

**Review of Fees and Charges 2017/18 –
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Review – Further Information Requested**

Subject Area	Portfolio Holders Recommendation	Comments Resulting from O&S Meeting 05.12.16	Officer Response	Management Board Response
Marine Hall and Thornton Little Theatre (PH report para 5.2.1)	<p>To increase the non-commercial fees at TLT by between 3% and 4% and the commercial fees by between 4% and 11%.</p> <p>To increase the non-commercial fees at Marine Hall by between 2% and 9% and the commercial fees by between 9% and 15%.</p> <p>Request for subsidy value at Marine Hall.</p>	<p>Concerned that these increases are quite substantial. How do we know that these increases in fees will not drive people away?</p> <p>If market research suggests that these proposed fees make TLT comparable with other venues, would it not be preferable to risk undercutting competitors?</p>		
	Fees for stalls at the Food Festival and the Christmas Market to remain unchanged from 2016/17 to 2017/18.	Why does there appear to be no increase?		
Legal fees (PH report para 5.5.1)	To introduce a number of fees not previously charged.	Supported by the Committee.		
Bulky Household Waste (PH report para 5.6.3)	<p>To increase the current fees of £18 for 3 items and £6 for any additional items to £19.50 and £6.50 respectively.</p> <p>A reduction of the current subsidy from a one third discount to a 10% discount for recipients of certain benefits.</p>	<p>Concern that this could lead to an increase in fly-tipping. Concern that the reduction in discount for some benefits recipients will have a disproportionate impact upon them.</p> <p>For example, someone with 3 items might currently pay £12 (with one third discount) but in 2017/18 they will pay £17.55 (with 10% discount), an increase of just over 46%.</p>		

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Bulky Household Waste (PH report para 5.6.3) (Continued)		<p>If we allow people to 'buddy up' to get three items together, we need to advertise this much more.</p> <p>Promote links with charities e.g. Refurb and British Heart Foundation.</p>		
Provision of Standard Suite of Recycling Containers-New Properties/Replacement Containers (PH report para 5.6.5)	<p>Increase from £47 to £56 for the admin and delivery of the full suite of containers.</p> <p>Proposal to introduce new £20 fee per replacement bin (boxes to remain free of charge).</p>	<p>Does the full suite of containers include the green bin?</p> <p>The current report refers to requiring a crime number for stolen bins. A concern was expressed that this would be onerous on the Police and this should be reworded.</p>		
Leisure Development (PH report para 5.2.3)	Proposal to increase fees for football pitch, cricket pitch and other field hire by between 5% and 15%.	The Council has identified improving the health of our communities as a corporate priority. Should we not be doing all that we can to encourage participation in sport rather than making it more costly?		

Note: Unless specifically referred to in the table above, all the remaining Portfolio Holder recommendations were agreed.