

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2002

EX.314/02 CHARGES REVIEW -- LEISURE FACILITIES (Key Decision)

Portfolio Health and Wellbeing

Subject Matter

The Director of Leisure and Community Development reported (LCD.17/02) on proposed increases in charges. The Director commented that increases in respect of Sports Pitches etc, were in accordance with the Council's Corporate Charging Policy. In respect of Bereavement Services, increases were proposed above the corporate charging policy to reflect the need, as identified by District Audit, for the City Council to avoid subsidising the Service as it was currently doing.

He further sought instructions on whether charges for Tullie House should be increased in view of the continuing fragility in the tourism market. He further reported that Sport and Recreation charges would in the future be set by the contractor subject to controls imposed by the Leisuretime Contract.

Summary of options rejected

None

DECISION

- (1) That the increases in charges for Sports Pitches as set out in Report LCD.17/10 which are in line with the Corporate Charging Policy be approved for recommendation as part of the Council's 2003/04 Budget Process.
- (2) That as part of the Council's 2003/04 Budget Process it be recommended that the charges in respect of Tullie House be increased in line with the Corporate Charging Policy.
- (3) That the proposed charges for Bereavement Services for 2003/04 be considered as part of the budget consultation exercise to be carried out in December 2002.

Reasons for Decision

The charges for Sports Pitches and Tullie House are to be increased in line with the Corporate Charging Policy.

In respect of Bereavement Services, increases were being proposed above the corporate charging policy to reflect the need, as identified by District Audit, for the City Council to avoid subsidising the Service as it was currently doing. The proposed increases would be subject to further debate.