



Report sponsor: Director of Leisure, Culture and
Tourism
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Leisure, Culture and Tourism Department Pricing Schedule Proposals 2022/23

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on the 2022/23 pricing proposals for Leisure Centres, Parks and Open Spaces, non-regulatory Events and Council-operated Libraries.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the principles of the changes proposed to the leisure pricing structure and charges to be implemented from 4 January 2022 and for seasonal activities from 1 April 2022.
- 2.2 To approve delegating responsibility to the Strategic Director for Communities and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing, Leisure, Culture and Tourism to agree further changes to memberships, fees and charges during 2022, to ensure Leisure, Culture and Tourism maximise income generation opportunities and are able to be responsive to other implications for the business.

Reason

- 3.1 To maximise the income potential for the Council, whilst still maintaining value for money for the residents of and visitors to Derby.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The Communities and Place Directorate annually reviews its fees and charges across a range of services. This is to ensure that the fees and charges where applicable reflect the cost of delivering services, taking into account comparator rates for these services in the sector, ensure that inflationary cost increases are taken into account and that budget income targets are achieved.
- 4.2 Taking the above into account during the analysis of the pricing review, the approach has been to consider an inflationary increase of between 3 and 5% on the fees and charges for the activities listed in paragraph 4.3. Where appropriate, prices have been rounded to assist customers and staff and to aid marketing. Significant variations are listed below at 4.4 and are also found in Appendix 1. Typical reasons for variances may include that there is the case for the proposed charge to better reflect market conditions, the quality of the offer and/or to optimise access and usage, as well as the potential to increase gross income whilst maintaining good value for money.

- 4.3 The annual inflationary increase to fees and charges will be applied to the following activities across Leisure Centres, Libraries, Parks and non-regulatory Events;
- Pay as you play sports activities
 - Learn to Swim and Education swimming
 - Sports Centre space hire and block bookings
 - Coaching courses
 - Track cycling
 - Events
 - Car Parking
 - Markeaton Park
 - Sports Pitch hire and bookings
 - Library Charges.
- 4.4 Examples of where there has been a significant variance from the 3 to 5% increase include the following activities where it is proposed not to increase the price:
- Learn to Swim Direct Debit
 - Public Swimming
 - Pitch & Putt/Footgolf and car parking
 - Private Track Hire
 - Health and Fitness Membership
 - Leisure Card Membership
 - Stage 1-4 Cycling sessions
 - Over 75's activities
- 4.5 The proposed 2022/23 inflationary price increases are outlined in Appendix 1. The specific prices have been checked by the Finance team before being submitted for approval at the Cabinet Member Meeting.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Existing holders of any relevant memberships will be given 4 weeks' notice of price changes in line with standard terms and conditions of membership.

Other options

- 6.1 There are options to reduce or increase the inflationary increase, however the pricing structure and charges proposals have been developed to provide value for money to Derby residents and an attractive offer to people living outside the city.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 The specific price increases have been checked by the Finance team before being submitted for approval at the Cabinet Member Meeting.

- 7.2 The pricing schedule is informed by benchmarking exercises with other local authorities as well as with other local, regional and national service and facility providers and represents value for money for Derby residents.
- 7.3 The proposals ensure that the facilities are affordable to everyone including those on low incomes and the most financially disadvantaged in the city.

Legal implications

- 8.1 Depending on the nature of the information known and held in relation to patronage of facilities by persons from any known equality strands, consideration of the need to undertake an equality impact assessment is advised.

Climate implications

- 9.1 None arising from this report.

Other significant implications

- 10.1 None arising from this report

This report has been approved by the following people:

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| Background papers: | |
| List of appendices: | Appendix 1 Leisure, Culture and Tourism Department Pricing Schedule 2022-23 |