
EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2016

ROSP.92/16 BUDGET 2017/18

(c) Review of Charges

The Chief Finance Officer presented the Review of Charges reports informing the Panel that there was a 3% increase on the overall level of income in line with the Corporate Charging Policy.

Community Services

Report SD.27/16 was submitted setting out the proposed fees and charges for 2017/18 relating to those services falling within the Community Services Directorate.

The charges highlighted within the report would result in an anticipated level of income of £2,775,200 against the MTFP target of £2,835,200. That represented a shortfall of £60,000 against the MTFP target.

The Executive had on 21 November 2016 (EX.99/16) received the report and:

“That the Executive:

- (i) Agreed for consultation the charges as set out in the body of Report SD.27/16 and relevant appendices with effect from 1 April 2017, noting the impact those would have on income generation as detailed within the report.
- (ii) Delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder and Chief Finance Officer, the agreement of discounts on the car parking permit process within agreed limitations.
- (iii) Delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder and Chief Finance Officer, the agreement of variations to car parking ticket charges within parameters agreed by the Executive.”

A Member highlighted the increase in charges for the annual car park permit for Talkin Tarn and asked for the rationale behind it. In response, the Panel was informed that the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel had scrutinised the matter in some detail and found that there was a waiting list for the annual permit and there was an intention to limit and manage the number of permits. Members asked for full details to be provided by the Green Spaces and Bereavement Services Manager.

A Member asked how the proposed increase to advertising income would be achieved and the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services highlighted section 8.1 of the report which stated that the increase would come from the digital banner. It was agreed that further information would be provided by the Contracts and Community Services Manager

RESOLVED – 1) That the Community Services Review of Charges report (SD.27/16) be noted;

2) That the Green Spaces and Bereavement Services Manager provide written details of the rationale for the increase to the annual car parking permit charge for Talkin Tarn;

3) That the Contracts and Community Services Manager provide written details regarding the increase to the advertising income.

Economic Development

Report ED.45/16 was submitted setting out the proposed fees and charges for areas falling within the responsibility of the Economic Development Directorate.

The proposed charges in relation to Planning Services included Development Control income; Building Control income; and Local Plan income.

Acceptance of the charges highlighted within the report, with the exception of Building Control which was self-financing, would result in an anticipated level of income of £662,600 against the Medium Term Financial Plan target of £662,600.

The Executive had on 21 November 2016 (EX.100/16) received the report and agreed:

“That the Executive agreed for consultation the charges, as set out in Report ED.45/16 and accompanying Appendices, with effect from 1 April 2017; noting the impact those would have on income generation as detailed within the report.”

RESOLVED – That the Economic Development Review of charges 2017/18 report (ED.45/16) be noted.

Governance and Regulatory Services

Report GD.62/16 was submitted concerning the proposed fees and charges for areas falling within the responsibility of the Governance and Regulatory Services Directorate.

The report set out the proposed charges relative to Environmental Health and Housing; Homeless, Prevention and Accommodation Services; and Legal Services. The introduction of the proposed charges was forecast to generate income of £893,300 in 2017/18 as summarised in the table at Section 5.16 of the report.

The Executive had on 21 November 2016 (EX.101/16) received the report and:

“That the Executive agreed for consultation the charges as detailed within Report GD.62/16 and accompanying Appendices, with effect from 1 April 2017; and noted the impact thereof on income generation as detailed within the report.”

RESOLVED – That the Governance and Regulatory Services Review of Charges 2017/18 report (GD.62/16) be noted.

Governance and Regulatory Services - Licensing

Report GD.57/16 was submitted 16 setting out the proposed fees and charges for areas falling within the responsibility of the Licensing Section of the Governance and Regulatory Services Directorate. He advised Members that the Regulatory Panel had responsibility for determining the licence fees, with the exception of those under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013, which fell to the Executive.

The Executive had on 21 November 2016 (EX.102/16) received the report and agreed:

“That the Executive:

1. Noted the charges which were considered by the Regulatory Panel on 26 October 2016.
2. Noted that the fees under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 had been determined by the Executive for a three year period on 1 August 2016.”

RESOLVED – That the Governance and Regulatory Services - Licensing Review of Charges 2017/18 report (GD.57/16) be noted.