

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: 13TH FEBRUARY 2020

MINUTE EXTRACT OF COUNCIL HELD ON 15TH JANUARY 2020 IN RESPECT OF ITEM 8 ON THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

94 REVIEW OF CHARGES AND FEES FOR SERVICES 2020/21

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Resources (circulated previously) regarding the review of Charges and Fees for Services 2020/21.

The Head of Resources highlighted the following:

- It was proposed that the fees and charges be increased by 3% which was in line with inflation with the exception of the services outlined in paragraphs 4.3 to 4.8 in the report.

In response to questions, the Head of Resources advised the following:

- The review of the Trade Waste Service from Holiday homes had been reviewed replacing the weekly collections with fortnightly collections. This was to align the service with others part of the Waste and Recycling service. However, clarification would be sought as to whether customers had been consulted on the proposed changes to the frequency of collections and the reason for the proposed change. This information would be presented to the Policy Development Committee at its meeting on 13th February 2020 and circulated to Councillors prior to Council on 26th February 2020.
- The charges for the collection of Trade Waste were still competitive. The Trade Service would be reviewed as part of the Works and Recycling Service Plan for 2020/21 to ensure that the service was more efficient and fees covered the costs of the provision of the service. Once this review had been completed work would be undertaken to promote the service.
- The Barnstaple Town Centre Manager sat on the Pannier Market Traders Committee. There was currently no Councillor appointed to the Committee.

The Chief Executive advised that previously the Leader of the Council informally sat on the Pannier Market Traders Committee and that a formal appointment of a representative on the Committee would be made if required.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That there be a 3% increase in fees for 2020/21 financial year, for the following services:

Allotments – Appendix A
Trade Waste – Appendix C
Cemetery fees – Appendix F
Sports pitches – Appendix G
Pannier Market Charges (subject to consultation with the traders committee)

Appendix H
Bulky Collections – Appendix I

- (b) That the remaining fees be varied by the elements outlined in paragraphs 4.3 to 4.8 in the report.