

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	19 OCTOBER 2020	20
BUDGET SETTING – FEES AND CHARGES 2020/21 PRIVATE PADDLE PERMIT			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

At its meeting held on 3 September 2020, the Tourism and Leisure Committee recommended to Council approval of the introduction of a Fairhaven Lake Private Paddle Permit at a charge of £60 per year to be adopted within the schedule of fees and charges for 2020/21.

RECOMMENDATION

Council is requested to:

Approve the recommendation of Tourism and Leisure Committee to introduce a Fairhaven Lake Private Paddle Permit at a charge of £60 per year to be adopted within the schedule of fees and charges for 2020/21.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Tourism and Leisure Committee – 3 September 2020 RESOLVED:

To recommend to Council the proposed fees and charges for the introduction of a private paddle permit at Fairhaven Lake as detailed within the report to be adopted within the schedule of fees and charges for 2020/21.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	✓
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	✓
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	✓
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	✓

REPORT

- The Council currently offer private use of Fairhaven Lake for any craft at a fee of £75 per annum, however use is only permitted during working hours.
- During the covid-19 lockdown, a large increase of requests from the public have been received by officers for out of hours use of Kayaks and Stand up Paddleboards (SUP's) on Fairhaven Lake. These sports are growing in popularity and form a central focus to the new Watersports Centre which will be constructed as part of the NLHF restoration project.

3. During discussions in order to phase the return of activity at Fairhaven Lake, it has been suggested that the issue of managing the use of the lake by private Kayaks and Stand up Paddleboards needs to be addressed. Although the Council do not encourage or invite users to take part in activity out of hours, the Council do not have signage at the lake stating it is prohibited.
4. Officers have researched policies of neighbouring local authorities that have marine lakes for private water sports and details regarding this were set out in the report the Tourism and Leisure Committee.
5. Officers recommend introducing a paddle permit system that would align with the Fairhaven NLHF Restoration project activity plan.
6. Safety guidance procedures will be provided with all permits to ensure safety of users. As Kayaks and SUP's do not require vehicle access or launching from council-maintained slipways, the current annual fee of £75 is high and not in line with other authority price ranges.
7. A charge of £60 for paddle only permit is proposed.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	This report requests that Members consider the additional fees and charges for a private paddle permit and approve for adoption with the schedule of fees and charges for 2020/21.
Legal	None arising from this report
Community Safety	None arising from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising from this report

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
n/a	n/a	n/a