

EASTLEIGH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 15 November 2022

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 between 1 January 2023 and 1 April 2023, as specified in Appendices A to D.**
 - 2) **keep the charges for car parking unchanged for 2023/24, in line with the emerging corporate recommendation, subject to Cabinet approval.**
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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 1 January 2023 where possible.

Statutory Powers

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 focused way".
2. 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.
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 10%. This yield increase should be introduced from January 2023 where possible.

Fees and Charges

4. The Service Managers responsible for the affected services have recommended increasing the Fees and Charges from 1 January 2023 and 1 April as shown in Appendix A to D.
5. The corporate recommendation for car parking is that charges should remain unchanged for 2023/24 in order to continue to encourage visitors to the town centre, subject to Cabinet approval.

Risk Management

6. There is always a risk that proposed charges will not yield the overall anticipated 10% 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

7. 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

8. 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 10% increase in yield. It is recommended that the fees and charges come into effect from the 1 January 2023 and 1 April 2023 as set out in Appendices A to D.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D

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None.