

Item 3 - FEES & CHARGES 2019/20

The commuter tariff (proposed for Bath Place £8) will also apply to Archery Road, from January 2019, and needs to be added to the list of charges for that car park. The Archery Road Peak commuter tariff will operate Monday – Friday – All day tickets purchased between 6am-8am will be £8 with the normal tariffs apply outside of these times.

The charge for Circuses and Fairs for 2019 should read :-

<u>CIRCUSES AND FAIRS - up to seven days</u>	£2,000
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(Exempt from V.A.T.)

Each additional day or part thereof

(subject to negotiation and agreement by Heads
of Finance and Development)

£340

Responses to Questions from Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee

Can the Council refuse the proposed increase in Core prices by Everyone Active even if they were no greater than CPI?

For non-Core prices, the Council cannot refuse the increase. For Core prices, only if the officer assessment is that it will make the charges unreasonable, and above local benchmarks, would it be recommended to refuse the proposed increases by EA.

On Page A23 the increase in fees appears to vary considerably between 3% and 7% was there a specific reason for this?

For a period over around 3 to 4 plus years these charges have either been frozen or had minimal increases– this was due to the financial crisis which began in 2009. This was to support the small businesses in the area, during this difficult time and during recovery. Costs to WDC have continued to increase and it is deemed fair to gradually recover them now as the market is more buoyant. Service charges in particular should as closely as possible cover WDC's costs. It should be noted market rates have increased and this change now reflects market conditions.

On Page A30 some the application fees for Private Hire appeared to be lower than the renewal fees why is this?

These charges are based on the time it takes to process each type of application. The application process is different to the renewal one. Also some applicants, with vehicles over a certain age, have to apply for a 6 month licence i.e. twice a year if they wish to trade for 12 months – 2nd Vehicle licence).

On Page A37 there appeared to be no licence fee proposed for dog breeding kennels with over 11 bitches?

This may have been a printing error as the version sent to Committee had the figure of £150 against this fee. Licensing would also like to change the narrative for the Animal Health Application Fee to Animal Health Application Fee (Appeals & re-rating) for the fees under Animal Health Licence – from 1/10/18 and Riding/breeding licences – from 1/10/18.