

Minutes

Environment and Enforcement Committee Wednesday, 12th December, 2018

Attendance

Cllr Parker (Chair)	Cllr Morrissey
Cllr Bridge (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Naylor
Cllr Mrs Fulcher	Cllr Poppy
Cllr McLaren	Cllr Tierney

Apologies

Substitute Present

Cllr Mrs Slade

Also Present

Cllr Wiles

Officers Present

David Carter	-	Environmental Health Manager
Tracey Lilley	-	Enforcement Manager
Zoe Borman	-	Governance and Member Support Officer
Stuart Anderson	-	Deputy Operations Manager
Greg Campbell	-	Director of Operations

279. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Fulcher. Cllr Slade substituted for Cllr Wiles who was delayed. Cllr Wiles joined the meeting but did not take part in the debate nor vote.

280. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Environment and Enforcement Committee held on 26th September 2018 were approved as a true record.

281. Chair's Update

Members noted the updates provided by officers in the report and thanked officers for the informative content.

282. Fees and Charges

Fees and charges levied by the Council for various services are reviewed on an annual basis by the relevant Committees relating to the Services.

Recommended amendments to fees and charges are incorporated into the budget.

A motion was **MOVED** by Cllr Parker and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bridge to approve the recommendations in the report.

Members raised concerns regarding the fee levied in relation to high hedge complaints as this had increased considerably. Members were informed that this increase was due to charges not having been raised for a number of years and the new charge would be in line with neighbouring authorities and assist the Council to recover the costs involved with this service. The Chair agreed to ask officers to consider the service and how the charges are passed onto the resident and whether this was a fair service.

Following a full debate a vote was taken by a show of hands and it was **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That the proposed fees and charges attached in Appendices A, B, C and D were approved and referred to Policy, Projects & Resources Committee and Ordinary Council as part of the 2019/20 budget setting process.

Reasons for Recommendation

The recommended increases to fees and charges will enable the Council to recover the cost of services provided.

283. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting concluded at 19.45