

## Children and Young People Fees & Charges Proposals – 2011/12

### 1. Introduction

1.1 The main report highlights the fact that the starting point for the base budget assumes that fees and charges will increase by 3%. However it is noted that:

- Fees and charges can have a direct impact on usage and take up;
- In some circumstances the Council is providing services in direct competition to the private sector. Where this is the case, price is likely to have a direct link with demand and it is important that the Council does not 'price itself out of the market';
- Raising fees and charges can in some instances work against the Council's social inclusion agenda by effectively discriminating against those who are less able to pay;
- For some services there is a clear expectation that fees and charges will reflect the costs incurred in providing the service. The Council may open itself to legal challenge if the increases it makes cannot be justified.
- Some income generating activities are subject to contractual arrangements where the actual levels of charges are set by the contractor, taking into account market factors and the parameters agreed with the Council to meet its social inclusion agenda. In these cases, marginal increases in fees and charges (within Council parameters) are retained by the contractor and therefore do not have a direct impact on council budgets.

1.2 The main Children and Young People services and functions to which fees and charges apply are:

1. Home to School Transport
2. School Meals
3. Youth Service
4. GIS Ordnance Survey Maps

## 2. Children & Young People Directorate Proposals

### 2.1 Home to School Transport

A review of the home to school transport policy took place during 2009/10, and the policy for the 2010/11 academic year was approved by Executive. This included a review of charges for the Fare Paying Scheme, which is now a graded fare charging system based on radial distance.

<b>Summary of Fees and Charges - Home to School Transport 2011/12</b>				
	<b>Current Fee 2010/11</b>		<b>Proposed Fee 2011/12</b>	
	<b>Per Year</b>	<b>Per Half Year</b>	<b>Per Year</b>	<b>Per Half Year</b>
Band A - Up to 3 Miles	£193.00	£96.50	£196.00	£98.00
Band B - Up to 6 Miles	£386.00	£193.00	£393.00	£196.50
Band c - over 6 miles	£739.00	£396.50	£753.00	£376.50

### 2.2 School Meals

The school meals contractor is Dolce and 67 schools are in the contract. The meal price is £2.00 for both primary and secondary schools for a two course meal. These meal prices have been agreed until July 2012 when the contract with Dolce expires.

### 2.3 Youth Service

Youth Officers have set fees and charges across all the centres to ensure compatibility. This includes size of venue, and resources available.

The detailed proposals for fee increases are as follows;

Summary of Fees and Charges - Children and Young People 2011/12						
Description	Current Fee 2010/11	Proposed Fees 2011-12				
Centre:		Riverside Centre	Moorside Centre	John of Gaunt Community Centre	Waterside Centre	Adventure Dolphin Pangbourne
<b>Youth and Community Centres - Facility hire to Voluntary and Community Groups</b>						
Meeting Room	£7.70	£7.85	£7.85		£7.85	£12.00
Small Hall / Theatre	£13.20	£13.45	£13.45		£13.45	£10.00 Small Hall £13.50 Theatre
Large Hall / Gymnasium	£18.10	£18.45	£18.35	£8.60 ph excl Ins £9.60 ph Incl Ins	£18.35	£19.50 Main Hall £18.50 Gym
Kitchen & coffee Bar	£11.00	£11.20	£11.20		£11.20	
Outside Courts/ Play Areas				£5.00 ph		
Stage / Lighting / Sound Additional Charge dependent upon individual requirements				Floodlights £2.50 ph Caretaking £6.50 per session		
<b>Youth and Community Centres - Private Hire</b>						
Meeting Room	£7.70					£15.00
Small Hall / Theatre	£13.20					£12.50 Small Hall £25.00 Theatre
Large Hall / Gymnasium	£18.10			£16.00 ph excl Ins £18.00 ph Incl Ins		£25.00 Main Hall £28.50 Gym
Kitchen & coffee Bar	£11.00					
Outside Courts/ Play Areas				£10.00 ph		
Stage / Lighting / Sound Additional Charge dependent upon individual requirements				Floodlights £2.50 ph Caretaking £6.50 per session		
<b>Youth and Community Centres - Facility hire to Commercial Organisations</b>						
Meeting Room	£13.10	£13.35	£13.35		£13.35	£20.00
Small Hall / Theatre	£19.90	£20.30	£20.30		£20.30	£17.50 Small Hall £26.00 Theatre
Large Hall / Gymnasium	£27.45	£28.00	£28.00		£28.00	£40.00 Main Hall £31.50 Gym
Kitchen & coffee Bar	£16.55	£16.90	£16.90		£16.90	
Outside Courts/ Play Areas						£10.00 ph
Stage / Lighting / Sound Additional Charge dependent upon individual requirements						
<b>Youth and Community Centres - Evening Parties/Weddings</b>						
Meeting Room	£13.10					
Small Hall / Theatre	£19.90					£175.00
Large Hall / Gymnasium	£27.45					£175.00
Kitchen & coffee Bar	£16.55					
Stage / Lighting / Sound Additional Charge dependent upon individual requirements						£250 Damage Deposit £130 Supply Activities

<b>Activity programme for Young People</b>						
Annual Youth Club Membership varies according to Nature of Club						
Basic Sessional Charge	£0.60	£0.60	£0.60		£1.00	
Instructional Session	£1.00	£1.00	£1.00		£2.00	
6 week evening course in Adventurous Activity	£37.00					
<b>Residential Activity programmes for Young People (see brochure for details)</b>						
Croft Field Centre - Charges based on Group size and length of stay						
Adventurous Expeditions - charges based on actual cost of Travel and Accommodation.						

#### 2.4 GIS Ordnance Survey Maps

It is proposed to increase the charges for Ordnance Survey maps from £20 to £21.