

Fees and Charges Pest Control Update

At the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting 18 August 2020, when agreeing the Committee's Work Programme, it was agreed to ask Shadow Portfolio Holders for Health and Community Protection to check if the new charging structure for pest control (specifically rats and mice) was working subsequent to the report that was presented to Overview & Scrutiny Committee in September 2019.

The Committee Services Officer, Lesley Dury, approached all parties and informed them of the decision. The Head of Health and Community Protection and the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Falp, reported that the charges had not yet been introduced.

Following a request for information on what was the reason for the delay, the Head of Health & Community Protection reported that:

"We are conducting a review of pest control in order to be more commercial. There are 6 different options under consideration at this time:

- Stay the same;
- Increase pests treated;
- Increase pests treated and take on commercial contracts;
- Service level agreement with another local authority;
- Shared service with another local authority;
- Contracted out service.

We hope to be in a position to have a business case paper by autumn which evaluates all of the options."

At the point in time when this information was given, this report was not on the Council's Forward Plan.

Lesley Dury
Principal Committee Services Officer
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