

# HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Monday 5 November 2018

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

### Report of the Local Area Manager

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#### Recommendations

It is recommended that this Committee:

- (1) approves the formal allocation of £100,000 plus interest for public art within Boorley Park as per the Section 106 agreement schedule;
  - (2) approves the stated Fees and Charges for Itchen Valley Country Park to come into effect in January 2019 AND
  - (3) approves an increase of 20p to the parking tariffs for Hedge End Train Station car park and Stroudley Way commencing from 7 February 2019
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#### Summary

The recommended funding will support project(s) which meet identified local needs. The project(s) will also contribute to the achievement of corporate priorities. Councillors are requested to approve this funding along with the stated fees and charges for the devolved services at Itchen Valley Country Park, Hedge End Train Station car park and Stroudley Way.

#### Statutory Powers

Section 1 Localism Act 2011 and Section 151 of the Local Government Act

#### Strategic Implications

1. Public art can be described in many ways such as a statue, perhaps a painting or mural, benches, way markers (route signage), music and dance performances. In terms of strategic importance, it can enable healthier lifestyles through activities such as walking and cycling which means that people use alternative transport thereby contributing to the Council's tackling congestion priority. People may be encouraged to use the open and green spaces – the provision of benches will help those who need to rest and the project accords with the aims of Local First in terms of acknowledging local views and needs. The feedback from local councillors and the local community development worker is that people wish to celebrate Botley's history and also to recognise the previous uses of the site through the theme of nature. Public art is also an effective way of making a statement about the local area and can

connect the different groups and provide a focal point.

2. A number of fees and charges are now set by Local Area Committees following a Cabinet decision in September 2012. In accordance with the budget strategy approved by Cabinet in October, fees and charges are being reviewed with the intention of increases based on a 3.5% yield, being introduced from January 2019 where possible. However previously, this Committee agreed that the car park charges for Hedge End Train Station and Stroudley Way were fixed for 2 years until 6 February 2019.

## **Public Art - Boorley Park**

3. Construction of dwellings at Boorley Park, formerly Boorley Green is progressing and at the time of writing, it is hoped that 220 dwellings will be occupied by the end of December 2018.
4. The Council has been carrying out its responsibilities regarding the Section 106 planning agreement in terms of the provision of public art. A steering group has been established and this includes representatives from the Developers' consortium, Botley Parish Councillors and Parish Clerk, Boorley Park's Community Development Worker and Borough Council staff. The steering group has agreed a public art statement in line with the Section 106 requirements.
5. This Group has also been successful in obtaining an "in principle" agreement with the developers of Boorley Gardens to combine their Section 106 agreement for public art with the Boorley Park contribution. Given the proximity of the sites and the aim of integrating them with the whole of Boorley Green and Hedge End North, it makes sense, in terms of economies of scale, to pool this funding. Similar themes could be used and for example, the provision of wayfarers would connect local walking and cycle routes across these sites.
6. As councillors are aware, the Boorley Gardens site has outline planning permission and reserved matters approval for Phase 1 with reserved matters for the remaining phases to be considered in the New Year. Therefore any funding cannot be formally allocated by this Committee currently but councillors are asked to note the Steering Group's intention to combine the funding and to consult on this basis.
7. The Steering Group has identified 2 broad themes and these are connecting with nature and local history. Residents and the wider community were invited to a consultation event on 20 October to discuss their ideas and also to add any other themes and ideas to assist the Steering Group in its deliberations. This Consultation is also available on line until 18 November 2018 at:-  
[www.eastleigh.gov.uk/boorleygreenart](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/boorleygreenart).
8. Given the scheduling of payments, the public art projects will be delivered over a period of time, possibly 9 - 10 years. This will enable new residents, school children and community groups to be involved in public art projects as building phases are completed and funding becomes available.
9. Councillors are therefore requested to approve the formal allocation of £100,000 plus interest as per the Section 106 agreement 0/12/71514 between the Borough Council

and the developers.

## Fees and Charges – Itchen Valley Country Park

10. The Council's Country Parks Visitor Services Manager has recommended the following increases in fees and charges for Itchen Valley Country Park as follows:

