

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member (Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks)
held at 9.00 am on Wednesday, 18 February 2015

Present:

Members: Councillor A Khan (Cabinet Member)
 Councillor D Skinner (Shadow Cabinet)

Employees:

L Castledine, Resources Directorate
C Crosby, Resources Directorate
G Hood, Place Directorate
G Paddan, Resources Directorate

Public Business

13. **Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

14. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 16 January 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

15. **Place Directorate Fees and Charges 2015/16 - Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks Portfolio**

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director of Place which sought approval for increases in fees and charges from 1 April 2015 for a number of services within the Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks portfolio. The changes being proposed were in line with the revised Charging Policy approved by Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resource in July 2013 having been benchmarked against other similar providers where applicable.

The increase in charges would ensure that the services continue to recover the full cost of delivering the service and should at least equal to the average benchmark indicator where one was available.

The Coombe activities and events – the prices for season ticket at the fishery were to be increased by an average of 4.2%, generating c£0.4k. In addition it is proposed to introduce a new charge for a four month winter ticket for the fishery at a cost of £40 to be sold in the run up to Christmas.

The additional income from Coombe car park from the introduction of the above season ticket for mini-buses at a cost of £103.40 and a reduced price for blue badge holders of £51.70, it was estimated that this would generate £1.6k per annum. It was further proposed to establish a new car parking arrangement at Coombe and this report also sought delegated authority for the Head of Streetpride and Greenspace to introduce a new pricing structure for the new parking arrangements.

The officers present clarified the proposed increase of charges and further explained the new car parking pricing structure for the Coombe parking arrangements.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks:

- 1) Approves the increases to existing and introduction of new fees and charges with effect from 1 April 2015, as detailed in the report.**
- 2) That the authority be delegated to the head of Streetpride and Greenspace to introduce a new car parking pricing structure following the establishment of new parking arrangements at Coombe.**

16. Outstanding Issues

The Cabinet Member noted a report of the Executive Director, Resources that contained a list of outstanding issues and summarised the current position in respect of the item.

17. Any Other Items of Public Business

There were no other items of public business.

(Meeting closed at 9.15 am)