

# **CULTURE, LEISURE & TOURISM PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD**

16 March 2010

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

## **Present:**

Councillor Victor Tumilty (Culture, Leisure & Tourism Portfolio Holder)

Officers: John Mennear, Assistant Director (Community Services)  
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

## **22. Fees and Charges – Exceptions Report – *Director of Child and Adult Services***

### **Type of Decision**

Non key

### **Purpose of Report**

To provide the Portfolio Holder with an update of the annual review of charges for services and identify those increases which are in excess of the inflationary increase of 2.5%.

### **Issues for Consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The report focused on those proposed increases to current fees charged by Community Services in excess of the 2.5% inflation rate. These were intended to redress specific areas where fees and charges had been unable to keep pace with the cost of provision or were significantly cheaper than regional or sub-regional comparisons. A list of those fees and charges in excess of 5% was appended to the report. Services included hire rates for Council owned premises and admission prices for the Hartlepool Maritime Experience and Viewing Tower. The Assistant Director highlighted a slight error in relation to the cost of aquarobics. It was noted that despite these increases Hartlepool rates remained competitive when compared to similar local providers.

### **Decision**

That the revised schedule of fee and charge increases for 2010/11 be approved.

The meeting concluded at 10.10am

**P J DEVLIN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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