

Report to Portfolio Holder for Environment

Subject: Sports Fees and Charges for 2024/25

Date: 31 March 2024

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Wards Affected

Borough-wide.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Purpose

To approve a revised set of Sports Fees and Charges for the Parks and Street Care Service and seeks approval for their introduction from 1 April 2024.

Recommendation(s)

- a) To approve the revised Fees and Charges for 2024/25 as detailed in Appendix A.
- b) To approve the price revisions to be introduced from 1 April 2024.

1 Background

1.1 A 5% minimum income inflation increase for discretionary income has been agreed by Cabinet for 2024/25. This was the optimum figure in terms of generating additional income from Fees and Charges to support a balanced budget.

1.2 With Portfolio Holder and relevant Corporate Director approval, discretion can be made to apply varying percentage increases or freezes to relevant Fees and Charges as long as the overall cash amount for that area are met. This allows consideration to be made for factors that influence the rate at which fees and charges are set.

1.3 These factors include:

- The Borough's priorities.
- The comparative price of neighbouring authorities.

- The effect an increase in price would have on the activity, including customer resistance.
- The cost benefit of the service.

1.4 Benchmarking data is important when setting fees and charges. Wherever possible, pricing comparisons have been gathered from neighbouring authorities and are detailed in Appendix B.

2 Proposal

2.1 It is proposed that the Sports Fees and Charges are revised as detailed in Appendix A. It is recommended that these be introduced from 1 April 2024.

3 Alternative Options

3.1 An alternative lower percentage increase could be applied, but this would not be in line with the proposals contained in the medium-term financial plan.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 Applying the proposed Fees and Charges detailed in this report will increase discretionary income.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 gives Gedling Borough Council (the 'Council') the power to provide such recreational facilities as it thinks fit including outdoor facilities consisting of pitches for team games, tennis courts and bowling greens. Section 19(2) contains an express power for the Council to charge for the use of any such facilities of whatever it considers appropriate

5.2 The power to charge for allotment plots comes from Section 10 of the Allotment Act 1950 and is whatever is deemed to be reasonable by the Council.

6 Equalities Implications

6.1 The Equality Impact Assessment can be found in Appendix C.

7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications

7.1 None identified.

8 Appendices

8.1 Appendix A: Sports Discretionary Fees and Charges 2023/24 and 2024/25.

8.2 Appendix B: Benchmarking Data.

8.1 Appendix C: Equality Impact Assessment.

9 Background papers

9.1 None identified.

10 Reasons for Recommendations

10.1 To contribute to the delivery of a balanced budget both in 2024/25 and in the medium term and satisfy statutory requirements.

Statutory Officer approval

Approved by:

Date:

On behalf of the Chief Financial Officer

Approved by:

Date:

On behalf of the Monitoring Officer

APPENDIX A – PARKS DISCRETIONARY FEES AND CHARGES 2023/24 and 2024/25

<u>Outdoor Bowls</u>	2023/24			2024/25		
	Full	Leisure Card	Juniors/Con	Full	Leisure Card	Juniors/Con
Bowls (inc use of slips)	£5.00		£3.00	£5.50		£3.50
Bowls - locker per season	£8.00			£8.50		
Bowls - season ticket	£89.00	£77.00	£39.00	£94.00	£80.50	£41.00
Bowls - visitor fees per rink	£9.00			£9.50		
<u>Outdoor Tennis (Conway & Oakdale Rec's)</u>	Full	Leisure Card	Juniors/Con	Full	Leisure Card	Juniors/Con
Outdoor Tennis	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free

<u>Facility</u>	2023/24			2024/25		
	Full	Leisure Card	Juniors/Con	Full	Leisure Card	Juniors/Con
Cricket Pitch - Grass	£90.00	£78.00	£38.00	£94.50	£82.00	£40.00
Cricket Pitch - Synthetic	£63.00	£54.00	£30.00	£66.00	£57.00	£31.50
Football Pitch - under 10's	£33.00		£30.00	£35.00		£31.50
Football Pitch - Grass	£86.00	£75.00	£38.00	£90.00	£79.00	£40.00

<u>Facility</u>	2023/24	2024/25
Allotments Site with water per square metre	£0.53	£0.56

Concessionary price	65+, people on benefits, people with disability etc
Junior price	Juniors under 16s

APPENDIX B – BENCHMARKING

	GBC	Ashfield	Rushcliffe	Newark & Sherwood	Mansfield	Broxtowe
Bowls – Full	£5.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£4.70
Bowls - Concessionary	£3.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£2.90
Bowls – Season Ticket	£89.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	£64.00	£73.00
Tennis	Free	N/A	£8.25 p/h	N/A	N/A	Free
Cricket - Grass	£90.00	No prices available	£63.00	N/A	£56.00	£73.50
Cricket – Synthetic	£63.00	No prices available	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Football – Grass	£86.00	£60.18	£75.00	£49.00	£53.00	£64.00
Allotment per square metre	£0.53	£0.21	Run by parishes	No prices available	£47 per year	£0.16

Appendix C : Equality Impact Assessment

<u>Marriage and civil partnership</u>	External			Yes	
	Internal			Yes	
<u>Disability</u>	External			Yes	
	Internal			Yes	
<u>Race & Ethnicity</u>	External			Yes	
	Internal			Yes	
<u>Sexual Orientation</u>	External			Yes	
	Internal			Yes	
<u>Religion or Belief (or no Belief)</u>	External			Yes	
	Internal			Yes	
<u>Pregnancy & Maternity</u>	External			Yes	
	Internal			Yes	
Other Groups (e.g. any other vulnerable groups, rural isolation, deprived areas, low income staff etc.) Please state the group/s:	External			Yes	
	Internal			Yes	

Authorisation and Review

Is there is any evidence of a high disproportionate adverse or positive impact on any groups?	Yes	No	X	Comment
Is there an opportunity to mitigate or alleviate any such impacts?	Yes	No		Comment N/A
Are there any gaps in information available (e.g. evidence) so that a complete assessment of different impacts is not possible?	Yes	No		Comment N/A
In response to the information provided above please provide a set of proposed action including any consultation that is going to be carried out: N/A				
Planned Actions	Timeframe	Success Measure	Responsible Officer	

Completing Officer Authorising Head of Service/Director Date Review date (if applicable)	Esther Storer