



Executive Board Sub Committee

**Thursday, 21 February 2008 10.00 a.m.
Marketing Suite, Municipal Building**

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Chief Executive

**ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

PART 1

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1. MINUTES	
2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or personal and prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached and (subject to certain exceptions in the Code of Conduct for Members) to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.	
3. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PORTFOLIO	
(A) CULTURE & LEISURE SERVICES SCALE OF CHARGES 2008-09	1 - 12

PART II

In this case the Sub Committee has a discretion to exclude the press and public, but in view of the nature of the business to be transacted it is **RECOMMENDED** that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, having been satisfied that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, 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 exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

4. CORPORATE SERVICES PORTFOLIO

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| (A) ST. MICHAEL'S GOLF COURSE AWARD OF
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In accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act the Council is required to notify those attending meetings of the fire evacuation procedures. A copy has previously been circulated to Members and instructions are located in all rooms within the Civic block.

REPORT TO: Executive Board Sub Committee
DATE: 21 February 2008
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Health & Community
SUBJECT: Cultural & Leisure Services, Scale of Charges
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To set out the proposed admission charges for 2008/09 for the Council Libraries, The Kingsway Learning Centre, Leisure Centres, Parks and Playing Pitches, Community Centres and the Brindley Arts Centre.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That:

i) **The charges as proposed be approved.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 No major changes are proposed in the structure of charges for 2008/09. The level of charges have been set as part of the council's response in setting an overall budget. Charges are therefore set at a level that should increase the revenue to the council in real terms. However the level of increase's have been judged against customer issues, other competing services and the need to continue to provide universal services which are accessible by all.

3.2 It is proposed to hold charges at The Brindley to 2007/08 levels. However it should be noted that the Performing Rights Society fees that approximate to 3% are now passed on in the booking fee and are no longer paid directly by The Brindley.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Proposed charges for 2008/09 are attached as an appendix.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no policy implications.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

Charges for all children under 18 are half of the full adult charge this

is a policy of the council to ensure access to healthy, constructive activities for young people.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

There are no implications.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

Physical activity is one of the corner stones of the council's health strategy. The promotion of physical activity with the minimum financial barrier to participation is a key component.

6.4 A Safer Halton

Sport and recreational activities provide constructive diversionary activities for young people who may engage in anti social behaviour or cause youth nuisance.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

There are no implications.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Income from charges is part of the council's overall budgeting strategy, new charges must therefore be implemented on 1st April 2008. Revised charges for the Brindley are implemented on 1st September 2008. This is as a consequence of hires of the auditorium are planned and booked well in advance.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 The council's charges are structured and are at a level designed to enable the use of services by everyone in the community irrespective of individual circumstances. The new level of charges have, been set at a level which continues to facilitate this.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.

Proposed Leisure Prices for 2008/2009

Appendix 1

	2007/8	2008/9 Proposed
SWIMMING		
Adult	2.40	2.50
Junior	1.20	1.25
HLC	1.20	1.25
JN Lessons(10 lessons)	28.50	29.50
SN Lessons(10 lessons)	31.00	32.00
SPORTSHALL		
Adult	2.90	3.00
Junior	1.45	1.50
HLC	1.45	1.50
SPORTSHALL BLOCK BOOKINGS		
Half Hall BB Hire	21.50	22.50
Adult admit fee	1.60	1.70
Junior admit fee	0.80	0.85
HLC admit fee	0.80	0.85
Squash (40 min)	2.85	2.95
Junior Squash	1.45	1.45
Fitness	3.95	4.05
Junior Fitness	1.95	2.00
Health Suite	5.30	5.30
Creche per hour.	1.05	1.10
Table Tennis	2.00	2.05
Junior Table Tennis	1.00	1.00
SPECTATOR		
Adult	0.50	0.50
Junior	0.25	0.25
HLC	0.25	0.25
SPECIAL EVENTS		
KLC		
Half Hall Booking	34.00	35.00
Full Hall Booking	68.00	70.00
Multi Purpose Room	28.00	29.00
Gymnasium	25.00	25.75
Creche	20.00	20.50
Studio	28.00	29.00
Swimming Pool	51.50	53.00
Small Pool	39.00	40.00
New Activity Room		25.00
RSP		
Swimming Pool	43.50	44.50
BROOKVALE RECREATION CENTRE		
Swimming Pool	46.00	47.00
Sportshall Adult	57.50	59.00
Sportshall Junior	33.00	34.00
Half Hall Booking - Adult	29.00	30.00

