

**TO: THE MONITORING OFFICER
(TOM CLARK, SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL)**

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN BY A CABINET MEMBER
UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

Subject: Fees and Charges for the Council's Indoor Leisure Facilities	
Cabinet Member: Cllr. J Belsey	
Has the Cabinet Member received a report prior to making the decision?	YES
In the case of a key decision where the Cabinet Member has received a report, please state the date a copy of the report was made available to the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee and placed in the public domain:	
Record of decision taken: The proposed charges relating to use of the Council's Indoor Leisure Facilities for the period of 1 st April 2020 – 31 st March 2021.	
Date of decision:	
Statement of reasons for making the decision: A decision is required to set charges for the 2020 – 2021 financial year and to enable the Council and Places Leisure to protect our income base.	
Alternative options considered and rejected:	
Code of Conduct Interest of Cabinet Members? If yes, please advise on the nature and whether dispensation in place	
Is the decision to be protected from call-in? (<i>i.e</i> if any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest) - see Scrutiny Procedure Rule 14 (M)	No
If so, please state:	

Signed:



Cabinet Member for Service Delivery & Environment

This record must be forwarded immediately to the Monitoring Officer (TC) and copied to the relevant Cabinet Member.

For Monitoring Officer

Date of publication of Member Information Service Bulletin	
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Date of decision can be implemented (on the Thursday after publication of the Member Information Service Bulletin, unless already protected from call-in)	
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REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR SERVICE DELIVERY

PROPOSED CORE CHARGES FOR LEISURE OPERATIONS

REPORT OF: Assistant Chief Executive
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Wards Affected: All
Key Decision No

Purpose of Report

1. This report seeks Cabinet Member approval for the setting of Leisure Operations Core Charges for the year 2020/21.

Recommendations

2. **The Cabinet Member for Environment and Service Delivery is recommended to agree the proposed charges as set out in Appendix 1 – Leisure Operations of this report**
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Background

1. The Council's Leisure Centres and Entertainment Venues were transferred to the management of Places Leisure in July 2014. The Leisure Services Agreement outlines the Council's intention to maintain control over the setting of core charges but allows Places Leisure the ability to set their own charges for non-specified activities. The core activities are listed in Appendix 1.
2. The maximum price increase permitted on defined core activities under the Leisure Services Agreement is in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for November of each year. The CPI index for November 2019 has been confirmed at 2.2%.
3. All charging proposals for the next financial year should be prepared and supplied to the Council by 31 December of each year.

Proposal

4. It is accepted as part of the Leisure Services Agreement that at any point during the contract term the Council may request, or the Service Provider may recommend variations to the agreement.
5. For the financial year 2020/21 Places Leisure have requested increases on core charges of more than the CPI index for November 2019 (1.5%), instead requesting an average increase of 3.88%.
6. Whilst some individual increases may exceed this figure, the average increase proposed for the Leisure Centres is 3.88%. The impact of this increase on core prices is shown in Appendix 1.
7. It is recommended that the Council agrees to this increase to allow Places Leisure to develop the leisure offer in Mid Sussex. Considering increased competition from other

operators the recommended price increases to the 'pay as you go' rates would make a membership option more attractive to users. This allows Places Leisure to have greater income security and potentially, enable more investment in the Leisure Centres over the remaining 15 years of the contract. It should also be noted, based on Places Leisure's industry experience, these increases are unlikely to affect visitor numbers and do not extend above those of local competitors

8. It is also recommended that a Variation to the Leisure Services Agreement is made to accommodate, where considered appropriate to do so, future proposals for core charges at Leisure Centres and Entertainment Venues in excess of CPI for the remainder of the contract term (July 2029) with the agreement of the Council as part of this annual review.
9. It is also proposed that a full review of the Swimming Schedules included in the Leisure Services Agreement is carried out. These Schedules strictly define the amount of time and the specific time slots clubs can use the swimming pools at the three Leisure Centres. This restricts the ability to offer more general swimming times and restricts customers choice. It is proposed that a review of these schedules, in conjunction with current clubs, will be carried out in 2020/21 and new Schedules proposed for 2021/22.

Risk

10. The Leisure Services Agreement requires Places Leisure to operate on a fixed management payment system and as such, there is no direct financial risk to the Council.
11. These proposals have been risk assessed and the risk to participation levels is considered to be low.

