

**ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**  
**CULTURE AND SPORT SUB-COMMITTEE**

**WOODHILL HOUSE, ABERDEEN, 6 MARCH, 2019**

**Present:** Councillor A Simpson (Vice-Chair); Councillor L Berry; Councillor A Forsyth; Mr J Knowles; Ms K Penman; and Councillor C Pike.

**Apologies:** Mr D Cook; and Mr C Sutherland.

**Officers:** Director of Education & Children's Services; Head of Lifelong Learning & Leisure; Head of HR & OD; Service Managers, Business Development, Facilities & Funding, and Sport & Physical Activity; Coordinating Team Leader – Community Learning; Accountancy Finance Manager; Principal Solicitor (Governance); and Committee Officer (J McRobbie).

**1. SEDERUNT AND DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor A Simpson, Vice-Chair, took the Chair of the meeting.

Councillor Simpson asked if members had interests to declare. No interests were declared.

**2. STATEMENT ON EQUALITIES**

In making decisions on the following items of business, the Sub-Committee agreed, in terms of Section 149 of the Equality Act, 2010:-

- (1) to have due regard to the need to:-
  - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
  - (b) advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
  - (c) foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. and
- (2) where an Equality Impact Assessment was provided, to consider its contents and take those into account when reaching a decision.

**3. LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE – FEES AND CHARGES**

There had been circulated a report dated 26 February, 2019 by the Director of Education & Children's Services, (a) requesting the consideration of fees and charges for all Live Life Aberdeenshire facilities, delegated to the Sub-Committee for approval in terms of Standing Order D.1.1.e and D.6, Part A, and (b) reporting the comments made by the Communities Committee, as consultee, at its meeting on 21 February, 2019.

Having heard further from officers of the evolution of the Council's Charging Policy, and also of the powers which had been delegated to the Chief Officer, Live Life Aberdeenshire, to set, prices, in this case deferred to the Sub-Committee to allow their consideration of the principles of charging, as opposed to specific charges, there was discussion of the need to set a balance between the objective of full cost recovery and the links to health and well-being. After lengthy debate, the Sub-Committee **agreed:**

- (1) to adjust the existing Live Life Aberdeenshire policy for 2019/20, to increase all prices by a factor of 3.5%, with the exception of those detailed in the Appendix hereto; and
- (2) to note that the Chief Officer retained the option to vary these agreed prices, in order to allow response to local dynamics and circumstances, for special promotions.

#### **4. LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE – PERFORMANCE TARGETS 2019/20**

There had been circulated a report dated 28 January, 2019, as considered by the Communities Committee on 21 February, 2019, on proposed Performance Targets for Live Life Aberdeenshire for 2019/20.

Having noted that Performance reporting was to be considered in the development session to be held at the conclusion of the formal Sub-Committee meeting, the Sub-Committee **agreed** to note, for their information, the Communities Committee report.

**Appendix**

**Note – all prices not specified will increase by 3.5%.**

Sport and Physical Activity memberships.

1. Combine the current Joint membership (2 adults) and small family membership (1 adult and 2 children) into one 'small group ticket'.

Specific price impacts would be:

	Current Price (£'s)	2019 price (small group members) (£'s)
Joint membership	47	48
Small family	49.95	48

2. Apply nominal increases (of 1.6%) only to Standard memberships and family group memberships.

Specific price impacts would be:

	Current Price (£'s)	2019 price (small group members) (£'s)
Standard membership	31	31.50
Family membership	58	59

3. Hold the price of the Learn 2 Swim membership at £18.

Club and regular user prices

4. Adopt an approach of implementing club/group price rises in August in line with most seasons and the academic year.

Prices for people under 18 and people 60+

5. Apply a maximum price rise of 3.5% for users under 18, rather than the originally planned increases of up to 20%
6. Apply a maximum price rise of 3.5% for users 60+, rather than the originally planned increases of 20%

Macduff Marine Aquarium

7. Retention of a specific price for people 60+ and disabled people not on low income. The proposal is to offer a £1.25 discount off the standard rate (£7.50)
8. A 3.5% inflationary increase in prices to be applied to all prices except where specified – in line with similar proposals for the rest of the service.
9. The family group ticket price to be held at £21.75.
10. Aquarist for a day price to be reduced by 25% and Child annual membership by 35%.

