.04% |
| Any memorial (includes memorial licence for 10 years) | 382.00 | 390 | 2.09% |
| Charges for additional inscription | 88.00 | 90 | 2.27% |
| Memorial shrubs or roses for 7 years | 176.00 | 180 | 2.27% |
| Memorial benches for additional 7 years | 94.00 | 96 | 2.13% |

N.B Double charges will be made for all the above fees to non-residents (after two years outside of the Borough). An exception is made where a resident moves outside the Borough for specialist nursing home or hospital care.