

INCOME GENERATION SUB-COMMITTEE

28th January 2021

Present: Councillor Jabba Riaz in the Chair
Councillors Agar, Bayliss, Mackay (Vice-Chairman) and Mitchell

Officers: Mark Baldwin, Head of Finance
Shane Flynn, Corporate Director – Finance and Resources

20 Appointment of Substitutes

None.

21 Declarations of Interest

None.

22 Public Participation

None.

23 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

24 Proposed Fees and Charges 2021/22

The Committee reviewed the proposed schedule of Fees and Charges for 2021/22. The Head of Finance presented the report and summarised the main points.

The review had been carried out with an assumption that inflation is at 1%. Some Fees and Charges were proposed to increase by an average of 1% and, in some specific cases, individual fees by a greater amount. A number of Fees and Charges had been maintained at the same level as 2020/21.

Building Control fees have been increased by 3% by the shared service to cover the pay increase and other additional increased costs. These fees were commercially sensitive and were detailed in the exempt Appendix to the report.

It was noted that Trade Waste charges were outstanding pending the publication of the new cost of waste disposal. It was anticipated that this would be available for the report to Policy and Resources Committee in February.

Officers responded to questions on detailed aspects of the report.

RESOLVED: That the Committee note the proposed schedule of Fees and Charges for 2021/22 and recommend approval to the Policy and Resources Committee on 9 February 2021 for ultimate approval by Full Council on 23 February 2021.

25 Quarter 3 Performance Report for 2020/21

The Sub-Committee received a report on Quarter 2 performance for the Income Generation. The Corporate Director – Finance and Resources presented the report and highlighted a number of key issues including the overall picture and the position on specific projects. In summary, the income strategy continued to be affected by disruption due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the wider economic impact. The reductions in car parking, bereavement services and neighbourhood income were highlighted in particular. The overall picture and future projections will be reflected in the Budget report to Policy and Resources Committee in February.

The Income Strategy will be reviewed alongside the Commercial Strategy in 2021/22.

In response to a question about the potential for identifying new initiatives for income generation, the Corporate Director highlighted two potential strands: firstly schemes that support the delivery of environmental agenda, as government grants will be available for projects such as solar panels and electric vehicles. Secondly, there may be opportunities for regeneration through the acquisition of properties for the delivery of social housing. The process for generating new ideas will be addressed in the revised Income Strategy.

Members concluded by thanking Officers for their work in achieving the current position in such challenging circumstances.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee note the Council's Quarter 3 performance for 2020/21.

26 Any Other Business

None.

27 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act.

28 Fees and Charges 2021/22

The Sub-Committee recommended the proposed Fees and Charges for Building Control 2021/22 for approval.

Duration of the meeting: 7.00p.m. – 7.40p.m.

Chair at the meeting on
11th March 2021