



REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder's Meeting 19 February 2018
LEAD OFFICER: Director, Health and Environmental Services

PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICES 2018/19

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to propose fees and charges for health and wellbeing services for the 2018/19 financial year.
2. This is not a key decision. Portfolio holders have delegated authority to agree fees and charges.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Portfolio Holder approves the proposed fees and charges set out in Appendix A.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. The proposed fees and charges have been calculated on a cost recovery basis wherever possible, but also take into account similar fees and charges by other bodies and consideration of affordability in relation to likely participation.

Background

5. Fees and charges for services should be reviewed at least annually and recommendations made for the following financial year. This is the first report on fees and charges to be brought to the Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder.

Considerations

6. In deciding on any variation the portfolio holder should have regard to a number of factors, including: council policy, council aims and objectives, economic factors e.g. inflation, similar charges made by other bodies, market conditions and the need to recover costs.
7. For the purposes of cost recovery, actual costs incurred have been used wherever possible. Elsewhere, estimates have been used based on a combination of hourly rates and time spent, for example.

8. Appendix A shows the recommended fees and charges for 2018/19. A short explanation of how the fees have been calculated is included below:

Active & Healthy 4 Life

9. Fees are set in discussion with the sports centres and are paid directly to the sports centres. The fees cover part of the cost of the initial assessment, gym sessions and part of the cost of the final assessment. The sports centres cover the majority of the assessment costs to enable the cost to clients to be kept to a minimum to encourage participation. The district council covers the cost of managing the scheme.
10. Fees were last amended in 2014 when the running of the scheme was brought in-house.

Adult Friendly Netball League

11. The Adult Friendly Netball League has been running in South Cambridgeshire since 2008, building on the success of the 'Women Try Netball' programme which encourages women to get active. Approximately 1/2 of women and 1/3 of all men in England are damaging their health through inactivity. Physical inactivity directly contributes to one in six deaths in the UK¹. Netball is a sport that many women have taken part in at school and benefits their social, physical and mental wellbeing.
12. The fees charged to participating teams aims to cover the cost of the hire of courts for the duration of the league (alternate weeks, ten sessions) plus a tournament at the end. Each team also pays a £5 umpire fee each week direct to the umpire to cover umpire expenses. The fee does not cover the cost to the Council for facilitating the league.
13. In 2017 there were 14 teams in the league (usually 14 to 16 teams per year), which resulted in income of £700. The cost of the court hire was £924. It is proposed to increase the cost per team in order to hopefully cover the cost of court hire.

Adult Netball Coaching

14. Adult netball coaching was developed following feedback from participants of the adult friendly netball league. On the weeks that the league does not run, coaching sessions are available for teams/players that do not have access to a qualified coach. Each participant pays a fee for the service.
15. In order to cover the cost of hiring courts, instructor time and administration, the Council (using 2017/18 fees) requires an average of 13 people per week to attend each of the ten sessions, which is achievable. In 2017/18 there were, however, only an average of ten attendees, therefore an increase is proposed.

¹ Everybody Active, Every Day: An evidence-based approach to physical activity, Public Health England, 2014.

Let's Get Moving

16. Let's Get Moving is a new programme wholly funded by Public Health at Cambridgeshire County Council, which will be setting fees for attendance at a variety of activities. However, because this is an evolving programme it is not possible at this stage to anticipate what the activities will be and therefore what the fees will be. We propose to ensure that fees are set to cover the cost of hiring courts/venues and sports coaches. It is likely that in the short-term the fees will not fully cover the costs, however, there is budget available to subsidise activities in the short-term.

Sports Camps

17. Fees are benchmarked against other equivalent camps held across the county. The fees are set at a level aimed at cost recovery, which takes into account the cost of the venue, instructors, first aiders and administration.
18. The fee was last increased in 2016/17. A small discount is available when booking more than one child onto a camp or for booking multiple days. In 2017/18 further discounts for multiple days was removed because the Council was unable to cover costs. A small increase is proposed in order to cover rising costs.
19. Camps on offer in 2017/18 were netball, athletics, Quick Cricket, rounders and basketball. Based on feedback we are looking to increase the variety of camps we offer over the coming years.

Parklife

20. Over the past three years the Council has charged an administration fee for pre-booking of watersports. Up to 50% of the watersport sessions are currently able to be pre-booked, which helps to manage the sessions on the day, but also allows for people to turn up on the day and access sessions for free.
21. A maximum-level of administration fee is set by the Council in discussion with our partner Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust, and is collected and retained by Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust where they are the administering body. The fee covers the cost of administering the pre-booking, including any IT systems required for this purpose.

Options

22. The Portfolio Holder could:
- (a) approve the fees and charges detailed in Appendix A, or
 - (b) reject the fees and charges detailed in Appendix A, or
 - (c) amend the discretionary fees and charges detailed in Appendix A (there are no statutory fees or charges included within this report).

Implications

23. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk management, equality and diversity, climate change, community safety and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered: -

Financial

24. The recommendations aim to keep the cost to the Council to a minimum, whilst setting fees at levels that are competitive, but low enough to encourage participation.

Consultation responses

25. Partners have been consulted where appropriate and their feedback has helped to shape the proposed fees and charges.

Effect on Strategic Aims

LIVING WELL

26. The programmes included within this report enable the Council to support residents to stay in good physical and mental health.

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