

**Extract of Executive Board Minutes Relevant to the Employment, Learning Skills and Community Policy and Performance Board**

**EXECUTIVE SUB- BOARD MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2011**

**ES79 LEISURE AND RECREATION SERVICES SCALE OF CHARGES**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Strategic Director, Health and Community which set out the proposed admission charges for the 2011/12 for the Council Libraries, The Kingsway Learning Centre, Leisure Centres, Parks and Playing Pitches, Halton Athletic Track, Community Centres, Bereavement Services, and The Brindley Arts Centre.

It was noted that the charges levied against Bereavement Services had been reviewed and compared against adjacent Local Authorities to determine charges. The following changes were recommended:

- a) the lease period for burial plots is reduced from 99 years to 50;
- b) new charges are introduced for researching family history;
- c) the lease period on sanctum vaults is reduced from 99 years to give an option of ten or twenty years.

RESOLVED: That

1. the charges as proposed be approved; and
2. the charges and lease periods levied for Bereavement Services be approved.

**EXECUTIVE SUB- BOARD MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 2011**

**ES95 FORMER ST MICHAEL'S GOLF COURSE, WIDNES**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Economy, which provided an update on the progress of the remediation of the northern section of St. Michael's Golf Course and outlined the options for potential future site uses. Funding totalling £2,477,131 and an additional £90,490 had been received from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) for Phase 1 of the remediation of the northern section of St. Michael's Golf Course. Contractors Land and Water were appointed to complete Phase 1.

With regard to Phase 2, an initial trial would take place shortly to demonstrate if the identified potential technique was able to reduce the concentration of sulphide to concentrations that were appropriate to allow sewer

disposal. Once the results were proven and a design had been signed off by the Environment Agency and also United Utilities then a Phase 2 funding application could be made to Defra. Until this was completed, the site would remain closed to public access on safety grounds.

Following the completion of Phase 2 remediation contract the next phase would be to restore the site for re-use. Members were advised on a number of options for the site which the Council would explore further with their associated benefits and risks. Confirmation of the intended restoration option of the site would be dependent on securing funding and also agreement from Defra and the Environment Agency who would require reassurances that the remediation works would be protected during and after the implementation of the site restoration.

It was noted that solutions were still being sought for the south side of the Golf Course and this would require further consideration.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) progress on the remediation of the site be noted; and
- (2) a further report be submitted to the Board on the options for future use of the site.