
EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2011

ROSP.90/11 REVIEW OF CHARGES 2012/13

a) Local Environment

Report LE.23/11 was submitted setting out the proposed fees and charges for areas falling within the responsibility of the Local Environment Directorate. The proposed charges related to income from City Centre usage by external organisations, Car Parking, Allotments, Sports Pitches, Environment Quality, Food Safety, Waste Services and Bereavement Services.

The Executive had on 22 November 2011 (EX.141/11) received the report and resolved:

“That the Executive:

1. agreed for consultation the proposed charges, as set out in Report LE.23/11, relevant Appendices and the Addendum; and noted the impact of those charges on income generation, as detailed within the report. (The Executive would agree an implementation date at their December 2011 meeting).
2. granted delegated responsibility to the Assistant Director (Local Environment), in consultation with the Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder, for making any changes to the charges set out for the use of parks and green spaces and to have the Scheme of Delegation amended accordingly.”

RESOLVED – That report LE.23/11 be noted.

b) Community Engagement

The Assistant Director (Resources) (Mr Mason) submitted report CD.25/11 which set out the charges for the Hostel Service annual charge reviews falling within the responsibility of the Community Engagement Directorate.

The Executive had on 22 November 2011 (EX.142/11) received the report and agreed for consultation the increase in charges with effect from 1 April 2012; and noted the impact thereof on income generation as detailed within the report.

RESOLVED – That report CD.25/11 be noted.

c) Economic Development

The Assistant Director (Resources) (Mr Mason) submitted report ED.39/11 setting out the proposed fees and charges for the services falling within the remit of the Economic Development Directorate. The proposed charges related to income from Tourism and City Centre Management, Assembly Rooms, Enterprise Centre, Planning, Development Control and Building Control.

The Executive had on 22 November 2011 (EX.143/11) received the report and agreed for consultation the proposed charges with effect from 1 April 2012; and noted the impact thereof on income generation as detailed within the report.

In response to a Member's question the Assistant Director (Governance) (Mr Lambert) explained that some of the charge within building control and planning were discretionary but it should be noted that some charges in building control could only make charges which would allow the service to break even and not make a profit.

RESOLVED – That report ED.39/11 be noted.

d) Governance

Report GD.62/11 was submitted setting out the proposed fees and charges for areas falling within the remit of the Governance Directorate.

The proposed charges in respect of Electoral Registers; Room Lettings, Minute Books and Local Land Searches, the acceptance of which would result in an anticipated level of income of £154,400 in 2012/13.

The Executive had on 22 November 2011 (EX.144/11) received the report agreed for consultation the proposed charges with effect from 1 April 2012 and noted the impact thereof on income generation.

RESOLVED – That report GD.62/11 be noted.

e) Licensing

Report GD.58/11 was submitted for information setting out the fees and charges for areas falling within the responsibility of the Licensing Section of the Governance Directorate. The Regulatory Panel had on 19 October 2011 approved the fees.

The Executive had on 22 November 2011 (EX.145/11) noted that the Licensing Charges had been approved by the Regulatory Panel on 19 October 2011.

RESOLVED – That report GD.58/11 be noted.