

Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee and Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 25 September 2018

Summary of comments made on the Executive Agenda for Wednesday 26 September 2018

3. **Fees and Charges 2019/20**

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee thanked the officers for the detailed response to the questions submitted in advance.

The Committee sought clarification on a number of smaller points which the Head of Finance agreed to look at and provide detail for the Executive:

- Can the Council refuse the proposed increase in <u>Core</u> prices by Everyone Active even if they were no greater than CPI?
- On Page A23 the increase in fees appears to vary considerably between 3% and 7% was there a specific reason for this?
- On Page A30 some the application fees for Private Hire appeared to be lower than the renewal fees why is this?
- On Page A37 there appeared to be no licence fee proposed for dog breeding kennels with over 11 bitches?

In addition the Committee asked the Executive to consider if the concessionary prices for people on benefits, both Core EA prices and in other areas such as Recreational & Sport (Pages A13/14), Environmental Health (Page A35) and Waste collection (Page A55 could be held at the current prices in 2019/20 with standard prices being increased further if necessary to cover the reduced price for concessions. This view was taken based on the freezing of most Benefits nationally in cash terms from 2016 to 2020.

4. Leisure Development Programme Phase Two – Kenilworth Facilities

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

5. **Events Strategy**

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report but made the following comments:

- A standardised EIA, the format of which has been defined by the Council, should be completed for all events.
- Event organisers should be encouraged to ensure the use of recyclable materials for all disposable items, e.g. plastics.
- Parish and Town Councils should be sent a copy of the events manual once it is published.
- All events organisers should receive a copy of the events manual.

6. Continual Maintenance of Pay on Foot Equipment

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

8. Contract for management of shared accommodation provision for former rough sleepers

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report.