

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE Housing and Environment
DATE 1 November 2011
DIRECTOR Pete Leonard
TITLE OF REPORT Charges 2012 / 2013 – Environmental Services
REPORT NUMBER: H&E/11/208

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report brings to the Committees attention the proposed charges for 2012 / 2013 for Environmental Services. These services include In Bloom sponsorship and Pets Corner.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:

- (i) Approve the charges for 2012 / 2013 as detailed in this report.
- (ii) Refers this report to the Finance & Resources Committee 6 December 2011 for final approval.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As detailed in the report.

Charges for Bereavement Services including cremations and burials have already been approved through the PBB options.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct implications arising from this report in terms of any legal, resource, personnel, property, equipment, and sustainability and environmental, health and safety and/or policy issues.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

Officers are seeking approval from the committee to move forward with the proposed charges for services for 2012 / 2013 as follows.

Pets Corner

Pets corner Tickets	Fee Structure 2011/12	Proposed Fee Structure 2012/13
Adult	£3.00	£3.00
Child	£1.00	£1.00
Children Under 3	Free	Free
Family	£5.00	£6.00
Accord Card	£2.00	£2.00
Education Adult	NA	£1.50
Education Child	NA	£0.50
Season Family Pass	£30.00	£32.00

In order for Pets Corner to remain good value and an attractive place to visit officers have proposed minimal changes to ticket prices with only the Family and Season Family Pass ticket prices being increased.

The Educational Group charge has been replaced with individual charges.

The small increase will cover any increased service, supplier and material costs.

In Bloom Sponsorship Charges

In Bloom Sponsorship	Fee Structure 2011/12	Proposed Fee Structure 2012/13
Window Boxes	£54.00	£56.00
Hanging Baskets	From £54 (dependent on size)	From £56 (dependent on size)
Planters	From £10 (dependent on size)	From £12 (dependent on size)

In order for In Bloom sponsorship to remain good value and to make prices attractive to new customers officers have proposed minimal changes to prices.

The small increase will cover any increased service, supplier and material costs.

6. IMPACT

The report is linked to the Aberdeen City Council's Single Outcome Agreement and the Community Plan, in terms of:

- (i) National Outcome 1 and its Local Outcome of Aberdeen being an even more attractive place in which to do business;
- (ii) National Outcome 12 in terms of valuing and enjoying our built and natural environment and protecting it for future generations; and
- (iii) National Outcome 15 in terms of working with others to deliver maximum service efficiencies.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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