

CHANDLER'S FORD AND HILTINGBURY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday 14 March 2018

FEES AND CHARGES

Report of the Local Area Manager

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee:

- 1) approve the Cemeteries fees and charges to come into effect from 1 April 2018.

Purpose

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 2018 where possible.

Statutory Power

Section 151 of the, Local Government Act 1972

Strategic Implications

1. This report relates to the council's new ways of working which includes 'Operating in a business-like, commercially focussed way'.

Introduction

2. The purpose of this report is to examine fully the effects of income received by the Council with regard to fees and charges levied for services that are the responsibility of Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury LAC. A minimum increase in yield of 4.9% for all fees and charges is recommended to be implemented from April 2018 where possible.
3. 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 4.9%.

Cemeteries

4. The Service Manager has recommended increasing the Fees and Charges for Cemeteries from 1st April 2018 and the proposed charges are shown in Appendix A.

Risk Management

5. The policy of increasing charges for services at a level of 1.0% above inflation as measured by RPIX is part of the Council's approved Budget Strategy. There is a risk that proposed charges will not yield the overall anticipated 4.9% additional income target for the budget but this will be monitored closely during the quarterly Corporate Budget Monitoring processes throughout the year.

Equality and Diversity Implications

6. 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.

Conclusion

7. 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 4.9% increase in yield. It is recommended that the fees and charges come into effect from the 1st April 2018.

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