

REPORT TO: Executive Board Sub Committee
DATE: 19 March 2008
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Health and Community
SUBJECT: 2009/10 Charges for Riverview Gypsy Site
WARD(S): Riverside

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for revised site charges for Riverview Gypsy site for the financial year 2009/10.

2.0 RECOMMENDED – that the proposed 5.0% increase to pitch rental and 9.0% increase in water charges set out in the report be approved with effect from 6th April 2009.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The table below sets out the existing weekly charges levied for pitch rental and water/sewerage for 2008/09, and the proposed charges for 2009/10. These apply on a 48 week year.

	2008/09	2009/10 (proposed)	Difference
Pitch Rental	21 @ £46.66 1 @ £54.44	21 @ £48.99 1 @ £57.16	+ 5% + 5%
Water & sewerage	23 @ £ 8.78	23 @ £9.57	+ 9%

3.2 The Council's inflation allowance for general income for the coming year is 3%. The allowance for water and sewerage charges is 7% as there was a significant increase in charges introduced by the Utility companies during 2008/09.

3.3 However, an above inflation increase is being proposed in order to move towards a balanced budget and increases of 5% and 9% respectively for pitch rental and water rates, 2% above the Council's general inflation allowances, are proposed.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The proposed charges will enable the Council to continue to properly fund the management and maintenance of the Riverview site.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None identified.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None identified.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None identified.

6.4 A Safer Halton

None identified.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Not applicable

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.0 Not applicable.

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

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Place of inspection

Contact Officer

None