

## Individual Executive Decision Notice

<b>Report title</b>	Amendments to Fees & Charges	
<b>Decision designation</b>	GREEN	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Steve Evans City Environment	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Tim Johnson, Strategic Director Place	
<b>Originating service</b>	City Environment	
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### Summary

At the Cabinet (Resources) Panel meeting on 3 October 2017, Cabinet (Resources) Panel approved the fees and charges to take effect from 1 November 2017 (or as soon as possible thereafter).

At that meeting, Cabinet (Resources) Panel approved that authority be jointly delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director Place and the Director of Finance to vary existing fees and charges during the financial year where it is beneficial to the Council to generate additional income that will reduce the net budget.

### Recommendations for decision:

That the Cabinet Member for City Environment and the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director Place and the Director of Finance:

1. Approve charging £95.00 each for the Entwined Hearts Urn and Touching Hearts Urn which form part of the range of urns offered by the Bereavement Service.

2. Amend the Tempest Street car park tariffs for parking up to 3 hours from £2.00 to £2.50. This will enable the charges to be in line with other short stay car parks in the city centre.
3. Approve the below car park tariffs for Bell Street in line with other short stay car parks in the city centre;

Up to 1 hr	£0.70
Up to 2 hr	£1.20
Up to 3 hr	£2.50
Up to 4 hr	£4.00
Over 4 hours	£4.50
Evening (entry after 5.30pm)	£1.00

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To approve charging £95.00 each for the Entwined Hearts Urn and Touching Hearts Urn which form part of the range of urns offered by the Bereavement Service.
- 1.2 To amend the Tempest Street car park tariffs for parking up to 3 hours from £2.00 to £2.50. This will enable the charges to be in line with other short stay car parks in the city centre.
- 1.3 To approve the Bell Street car park tariffs below, in line with other short stay car parks in the city centre, and as further detailed in Appendix A.
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| Up to 1 hr                   | £0.70 |
| Up to 2 hr                   | £1.20 |
| Up to 3 hr                   | £2.50 |
| Up to 4 hr                   | £4.00 |
| Over 4 hours                 | £4.50 |
| Evening (entry after 5.30pm) | £1.00 |

## **2.0 Amendment to Fees and Charges**

- 2.1 At the Cabinet (Resources) Panel meeting on 3 October 2017, Cabinet (Resources) Panel approved the fees and charges to take effect from 1 November 2017 (or as soon as possible thereafter).
- 2.2 Furthermore, Cabinet (Resources) Panel approved that authority be jointly delegated to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and the Cabinet Member for Resources, in consultation with the Strategic Director Place and the Director of Finance to vary existing fees and charges during the financial year where it is beneficial to the Council to generate additional income that will reduce the net budget.
- 2.3 Approval is therefore sought to approve charging £95.00 each for the Entwined Hearts Urn and Touching Hearts Urn which form part of the range of urns offered by the Bereavement Service.
- 2.4 Approval is also sought to vary the Tempest Street car park tariffs so that the charge for parking up to 3 hours can increase from £2.00 to £2.50 to be in line with other short stay car parks in the city centre, as detailed in Appendix A.
- 2.5 Approval is also sought to approve the Bell Street car park tariffs below, in line with other short stay car parks in the city centre and as further detailed in Appendix A.
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|------------------------------|-------|
| Up to 1 hr                   | £0.70 |
| Up to 2 hr                   | £1.20 |
| Up to 3 hr                   | £2.50 |
| Up to 4 hr                   | £4.00 |
| Over 4 hours                 | £4.50 |
| Evening (entry after 5.30pm) | £1.00 |

### **3.0 Financial implications**

- 3.1 Increases in fees and charges income will contribute to reducing the Council's medium term budget deficit, which is projected to be £15.5 million by 2019-2020 as stated in the Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018-2019 to 2019-2020 report presented to Cabinet on 18 October 2017.
- 3.2 Any impact on budgets arising as a result of the proposed fees and charges will be incorporated into the 2018-2019 budget setting process and will be reflected in future Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy update reports to Cabinet.
- 3.3 It is important to be aware that additional income from increases in fees and charges is uncertain, as the resulting impact upon demand that will arise from changes in fees and charges cannot be predicted with certainty, although this is considered during the price setting process.
- 3.4 The impact of these changes to fees and charges will be examined closely throughout 2018-2019 and the remainder of 2017-2018 as part of the Council's revenue budget monitoring arrangements.

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### **4.0 Legal implications**

- 4.1 The Council is under a constitutional duty to review its fees and charges at least annually and to maintain a register of such charges. RB/06122017/J

### **5.0 Equalities implications**

- 5.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising as a result of this report.

### **6.0 Environmental implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising as a result of this report.

### **7.0 Schedule of background papers**

Fees and Charges Review 2018-2019, report to cabinet (Resources) Panel, 3 October 2017.

## APPENDIX A

### Amendments to Fees and Charges

Description		Current Charge incl VAT £	Current charge excl VAT £	VAT Rate	Proposed Charge incl VAT £	Proposed Charge excl VAT £	Change excl VAT £
<b>CITY ENVIRONMENT</b>							
<b>Commercial Services</b>							
<b>Bereavement</b>							
<b>Urns</b>							
Entwined Hearts Urn		0.00	0.00	NB	95.00	95.00	95.00
Touching Hearts Urn		0.00	0.00	NB	95.00	95.00	95.00
<b>City Centre Car Parking</b>							
<b>Off Street - Short Stay (Sundays and Bank Holidays are now chargeable)</b>							
Tempest Street - up to 1 hr		0.70	0.58	SR	0.70	0.58	0.00
- up to 2 hr		1.20	1.00	SR	1.20	1.00	0.00
- up to 3 hr		2.00	1.67	SR	2.50	2.08	0.41
- up to 4 hr		4.00	3.33	SR	4.00	3.33	0.00
- over 4 hrs		4.50	3.75	SR	4.50	3.75	0.00
- Evening (entry after 5.30pm)		1.00	0.83	SR	1.00	0.83	0.00
Bell Street - up to 1 hr		0.00	0.00	SR	0.70	0.58	0.58
- up to 2 hr		0.00	0.00	SR	1.20	1.00	1.00
- up to 3 hr		0.00	0.00	SR	2.50	2.08	2.08
- up to 4 hr		0.00	0.00	SR	4.00	3.33	3.33
- over 4 hrs		0.00	0.00	SR	4.50	3.75	3.75
- Evening (entry after 5.30pm)		0.00	0.00	SR	1.00	0.83	0.83