

## Central Bedfordshire Council

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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### FEES & CHARGES 2017

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**This report relates to a non-Key Decision**

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#### **Purpose of this report:**

1. This report accompanies the Executive Fees & Charges Report which proposes the revised prices of Fees and Charges for 2017 and identifies those charges where increases are significantly different from the 1% advisory increase as per the 2017/18 Budget Strategy.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked to:

1. **Consider the report and associated appendices and comment as necessary to the Executive.**

#### **Issues**

The Council's Charging Policy states that '*All fees and charges will be reviewed annually and adjusted as necessary in line with the Council's charging policy. The Chief Finance Officer will provide services with guidance each year as to the maximum inflation rate that may be applied.*'

It also states that '*All fees and charges should be reviewed on a more fundamental basis at least every 3 years, where it will be necessary to examine all the factors set out below in accordance with good practice guidance i.e. the CIPFA Practical Guide for Local Authorities on Income Generation (Fully revised 2008).*' This is currently being undertaken on a rolling basis.

#### **Council Priorities**

These are identified in the attached Executive Report.

**Corporate Implications**

These are identified in the attached Executive Report.

**Conclusion and next Steps**

The comments from the August/September Overview & Scrutiny Committees will be presented to the Executive on the 11th October 2016.

**Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Executive Report – Fees & Charges 2017

Appendix A – Fees & Charges Schedules – proposed prices 1% increase or held at 2016 prices

Appendix B – New Charges (where appropriate)

Appendix C – Fees and Charges Review

Appendix D – Highest Revenue/Volumes Fees & Charges.

Appendix E – All Statutory Fees & Charges