ITCHEN VALLEY COUNTRY PARK			
	1 Jan 2018	1 Jan 2019	Change
Use of Bridle Route (Private)	£	£	%
- Per horse	52.50	Under review	N/A
Use of Bridle Route (Schools)	1 Jan 2018	1 Jan 2019	Change
	£	£	%
- Per animal	75.00	Under review	N/A
Barbeque Charges	1 Jan 2018	1 Jan 2019	Change
	£	£	%
Up to 60 people Monday – Thursday	46.00	47.50	3.26
Up to 60 people Friday – Sunday	61.00	63.00	3.28
Over 60 people Monday – Thursday	73.50	76.00	3.40
Over 60 people Friday – Sunday	86.50	89.50	3.47
School Parties	1 Jan 2018	1 Jan 2019	Change
	£	£	%
- Classroom hire	55.00	57.00	3.63
- Equipment hire	29.50	30.50	3.39
- Visit / Activity – Led by EBC Staff – per child	5.25	5.50	4.76
General Guided Walks (Minimum Charge)	1 Jan 2018	1 Jan 2019	Change
	£	£	%
- Adults	3.80	3.95	3.95

- Concessions	2.60	2.70	3.85
Guided Walks / Activities for Groups on request	1 Jan 2018 £	1 Jan 2019 £	Change %
- Charge per hour	36.50	37.80	3.56
Play Schemes – Daily Charge (formerly weekly charge of £82 per week)	1 Jan 2018 £	1 Jan 2019 £	Change %
– daily charge	24.00	25.00	4.17
Hire of High Hill Field (Minimum Charge)	1 Jan 2018 £	1 Jan 2019 £	Change %
Charitable organisations			
- Up to 1,000 people	350.00	362.00	3.43
- Over 1,000 people	640.00	662.00	3.44
Non – Charitable Organisations			
- Up to 1,000 people	640.00	662.00	3.44
- Over 1,000 people	1575.00	1630.00	3.49
Room hire per hour (minimum charge 2 hours)	24.00	25.00	4.17
Room Hire for Parties (Up to 5 hours)	54.00	56.00	3.70
Car Parking	Nov. 2017 £	Jan 2019 £	Change %
Up to one hour	1.30	1.40	7.69
Up to two hours	2.50	2.60	4.00
Up to three hours	3.70	3.90	5.41
Four hours+	4.30	4.50	4.65
Other parking charges	Nov 2017 £	Jan 2019 £	Change %

Coaches	20.00	21.00	5.00
Orange / Blue badges	Free	Free	N/A
Motorcycles	Free	Free	N/A
Annual Permits	45.00	47.00	4.44
6 Monthly Permits	25.00	26.00	4.00
Quarterly Permits	15.00	16.00	6.67

11. Councillors will recall that the fees and charges for the bridle routes were frozen last year following disruption to this provision because of the tree works. The future of the bridle routes is currently under further discussion as part of the master planning for the Park so any proposed fees and charges will be brought to a future Committee meeting for consideration.
12. The fees and charges at Itchen Valley Country Park have been rounded up and the overall increase is 3.86%. It is difficult to judge the exact impact as the car parking income is fluctuating due to issues with the performance of the new machines. Once these become more reliable, then staff will be more confident that the forecast will be achieved. Councillors are reminded that the cost of the new machines needs to be repaid to the Council's Cabinet from any over performance against budget.

### **Fees and Charges – Hedge End Train Station car park**

13. At this Committee's meeting on 7 November 2016, it was agreed to fix the parking tariffs at the train station car park and at Stroudley Way for 2 years until 6 February 2019.
14. The current all day charge is £3.50, Monday to Friday, 8am – 4pm with no charges over the weekend or on bank holidays.
15. The Council Strategy Lead (Environment) has advised that the charge should be increased to £3.70 giving a monetary increase of £2,027 which is just short of the projected forecast of £2,105.25.
16. Councillors are requested to approve the proposed fees and charges as outline in this report.

### **Financial Implications**

17. There will be sufficient funding within this Committee's capital budgets to afford any proposed public art project(s) but the risk assessment below should be read in conjunction with this section.
18. If this Committee chooses not to implement the recommended fees and charges, it will be liable for any shortfall.

## **Risk Assessment**

19. Payments for the Boorley Park public art are contingent upon receipt of payments from the developers. There is a small risk that payments will not be made but if this did occur, the Council would not progress with the project(s).
20. The contributions for the public art at Boorley Park and Boorley Gardens will not exceed 5 in total. Therefore this is compliant with current legislation and the project(s) will be in line with the relevant S106 agreements.
21. The policy of increasing the yield for fees and charges at a level of 1% above inflation as measured by CPI is part of the Council's approved Budget Strategy. There is a risk that the proposed charges will not provide the overall anticipated yield of 3.5% but this will be monitored closely during the quarterly corporate budget monitoring processes throughout the year.

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

22. The Equality Act is not relevant to the decision in this report as the decision does not relate to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity, or fostering good relations between different people. An Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out.

## **Conclusion**

23. The recommended project(s) will provide future benefit to the local community. Members are requested to approve the funding stream and also to approve fees and charges at Itchen Valley Country Park, Hedge End Train Station and Stroudley Way.

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Appendices Attached: None

### 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

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