Half Hall booking - Junior	16.50	17.00
Gymnasium - Adult	23.80	24.50
Gymnasium - Junior	16.40	16.80
Studio		22.00
ATP		
Adult Casual	31.00	32.00
Junior Casual	15.50	16.00
Block Booking		
Adult	26.80	28.00
Junior	13.40	14.00
Hockey Match		
Adult	41.00	42.00



PROPOSED SCALE OF CHARGES 1st April 2008 – 31st March 2009

LIBRARY SERVICE

LOAN CHARGES

	PRESENT	PROPOSED
Talking Books	£1 for 3 weeks	No change
Leisure Card Holders	50p for weeks	No change
Compact Discs	80p per week	90p per week
Leisure Card Holders	40p per week	45p per week
DVDs	£2.20 for 1 week	£2.50 for 1 week
Leisure Card Holders	£1.10 for 1 week	£1.25 for 1 week
Learning for Life Collection		
Non-book items:	£1.00 for 3 weeks	No change
Leisure Card Holders:	FREE	No change
PlayStation 2	£2.50 per week	No change
Leisure Card Holders	£1.25 per week	No change

FINES ON OVERDUE ITEMS

Books, Talking Books, CDs, and Learning for Life Collection

Adult tickets	10p per item per day maximum £4.00 per item	No change
Children's tickets	No charge	No change
Young Persons tickets (16-18)	5p per item per day maximum £4.00 per item	No charge
Leisure Card Holders	5p per item per day maximum £4.00 per item	No change
DVDs	40p per day	No change
Leisure Card Holders	20p per day maximum £8.00 per item	No change
PlayStation 2	50p per day	No change
Leisure Card Holders	25p per day maximum £8.00 per item	No change

In addition an administrative charge of 30p (which includes postage) is payable when an overdue reminder is sent. Children's books borrowed on an adult ticket are subject to the adult fine rate.

RESERVATIONS

For items currently in stock	70p per item	FREE
Leisure Card Holders	35p per item	FREE
For items which have to be bought for stock item	70p per item	£1.50 per

Leisure Card Holders	35p per item	75p per item
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For items which have to be obtained through Inter Library Loan or British Library

	£3.00 per item	£2.20 per item
Leisure Card Holders	£1.10 per item	£1.50 per item

	PRESENT	PROPOSED
PERSONAL COMPUTER BOOKINGS		
Discs:	£1.00 each	No change
Leisure Card Holders	50p each	No change
Printing:		
Black & White:	10p per page	No change
Colour:	20p per page	No change
Leisure Card Holders		
Black & White:	5p per page	No change
Colour:	10p per page	No change
PHOTOCOPIES		
	10p per sheet	No change
MICROFILM / MICROFICHE COPIES		
	20p per sheet	No change
FAX		
	50p per sheet received	No change
To UK:	£1.00 first sheet	No change
	25p subsequent sheets	No change
To Europe:	£2.00 first sheet	No change
	50p subsequent sheets	No change
International:	£3.00 first sheet	No change
	£1.00 subsequent sheets	No change
LOST TICKETS		
Adults:	£1.00	No change
Children and Leisure Card Holders:	50p	No change
ROOM HIRE		
1. <u>Community Groups</u>		
Auditorium	£6.00 per hour	£6.20 per hour
Meeting room	£4.25 per hour	£4.30 per hour
Computer Suite	£5.25 per hour	£5.40 per hour
<u>Block bookings</u>		
Less 15% discount in respect of 10 or more bookings at any one time		

Free Lettings - New activities and groups initiated by the Manager may, in their initial period of operation receive a maximum of 4 free lettings to establish groups which should then be considered a community user paying at the appropriate rate.

