

Children and Young People Fees & Charges Proposals – 2012/13

1. Introduction

1.1 The Children & Young People Directorate has four areas of income generation. The majority of income (non buy back) generated within the Children & Young People's Directorate relates to the Youth Service. An increase to fees and charges has not been applied to the base budget for the Youth Service in 12-13 due to economic factors impacting on the services ability to generate income in financial years 10-11 and 11-13.

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. Specific Proposals

2.1 Home to School Transport

The Fare Paying Scheme, is now a graded fare charging system based on radial distance, this policy was implemented in 2010 -11 approved by Executive.

Summary of Fees and Charges - Home to School Transport 2012/13				
	Current Fee 2011/12		Proposed Fee 2012/13	
	Per Year	Per Half Year	Per Year	Per Half Year
Band A - Up to 3 Miles	£196.00	£98.00	£199.00	£99.50
Band B - Up to 6 Miles	£393.00	£196.50	£398.00	£199.00
Band c - over 6 miles	£753.00	£376.50	£763.00	£381.50

2.2 School Meals

The school meals contractor is Dolce and 62 schools are in the contract. The meal price is £2.00 for both primary and secondary schools for a two course meal. The School Meals contract is being renegotiated for financial year 12 – 13.

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. Small increases have been applied to charging rates in order not to compromise current demand levels which have been negatively impacted upon by the current economic climate and aid achievement of income targets already applied to the service.

The detailed proposals for fee increases are as follows;

Summary of Fees and Charges - Children and Young People 2012/13						
Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fees 2012-13				
Centre:		Riverside Centre	Moorside Centre	John of Gaunt Community Centre	Waterside Centre	Adventure Dolphin Pangbourne
Youth and Community Centres - Facility hire to Voluntary and Community Groups						

Meeting Room	£7.85	Now the responsibility of Parenting Support team	£8.00		£8.00	£12.40
Small Hall / Theatre	£13.45		£13.85		£13.85	£10.30 Small Hall
Large Hall / Gymnasium	£18.45		£18.90	£8.85 ph excl Ins £9.90 ph Incl Ins	£18.90	£20.10 Main Hall
Kitchen & coffee Bar	£11.20		£11.55		£11.55	
Outside Courts/ Play Areas			£10.00	£5.00 ph		
Stage / Lighting / Sound Additional Charge dependent upon individual requirements			On application		On application	
Youth and Community Centres - Private Hire						
Meeting Room	£7.85					£15.45
Small Hall / Theatre	£13.45					£12.90 Small Hall
Large Hall / Gymnasium	£18.35			£16.50 ph excl Ins £18.55 ph Incl Ins		£25.75 Main Hall
Kitchen & coffee Bar	£11.20					
Outside Courts/ Play Areas				n/a		
Stage / Lighting / Sound Additional Charge dependent upon individual requirements				On application		
Youth and Community Centres - Facility hire to Commercial Organisations						
Meeting Room	£13.40		£13.75		£13.40	£20.60
Small Hall / Theatre	£20.30		£21.00		£20.30	£18.00
Large Hall / Gymnasium	£28.00		£28.85		£28.00	£41.20 Main Hall
Kitchen & coffee Bar	£16.90		£17.50		£16.90	
Outside						

Courts/ Play Areas						
Stage / Lighting / Sound Additional Charge dependent upon individual requirements						
Youth and Community Centres - Evening Parties/Weddings						
Meeting Room	£13.40		£13.75			
Small Hall / Theatre	£20.30		£21.00			£180.00
Large Hall / Gymnasium	£28.00		£28.85			£180.00
Kitchen & coffee Bar	£16.90		£17.50			
Stage / Lighting / Sound Additional Charge dependent upon individual requirements						£250 Damage Deposit £134 Supply Activities
Activity programme for Young People						
Annual Youth Club Membership varies according to Nature of Club						
Basic Sessional Charge	£0.60		£0.60		£1.00	
Instructional Session	£1.00		£1.00		£2.00	
6 week evening course in Adventurous Activity	£37.75					
Residential Activity programmes for Young People (see brochure for details)						
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 individual ordnance survey maps from £21 to £22 and package maps increased from £36 to £38.

Summary of Fees and Charges - GIS Maps 2012/13		
	2011/12	Proposed Fee 2012/13
Six copies of site plan 1/250 th scale	£21.00	£22.00
Package – six copies of site plan 1/250 th scale and six copies of block plan 1/500 th scale.	£36.00	£38.00

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