

INCOME GENERATION SUB-COMMITTEE

2nd February 2022

Present: Councillor Steve Mackay in the Chair
Councillors Riaz (Vice-Chair), Stafford and Stephen

Officers: Mark Baldwin, Head of Finance
Shane Flynn, Corporate Director, Finance and Resources
Kevin Moore, Head of Property Services

Apologies: Councillor Mitchell

28 Appointment of Substitutes

None.

29 Declarations of Interest

None.

30 Public Participation

None.

31 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

32 Proposed Fees and Charges 2022/23

The Committee considered a report on the proposed schedule of Fees and Charges for 2022/23. The Head of Finance presented the report and highlighted the main points.

Proposed Fees and Charges for Building Control and some Licensing charges were set out in the exempt part of the agenda as they are commercially sensitive. Trade Waste charges would be available following publication of the new cost of waste disposal, which was expected shortly.

The review had been carried out with an assumption that inflation is at 2%. Some fees and charges were proposed to increase by an average of 2%, but in some specific cases, the proposed increase was greater. However, some fees and charges had been maintained at the same level as 2021/22.

In response to questions, it was explained that, whilst it was proposed to increase the charge for Worcester residents at the Commandery, this includes new added benefits.

Members were advised that the review takes account of the prevailing inflation rate and there is also an analysis of prices charged by other providers.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee agree to recommend the proposed schedule of Fees and Charges for 2022/23 to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

33 Quarter 3 Performance Report for 2021/22

The Committee considered a report on the Council's Quarter 3 performance for Income Generation for 2021/22. The Corporate Director – Finance and Resources presented the report and highlighted a number of main points. Officers responded to questions from Committee Members.

In the ensuing discussion, reference was made to trade waste, where income remains at approximately 90% of budget. Officers were asked what can be done to return to the income target. In response, Officers explained that the position has been affected by Covid, as many businesses were not trading and some ceased altogether. Some new customers have now been gained. There are additional resources for developing a new marketing strategy and the newly appointed Head of Service will be able to offer new ideas.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee note the Council's Quarter 3 performance for 2021/22.

34 Any Other Business

None.

35 Item Involving the Disclosure of Exempt Information

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act.

36 Proposed Fees and Charges 2022/23 (Exempt Items)

The Sub-Committee considered the proposed fees and charges for Building Control and some Licensing charges which are classed as exempt items as they are commercially sensitive. The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend them to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

37 Development Proposal

The Sub-Committee considered an opportunity to purchase a site in the city and agreed an allocation from the Income Generation Fund to underwrite preliminary assessments.

Duration of the meeting: 7.00p.m. – 7.47p.m.

Chair at the meeting on
9th March 2022