
FEES AND CHARGES

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report summarises the key issues in relation to fees and charges for the 2010-11 budget.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The proposed levels of fees and charges are approved.

3 DETAIL

- 3.1 The Council raises fees and charges for a number of services it delivers. The Council reviews the levels of fees and charges each year.
- 3.2 In general it is proposed to increase fees and charge by 1.5% for 2010-11. In some cases fees and charges are rounded up or down and that gives a variation from the simple 1.5%. However the overall increase is based on 1.5% with a few exceptions. The main exceptions to this are:
- Commercial refuse collection – Increased in line with landfill tax.
 - Hire of sports pitches (Operational Services) increased to reflect actual cost of service provision.
 - No increase for school meals and car parking fees.
- 3.3 Appendix 1 contains the full list of fees and charges for each department.
- 3.4 As most inflationary provisions in the budget have been removed the draft budget has been prepared generally without any increase in income for fees and charges. This means the proposed fees and charges will yield £140,000 of additional income that is not built into the budget for 2010-11. The Council will need to decide how to utilise this income as part of the budget deliberations on the 11 February.
- 3.5 There are 2 areas where a change in the approach to charging is proposed. Both relate to car parking. It is proposed to introduce new chargeable car parks in both Rothesay and Tobermory. It is estimated this will yield an additional £20,000 of income. It is also proposed to remove the seasonality and have full year charging in Inveraray and Luss. It is estimated this will yield an additional £22,000 of income. Both these proposals are laid out in page 356 of the service plans pack.

3.6 The charging policy for Adult Services is currently being subject to a wholesale review and a further report will be brought to the Executive in due course. No budgetary implications have been identified in relation to this at this stage.

4 CONCLUSION

4.1 The proposal is to increase fees and charges by 1.5% within the main exceptions noted in paragraph 3.2. The increase will yield an additional £140,000 not built into the budget. The proposals for new charges are summarised in paragraph 3.5 and further detail is provided on page 356 of the main budget pack.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy – Sets levels of fees and charges for 2010-11

Financial - Sets levels of fees and charges for 2010-11

Legal – None

Personnel – None

Equal Opportunities – None

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