

CABINET**Tuesday, 17th January, 2023**

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

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| Councillors | Blank | Councillors | Holmes |
| | D Collins | | Sarvent |
| | J Innes | | Serjeant |

Non-voting Members P Innes

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

69 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations of interest were received.

70 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mannion-Brunt and Ludlow.

71 MINUTES**RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 13 December 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

72 FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan for the four month period February, 2023 to May, 2023 was reported for information.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

73 WASTE MANAGEMENT FEES AND CHARGES 2023/24

The Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy presented a report seeking approval to set the fees and charges for waste management services, for the financial year 2023/24.

***RESOLVED**

That the proposed fees and charges for waste management services from 1 April 2023, as set out in Appendix 1 of the officer's report, be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION

To comply with the Council's Budget Strategy for recovering fees and charges to contribute to the costs of service delivery.

74 SPORTS AND LEISURE FEES AND CHARGES 2023/24

The Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy presented a report seeking approval to set the fees and charges, for the provision of sports and leisure activities at Queens Park Sports Centre and the Staveley Healthy Living Centre, for the financial year 2023/24.

***RESOLVED**

1. That the proposed fees and charges for sports and leisure services from 1 April 2023, as set out in Appendix 1 of the officer's report, be approved.
2. That the proposal to raise fitness membership fees for existing customers, on the terms set out in paragraphs 4.9 and 4.10 of the report, be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Service Director for Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Cabinet

Member for Health and Wellbeing, to apply appropriate fees and charges to new activities that are introduced during the financial year 2023/24.

4. That authority be delegated to the Service Director for Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, to make changes to the approved fees and charges, if required to stimulate usage, support the retention of customers, develop income and/or to respond to external forces.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

1. It is appropriate for the Council to take a commercial approach to service delivery. The need for a balance between competitive pricing, maximising income and community wellbeing priorities will be maintained in the approach to the setting of fees and charges outlined within this report.
2. Chesterfield has significant areas of deprivation, and our sports centres provide a variety of programmes and initiatives that contribute to promoting health and wellbeing for our communities. This necessitates the need for discretionary pricing to support the most vulnerable and given the range of current pressures maintaining existing concessions is an appropriate method of targeting support.

75 CEMETERIES FEES AND CHARGES 2023/24

The Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy presented a report seeking approval to set the fees and charges for the Council's Cemeteries for the financial year 2023/24.

***RESOLVED**

1. That the proposals in relation to the setting of Cemetery Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the officer's report, be approved.
2. That the proposed reduction in the fees charged for the installation of memorials on Children and Infants graves be introduced.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

1. To generate income which will cover the full cost of providing and maintaining a burial service.
2. To provide fairer fees for those who experience the unexpected loss of an infant or child.

76 VENUES FEES AND CHARGES 2023/24

The Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy presented a report seeking approval to set the fees and charges for lettings at the Winding Wheel Theatre, the Assembly Rooms in the Market Hall and Hasland Village Hall, for the financial year 2023/24.

***RESOLVED**

1. That the room hire charges for the Winding Wheel Theatre from 1 April 2023, as detailed in Appendix A of the officer's report, be approved.
2. That the equipment hire charges at the Winding Wheel Theatre from 1 April 2023, as detailed in Appendix A of the officer's report, be approved.
3. That the theatre hire charges for the Winding Wheel Theatre for professional companies and commercial use from 1 April 2023, as detailed in Appendix B of the officer's report, be approved.
4. That the room hire charges at the Assembly Rooms in the Market Hall from 1 April 2023, as detailed in Appendix C of the officer's report, be approved.
5. That the room hire charges at Hasland Village Hall from 1 April 2023, as detailed in Appendix D of the officer's report, be approved.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To make further progress towards a sustainable financial position for the venues.

77 CHESTERFIELD MARKET FEES AND CHARGES 2023/24

The Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy presented a report seeking approval to set the fees and charges for Chesterfield's Open Markets, for the financial year 2023/24.

***RESOLVED**

1. That the fees and charges for the Chesterfield Open Markets for 2023/24, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the officer's report, be approved.
2. That the agreed 2023/24 rates of fees and charges be introduced from 3 April 2023.
3. That as part of the market reconfiguration project being undertaken between 2021 and 2025, approval be given to a review of the pricing structure during this time, identifying the premium and secondary pitches, following best practice adopted nationally and ensuring a value for money approach is taken to realise the full income potential of the market. The new fees and charges to be adopted for 2024/25, subject to the necessary consultation and approvals procedures.
4. That authority be delegated to the Service Director for Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Town Centre and Visitor Economy, to apply appropriate negotiated fees for new activities and opportunities that are introduced during the financial year 2023/24.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

1. Supporting the town centre economy is at the heart of what we do and continues to be a key priority for the Council. It is necessary to sensitively increase stall fees to ensure the cost effectiveness of a Markets operation in relation to increases being seen in maintenance costs, energy costs and staffing costs. There has been no increase in fees since 2016.

2. The impact of COVID-19 significantly reduced Markets occupancy and income in 2021/22, traders were supported through this period with initially rent free and then reduced rents of £5 and then £10. Full rents did not resume until 28 February 2022. Trader numbers have continued to decline and 2022/23 levels of income remain significantly lower than anticipated for the 2022/23 financial year so any rise in stall fees needs to be sensitive.
3. As part of the Revitalising the Heart of Chesterfield project the open market is set to benefit from a £1.15 million intervention alongside a wider Northern Gateway and public realm scheme. It is anticipated that this will help support, strengthen and re-invigorate the market area ensuring it is ready to meet the future demands of the town centre.