

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources)

Date: 21st December 2015

Subject: Draft Scrutiny Inquiry Report – Fees and Charges

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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

1. At the Board's July meeting, Members agreed to undertake an Inquiry into fees and charges. The agreed terms of reference provided the rationale behind the Inquiry. These focused on the belief that a critical examination of fees and charges may be an effective way to help ease budget pressures and focus spend and subsidy on the highest priorities and therefore help deliver the Council's Best Council Plan.
2. Attached is the Board's draft report along with a proposed revised Fees and Charges Policy and Best Practice Guidance.

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to;
 - I. Agree the draft Fees and Charges Inquiry report along with the proposed revised Fees and Charges Policy and Best Practice Guidance.
 - II. Submit the agreed report and Fees and Charges Policy to Executive Board for its consideration.

Background documents¹

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include

None used