

**Meeting:** Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 18 January 2011

**Subject:** Statutory Review of Fees and Charges and Revenue Income Optimisation Business Cases

**Report of:** Cllr Maurice Jones, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and People

**Summary:** The report asks the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the report to be submitted to the Executive on the revised Fees and Charges rates to be effective from 1 April 2011 and the business cases resulting from the Revenue Income Optimisation Project.

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**Advising Officer:** Gary Alderson, Director of Sustainable Communities

**Contact Officer:** Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services

**Public/Exempt:** Public

**Wards Affected:** All

**Function of:** Executive

**CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:** as set out in the Executive report.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

**1. Note the report.**

**Reason for recommendation:** *To provide the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an opportunity to inform the decision to be taken by the Executive and to provide any comments as necessary.*

1. As Members will be aware, at its meeting of 11 January 2011, the Executive considered the report of its Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance & People regarding the statutory review of fees and charges (Appendix A). The report set out proposed revised fees and charges rates to be effective from 1 April 2011. The report also noted that new or enhanced charges as a result of the Revenue Income Optimisation 'Case for Change' report may be recommended following consideration through the Overview and Scrutiny Process.

2. In addition to considering the Executive report the Overview and Scrutiny Committees are asked to consider the relevant business cases from the Revenue Income Optimisation Project (Appendix B) and comment as necessary. The Draft Budget Report to the Executive has assumed £1.5M additional income from enhanced charges for 2011/12.

### **Conclusions and Next Steps**

3. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees are asked to provide recommendations by 25<sup>th</sup> January so they can be considered by the Executive alongside the budget report on 8 February 2011. The full Executive report on fees and charges for 2011/12 has not been attached and the Committee is asked to bring to the meeting the Executive Report of 11 January 2011 and comment just on those areas for which the Committee is responsible. A consolidated report will be prepared of Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendations and submitted to the Executive meeting on 8 February 2011.

### **Appendices:**

Appendix A: Executive Report 11 January 2011– Statutory Review of Fees and Charges (Not attached – please use Appendix from Executive report)

Appendix B: RIO Business Case responses.

**Background Papers:** (open to public inspection)

None

**Location of papers:** Priory House, Chicksands