

**Report of West North West Area Leader**

**Report to Outer West Area Committee**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**Subject: Community Centres Pricing Policy Update Report**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Calverley & Farsley Ward; Farnley & Wortley Ward, Pudsey Ward.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

- The management of Community Centres became a delegated function of Area Committees in 2006-07. In the Outer West the following centres are included in this: Calverley Mechanics, Swinnow and Westroyd Annexe.
- Part of the Area Committees role is to develop, implement and oversee the administration of pricing and discounts for community centre usage.
- There is work being undertaken on proposed changes for the Outer West pricing policy relating to usage of the community centres by local community groups.

**Recommendations**

- To consider and approve the proposed pricing policy changes.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 To outline a proposed change to the Community Centre Pricing Policy approved in December 2009.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 Management of Community Centres became a delegated function of Area Committees in 2006/07. Part of the Committees responsibilities includes approving appropriate local letting policies.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 It has been recognised that some groups are paying more charges for weekends which could deter them from continuing their letting of centres. Likewise it has also been recognised that a review of the pricing policy is required as groups are able to find much cheaper centres for their activities. A review is being undertaken on the pricing policy and supplementary information will be provided to the Area Committee.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 A task and finish working group of the Outer West Committee was established in 2009 to consider the pricing policy.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 4.2.1 There are no corporate considerations for equality and diversity or cohesion and integration.

### **4.3 Council policies and City Priorities**

- 4.3.1 The Area Committee Functions and Priority Advisory Functions were approved by the Executive Board in June 2009, this approval was rolled forward to subsequent years with amendments only to environmental delegations.

### **4.4 Resources and value for money**

- 4.4.1 The community centre pricing policy enables Area Committees to keep any additional income that is raised above that which is set in the community centres budget. However, this would have to be offset against potential discounts.

### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

- 4.5.2 This report is not confidential, neither is it, or part of it exempt.

### **4.6 Risk Management**

- 4.6.1 There are no risk management implications.

## **5 Conclusions**

5.1 The report outlines a proposed change to the current pricing policy.

## **6 Recommendations**

The Area Committee is asked to:

- Consider and approve the proposed pricing policy changes.

## **7 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

7.1 Pricing Policy for Community Centres report to the Outer West Committee, December 2009.

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.