

Report of West North West Area Leader

Report to Outer West Area Committee

Date: 6th July 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 overseeing the administration of pricing and discounts for community centre usage. The Area Committee last received a report on the pricing policy in December 2009.
- There is a proposed change for the Outer West pricing policy relating to usage of the community centres by Elected Members for weekend surgeries.

Recommendations

- To consider and approve the proposed pricing policy change.

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 include approving appropriate local letting policies.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The current pricing policy as approved in December 2009 gives Elected Members free use of the centre Monday – Friday but a charge is applied on weekends. It has been recognised that some Elected Members hold surgeries for members of the public to attend on a weekend and as such Elected Members usage on a weekend should also be free of charge. Please see suggested amendment to policy at Appendix 1.

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:
- Approve or otherwise the proposed change to the pricing policy to make usage of community centres for Elected Members free of charge on a weekend.

7 Background documents¹

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

¹ 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.