Financial Implications

12. There are no financial implications to the Council in this report.

Legal Implications

13. The recommended Variations to the Leisure Services Agreement will need to be formally agreed, by way of this report by both the Assistant Chief Executive and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Service Delivery.

Background Papers

None

I agree that the proposed charges be applied as per Appendix 1 from 1 April 2020

Signed:



**Cllr John Belsey
Cabinet Member for Environment and Service Delivery**

Date:

16/03/2020

CORE CHARGES REVIEW APRIL 2020

2019 / 2020 Charges			
	Pay as you Go Member	Non Member	
Swimming			
Leisure Swim Adult	6.40	7.10	
Leisure Swim Concession	3.85	4.25	
Leisure Swim Family	18.20	20.15	
Fitness Swim Adult	4.25	4.70	
Fitness Swim Concession	2.55	2.80	
Swim Lesson Adult (30 mins)	6.15	6.80	
Swim Lesson Junior (30 mins)	27.90	monthly DD	

Dry Activities (60 mins)			
Badminton Adult	11.05	12.30	
* Badminton Concession	6.00	6.65	
Half Hall - Triangle (6 courts)	61.30	68.10	
Half Hall - Dolphin (4 courts)	54.85	60.95	
Whole Hall - Kings (5 courts)	63.60	70.65	
Squash Adult (40 mins)	8.00	8.85	
* Squash Concession (40 mins)	4.25	4.70	
Sports Lesson Adult	7.70	8.50	
Sports Lesson Junior	6.35	7.00	

Fitness Activities			
3/4 Hour Class	5.10	5.75	
1 Hour Class	5.85	6.45	
3/4 Hr Body Training / Yoga / Pilates	6.25	6.90	
1 Hr Body Training / Yoga / Pilates	6.65	7.35	
Aquafit	5.65	6.25	
Gym Session (Triangle & Dolphin)	8.35		
Gym Session (Triangle & Dolphin) (Conc)	4.70		
Gym Session (Kings)	6.85		
Gym Session (Kings) (Conc)	4.15		

Schools (Wet)	Contract inc VAT	Contract Exempt VAT
Instructor (30 mins)	15.80	13.15

Clubs (Wet)		
One Lane	22.61	18.84
Lifeguard (60 mins)	14.68	12.24
Average Uplift %		

Proposed 2020 / 2021 Charges						
Pay as you Go Member	%	Actual uplift proposed	Non Member	%	Actual uplift proposed	
6.75	5.47%	0.35	7.50	5.63%	0.40	
4.05	5.19%	0.20	4.50	5.89%	0.25	
18.90	3.65%	0.70	21.00	4.22%	0.85	
4.40	3.54%	0.15	4.90	4.26%	0.20	
2.60	1.96%	0.05	2.90	3.57%	0.10	
Remove			7.10	4.41%	0.30	
29.00		1.10	monthly DD	3.94%		

11.30	2.26%	0.25	12.60	2.44%	0.30	
6.15	2.50%	0.15	6.80	2.26%	0.15	
63.00	2.77%	1.70	70.00	2.80%	1.90	
56.70	3.37%	1.85	63.00	3.36%	2.05	
65.20	2.52%	1.60	72.50	2.62%	1.85	
8.30	3.75%	0.30	9.20	3.95%	0.35	
4.35	2.36%	0.10	4.85	3.19%	0.15	
Remove			8.70	2.36%	0.20	
Remove			7.20	2.86%	0.20	

5.40	5.88%	0.30	6.00	4.35%	0.25	
5.95	1.71%	0.10	6.60	2.31%	0.15	
6.40	2.46%	0.15	7.10	2.90%	0.20	
6.95	4.51%	0.30	7.70	4.76%	0.35	
5.85	3.54%	0.20	6.50	4.06%	0.25	
8.60	3.05%	0.25				
4.90	4.26%	0.20				
7.00	2.20%	0.15				
4.30	3.68%	0.15				

Contract inc VAT	%	Actual uplift proposed	Contract Exempt VAT	%	Actual uplift proposed
16.50	4.43%	0.70	13.75	4.56%	0.60

24.00	6.15%	1.39	20.00	6.15%	1.16
15.60	6.24%	0.92	13.00	6.24%	0.76

* Concession Prices so marked are only given at Off Peak times - Mon - Fri: Open - 5pm, Sat & Sun: All Day