

Time started 11.44 pm
Time ended 11.57 pm

Neighbourhoods and Public Protection Cabinet Member Meeting 4 April 2018

Present: Councillor Banwait

In Attendance: Michael Kay – Head of Environmental Protection, Licensing, Housing Standards and Emergency Planning and Alex Hough – Democratic Services Manager.

19/17 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Afzal.

It was noted that Councillor Banwait had delegated authority to exercise executive functions of individual members of the Council Cabinet, in the event that the relevant individual member was unable to act.

20/17 Late Items

There were no late items.

21/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

22/17 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

23/17 Communities, Environment and Regulatory Services Fees and Charges 2018/19

The Head of Environmental Protection, Licensing, Housing Standards and Emergency Planning presented a report proposing revised fees and charges for services within the Communities, Environment and Regulatory Services directorate for 2018/19.

It was noted that although a number of fees and charges were defined statutorily, where the council had discretion to set fees they had been reviewed. It was reported that the revised charges reflected the cost of delivering services; accounted for comparator rates within the sector where permitted and ensured that inflationary cost increases had been accounted for.

The Leader of the Council enquired which service areas had seen the most significant changes in fees and charges. The Head of Environmental Protection confirmed that new charges had been proposed for food hygiene inspections, where businesses had requested a rescore following a rating of less than five. It was noted that rescore visits undertaken in order to protect public health were exempt from the proposed charge.

The Leader of the Council enquired whether the proposed fees and charges had been benchmarked against Nottingham City Council as part of the Derby Nottingham Metropolitan Strategy. The Head of Environmental Protection confirmed that they had been reviewed in line with comparator authorities.

The Leader of the Council resolved to approve the proposed fees and charges for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, to be implemented with immediate effect.

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