

Time started: 11.30am  
Time ended: 11.40am

## **Communities and Streetpride Cabinet Member Meeting 31 January 2024**

Present: Councillor Dhindsa

In Attendance: Stuart Kitchen – Parks and Greenspaces Manager  
Duncan Cowie - Head of Parks and Active Living

### **06/23 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **07/23 Late Items**

There were no late items.

### **08/23 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **09/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2023 were agreed as an accurate record.

### **10/23 Parks and Outdoor Events Pricing Schedule Proposals 2024**

The Cabinet Member considered a report which stated that the Climate and Environment Service (Place Directorate) annually reviewed its fees and charges across a range of services. This was to ensure that the fees and charges where applicable reflected the cost of delivering services, considering comparator rates for these services in the sector, ensuring that inflationary cost increases were considered and to enable budget income targets to be achieved.

It was noted that the general approach in most cases had been to consider an inflationary increase of between 3% and 6% on the fees and charges for the activities listed in paragraph 4.4 of the report, although there were variations from this for some activities.

It was noted that the annual inflationary increase to fees and charges would be applied to the following activities across Parks:

- Markeaton Park car parking
- Individual Mundy Play Centre activities at Markeaton Park
- Tennis

- Allotments
- Hire of Parks and open spaces for events and activities
- Mobile event catering
- Equipment hire for parks events
- Hire of parks community rooms.

It was reported that the following were examples of where there had been a variance from the inflationary increase to fees and charges:

- Markeaton Park Pitch and Putt and Footgolf – no increase to encourage more usage.
- Mundy Play Centre book of ten tickets – slight increase above inflation due to staffing costs.
- Artificial Cricket Wicket bookings – increase above inflation to contribute to increased maintenance and repair costs.
- Grass pitch football - increase above inflation to contribute to increased maintenance and repair costs.
- Five a side football – synthetic surface pay as you play – significant reduction in price to encourage more use and in recognition that most of these facilities are located in more deprived areas of the city.
- A new pricing category for partnership events with less than 50 people has been created at a free of charge rate to support community events on parks run by partner organisations.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to approve the principles of the changes proposed to the Parks and Outdoor Events pricing structure and charges to be implemented from 1 April 2024.**
- 2. to delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Streetpride, to agree further changes to fees and charges if appropriate during 2024 to ensure the service maximises income generation opportunities and can be responsive to other implications for the business.**

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