

# Fees & Charges Review Group

Record of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 November 2022 in the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00pm.

**Present:** Councillors: Cullinan, Davison, R Dickson, King, Margrave, Milton, Redford, Syson and Wright.

**Also Present:** Councillor Hales, Portfolio Holder – Resources.

## 1. **Appointment of Chair**

Councillor Milton was appointed to Chair the meeting.

## 2. **Apologies and Substitutes**

There were no apologies for absence.

## 3. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

## 4. **Cabinet Agenda (Non-Confidential items and reports) – Thursday 3 November 2022**

### Item 4 – Fees and Charges

The fees and charges review meeting:

1. Thanked officers for their work on report and responses to the volume of questions that came through.
2. Recognised that the Council was dependent on the professional judgement of Officers and Portfolio Holders on Fees & Charges and that there was no perfect solution.
3. Recognised the potential financial challenges faced by the community over the next 12 months and it was keen that services remained accessible to them.
4. Recognised the overall financial challenge for the Council and this was one of three strands of the budget, the others being the government and Council Tax setting.
5. Recognised the challenges faced with elasticity of demand in that if fees were reduced in one area it may (or may not) result in increased demand that equated to extra income (above that anticipated from the proposed higher fee) from increased usage.
6. Asked that Officers looked at opportunities to reduce the impact of the increases on sports facilities by keeping any increase below 15% to increase demand, especially being mindful of the legacy of the Commonwealth Games.

7. Asked Officers and Portfolio Holders to look for additional sources of income around potential sponsorship of works or assets or their maintenance.

(The meeting ended at 7.05pm)