

REPORT OF: Head of Communities and Place

To: Community & Resources Committee

Subject: Leisure contractor pricing proposals 2021/22

Date: 6th September 2021

<p>PURPOSE OF REPORT: For Members to determine and agree the proposed 2021/2022 pricing arrangements of its leisure contractors 1610.</p>
--

1. INTRODUCTION

Annually the fees and charges set by the Authority's leisure contractors 1610 are amended and provided to the Authority to review, sanction or reject.

2. REPORT

Contractual pricing Arrangements

The leisure contract management arrangements state that the Authority shall determine the maximum core prices that the contractor can charge for certain activities and services provided to users (The Authority's Pricing Requirements). The authority's pricing requirements for the use of and admission to the Facilities, their activity areas and activity programmes, which is inclusive of any VAT if applicable, and shall be the maximum charge made to users within a contractual year.

The Authority reviews the Authority's Pricing Requirements annually; changing them in accordance with (subject to rounding to the nearest 10p) the annual change to CPI and the Contractor shall implement any such changes to Authority's Pricing Requirements agreed by the Authority initially on 1st January each year during the Contract Period. The Contractor shall increase or decrease the Authority's Pricing Requirements in line with the provisions of the contracts Services Specification. As a result of the Covid pandemic and concentration on reopening the facilities this review is happening later than it would in a normal year and therefore 1610 are keen to implement as soon as possible.

In reviewing the Authority's Pricing Requirements the Authority shall take into account any recommendations made by the Contractor. However the decision of the Authority in relation to the Authority's Pricing Requirements shall be final and binding on the Contractor.

Notwithstanding the above the Contractor may suggest changes to the Authority's pricing requirements at any other time throughout the Contract Period. The Authority shall consider any such suggested changes and the decision on whether the Contractor can implement such changes will be at the Authority's discretion.



Any prices for facilities and services which are not defined by the Authority within the Authority's Pricing Requirements ("Non Core Prices") shall be at the discretion of the contractor providing that such prices do not in any way inhibit the achievement of any other requirement of the agreement. Such prices shall initially be set in accordance with the relevant Method Statement within the Service Delivery Proposal.

The Contractor shall keep the users fully informed of current charges and any proposed changes in accordance with the requirements of the Contracts Services Specification.

The contractor's proposals for the 2021/2022 season are set out in appendix 1.

3. IMPLICATIONS

Legal Implications

The proposals are made in line with the agreed Leisure services contract

Financial Implications

The cost to facility users and Members of the Leisure facilities will be increased accordingly.

The Council has agreed, on a discretionary basis, to support 1610 for losses arising from the Covid-19 pandemic. Any change to the charges will have an impact on the level of support that is likely to be requested by the contractor.

Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

Sustainability/Biodiversity Implications

Ensuring a sustainable cost to the users of the facilities.

Equality/Diversity

Concessions remain for those eligible members of the community.

Risk Management

Not applicable.

Compliance with Policies and Strategies

Abiding by the agreed Leisure contract arrangements.

Ward Member and Leader Member Views

Date of Consultation – 24/08/2021

Cllr Cottle-Hunkin

"The charges for Leisure facilities in Torridge are, in general, slightly cheaper than in other parts of the county. Having said that, given the covid pandemic and the economic impact this has had on local residents, I do not think that now is the right time to increase admission fees.

In addition, given the number of complaints with regard to the leisure facilities in Torridge, I would like to see improvements to the service and facilities before any price increase is made in the future."



4. CONCLUSIONS

That the leisure contractors 1610 have amended the fees and pricing of their services in line with the contractual agreements laid out following by the relevant Authority representatives.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the prices set out in Appendix 1 for year 2021/2022 are considered and set if members deem that appropriate.

Officers Consulted –

- Chief Executive
- Head of Legal and Governance
- S151 Officer
- Lead Member for Community, Culture and Leisure.

Contact Officer:
HoC&P
Background Papers:

**SUPPORTING
INFORMATION**

Consultations:

Date of Consultation – 24/08/21

