

COUNCIL MEETING – 19 November 2015

Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting held on 6 October 2015

E/15/43. **Fees and Charges 2016**

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Corporate Resources that proposed revised fees and charges for 2016, identified new services for which it was proposed that fees or charges would be levied and identified those charges where proposed increases were significantly different from the 1% advisory increase as per the 2016/17 budget strategy.

The Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committees would consider the proposed fees and charges during the October cycle of meetings. A request was made that the statutory charges be summarised and a list of charges where there is flexibility for them to be increased be provided to the O&S Committees.

This would enable the Sustainable Communities O&S Committee to consider the proposed increase in car parking charges. In response to a question, the Executive Member for Corporate Resources explained that the proposed increase in car parking charges would allow the Council to invest in improving the technology and customer experience at the Council's busiest car parks.

Reason for decision: To enable the Council to agree the fees and charges prices for 2016 as part of delivering a balanced budget for 2016/17 and identify resource requirements for the Medium Term.

RECOMMENDED to Council

that subject to any recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny (as set out at Appendix A) and the amendments set out in the Executive Chairman's Briefing Note:-

- 1. that the Fees and Charges prices for 2016 be agreed;***
- 2. that the new Fees and Charges proposed to be introduced for 2016 be agreed;***
- 3. that Fairer Charging be brought in line with Residential Care charging, and that charging commence when the care started with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in paragraphs 11 and 12 in the Executive report;***
- 4. to confirm that whilst some statutory charges have been left at the 2015 rate currently, these would be amended to the new charges once the Council had been advised of the rates applicable to 2016; and***
- 5. the progress of the Fees and Charges cyclical review process, as set out at Appendix D to the Executive report, be noted.***