2. **Private Groups and Commercial Groups**

The above charges increased by 25% and 50% respectively and cumulatively

3. **Events** - other than those in 1 or 2, by negotiation with the Manager



Parks and Countryside Service
Proposed Facility Charges 2008/09

		07/08 Price	08/09
Summer Games			
Bowling Casual Hire	(4 hours)	35.00	36.00
Bowling Green Hire	(Alternate)	65.00	67.00
Bowling Green Hire	(Weekly)	130.00	134.00
Cricket B/B Hire		180.00	185.00
Cricket Casual		60.00	62.00
Winter Games			
Adult B/B Pitch Hire	(Alternate)	350.00	360.00
Adult B/B Pitch Hire	(Weekly)	700.00	720.00
Adult Casual Hire		70.00	72.00
Junior B/B Pitch Hire*	(Alternate)	190.00*	195.00*
Junior B/B Pitch Hire*	(Weekly)	380.00*	390.00*
Mini Soccer B/B Hire*		125.00*	129.00*
Junior Casual Hire		30.00	31.00
Adult Floodlit Grass Training	12 weeks	130.00	140.00
Junior Floodlit Grass Training	12 weeks	65.00	70.00
Adult Baseball Field	(Annual)	1160.00	1195.00
Junior Baseball Field	(Annual)	580.00	597.00
Meeting Room Hire			
Half Day Hire		25.00	26.00
Full Day Hire		40.00	41.00
Allotments			
Allotment Plot		28.00	29.00
Environmental Education			
Halton Schools		Free	Free
Out of Borough Schools (per pupil)		3.00	

Notes

* Presently provided Free of charge for competitive sport



The Brindley Hire Fees 2008/09

High Street, Runcorn WA7 1BG
 TEL: 0151 907 8360 | FAX: 0151 907 8361

The Brindley Arts Centre provides state of the art performance facilities, skilled technical and front-of-house staff, excellent seating and refreshments for audiences.

The Theatre seats 424 people and the studio 108.

Community groups include all amateur and community based organisations, including dance schools.

	Mon – Thurs Performance	Fri / Sat Performance	Sunday Performance	Rehearsal
Halton Borough Community Hirers +Theatre Space	£475	£550	£650	£150
Non Halton Borough based Community Hirers +Theatre Space	£575	£650	£750	£200
Commercial Hirers Theatre Space	£850	£950	£950	£250
Hire of Space Tech / Staff not Included Studio Space	£200	£200	£300	

A performance hire includes exclusive use of the Theatre space on that day, **two** technicians, use of theatre lighting, sound system and up to **three** Front-of-house staff.

The Brindley box office staff will produce and manage the sale of tickets at a cost of 25p per ticket.

PRS – Performing Rights costs will be recharged at the appropriate percentage to hirers, when applicable.



PROPOSED SCALE OF HIRE CHARGES 1st April 08 – 31st March 09

**COMMUNITY CENTRES –
Castlefields/Ditton/Grangeway/Murdishaw/Upton**

Approved – Assistant Accountant, Cultural & Leisure	
Approved – Operational Director, Cultural & Leisure	

1. COMMUNITY GROUPS

		Rate 07-08	Rate 08-09	£ Increase	% Increase
Hall	Per hour	£6.55	£6.90	£0.35	5%
Small Room	Per hour	£2.35	£2.50	£0.15	5%
Large Room	Per hour	£3.50	£3.70	£0.20	5%
Stage	Per hour	£2.35	£2.50	£0.15	5%
Kitchen	Per hour	£1.90	£2.00	£0.10	5%

Block Bookings

Less 10 % in respect of 10 or more bookings made at any one time.

Free Lettings

New activities and groups initiated by the Manager may, in their initial period of operation, receive a maximum of 4 free lettings to establish the groups which should then be considered a community user paying the appropriate rate.

Any further free lettings would be by agreement with Operational Director, Cultural & Leisure Services.

Performing Rights – 5% of the total booking charge (excluding any discount).

2. PRIVATE and COMMERCIAL GROUPS

Kitchen Hire VAT (17.5%) applies

The above charges increase by 25% AND 50% respectively and cumulatively

Performing Rights – 5% of the total booking charge (excluding any discount).

3. OTHER

Events other than those in 1 or 2, including week end rates, by negotiation with the Manager.

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF APPLICANTS

1. Payment of Charges (Private and Casual Bookings)

A Non Returnable deposit of 25% of the charge shall be paid in advance and the balance must be paid prior to use.

2. Approval of Applicants

No application must be regarded as accepted until official approval has been received and the deposit paid.

3. Preparation and Tidying Up

The hours booked must cover the use of the Centre by organisers for any preparatory work required prior to the function and for tidying up afterwards.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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