

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	3 SEPTEMBER 2020	4
BUDGET SETTING – FEES AND CHARGES 2020/21 FAIRHAVEN ADVENTURE GOLF			

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

At the Tourism and Leisure Committee in March 2020, the Committee approved capital expenditure for the new Adventure Golf course at Fairhaven Lake. Within the report it was noted that a further report would be presented to a future Committee meeting requesting approval for the proposed fee levels to be adopted and subsequently included within the schedule of approved fees and charges for 2020/21.

This report gives details regarding the fees and charges, including background to how these were determined and describes the operation of the service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To recommend to Council the proposed fees and charges for the Fairhaven Adventure Golf as detailed within the report to be adopted within the schedule of fees and charges for 2020/21.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Tourism and Leisure Committee – 9th January 2020 RESOLVED;

1. To recommend to Council a proposed schedule of fees and charges applicable for 2020/21; and
2. To note that the final fees and charges for 2020/21 will be approved by the Budget Council in March 2020.

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

1. Each year, as part of the budget-setting process for the coming financial year, budget-holders are required to review the fees and charges that the Council applies to the range of services which it delivers.
2. There are different considerations for assessing changes to the level of fees and charges depending upon the nature of the service. This is explained below:

- For certain activities, for example some environmental health-related activities, fee levels are set by statute at a prescribed level.
 - For other types of charges in respect of services for which the Council has statutory responsibilities (for example in relation to licensing matters) fee levels must be set at an appropriate level such that only eligible costs are recovered. and
 - For other activities which are not set by statute and for which the Council is not acting under statutory powers (e.g. games site fees) fee levels may be set at levels that are determined by the Council itself. In respect of these types of activity the review of fees and charges comprises a review of costs, a review of the fee levels of competitor providers and after a consideration of the likely effect on demand for the services and the total income that would be received at different fee levels.
3. Due to the timing of the Adventure Golf project, it was not possible to include the required fees and charges within the usual budget setting process. A note was inserted into the March 2020 Adventure Golf Drawdown Committee report which stated that a further report would be presented so that the fees and charges for the facility could be considered by the Committee and included within the schedule of fees and charges for 2020/21.
 4. The following paragraphs provide a description of the service and how the proposed fees and charges for the Adventure Golf have been calculated.
 5. The new Adventure Golf course will at least initially be operated in-house by Fylde Council using a combination of existing and new resources. This will be the first phase of a transition at Fairhaven Lake to a new management regime ahead of the completion of the NLHF restoration scheme.
 6. A forecast of income and expenditure figures for 2020/21 are included in the business plan for the facility and have already been included as part of the previous Adventure Golf drawdown report.
 7. The Committee is requested to recommend to Council the following fees and charges that were referenced within the previous Adventure Golf drawdown report of March 2020:
 - Adult Ticket £7
 - Junior Ticket £5
 - Family Ticket (2 Adults, 2 Juniors) £20
 VAT will be categorised as “Exempt”
 8. The above fees and charges have been benchmarked against a range of different regional courses, comparing and contrasting quality, number of holes, location and features.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	This report requests that Members consider the additional fees and charges for Adventure Golf 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
Adventure Golf Drawdown Report	12 th March 2020	www.fylde.gov.uk