

INCOME GENERATION SUB-COMMITTEE

15th January 2019

Present: Councillor Patricia Agar in the Chair

Councillors Knight (Vice-Chairman),
Mitchell, Stalker and Stanley

Also in Attendance:

Councillors Feeney, Johnson and J. Squires

Officers:

Mark Baldwin, Head of Finance
Shane Flynn, Corporate Director –
Finance and Resources
Rishi Verma, Corporate Strategy and
Policy Manager

60 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor Stalker for Councillor Hodges.

61 Declarations of Interest

None.

62 Public Participation

None.

63 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

64 Fees and Charges 2019/20

The Sub-Committee reviewed the proposed schedule of Fees and Charges for 2019/20. The Head of Finance presented the report and answered questions from Members.

In the ensuing discussion, the following main points were made:

- The Chair and Vice-Chair of Environment Committee attended and requested the Sub-Committee to consider a number of amendments to the fees and charges in respect of bulky household waste collection, as follows:

2 Items collected at same time - £15.00

3 Items collected at same time - £20.00

All other single items - £10.00

- The Sub-Committee were advised that Officers would need to consider whether there is a viable business case to support the proposed amendments.

- Reference was made to the admission charges to The Commandery and Members asked if the potential for concessions could be explored at a future date.
- A request was made for the weddings information on the Guildhall website could include a link to The Commandery website and vice-versa.
- The Sub-Committee noted written representations submitted by a street trader about the proposed increase in street trading licence fees.

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend the proposed schedule and the proposed amendment to Policy & Resources Committee for approval.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee recommend the proposed schedule of Fees and Charges for 2019/20, as amended, to the Policy and Resources Committee on 5th February 2019 for approval, and for ultimate approval by Full Council on 19th February 2019, and receive a detailed report on the expected costs and income arising from the proposed amendments.

65 Worcester Community Lottery

The Sub-Committee considered a report and presentation on progress with the establishment of a Worcester City Lottery. The Head of Finance presented the report and highlighted the main points.

In summary, it was proposed that the community fund is distributed annually using a pre-existing methodology and/or mechanism for determining the distribution to each approved beneficiary. There were alternative options for how the community fund will be distributed and these were summarised in the report.

Subscribing organisations will need to meet specified criteria. The proposed criteria are set out in Appendix B to the report.

In the ensuing discussion, Sub-Committee Members expressed support for Option 1 for allocating the proposed Community Fund, on the ground that it is a fair and simple approach.

Sub-Committee Members discussed whether schools should be classed as a non-profit making organisation for the purpose of the proposed selection criteria. It was concluded that schools should be included in the list of eligible organisations.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee:

- 1. note the progress made in setting up the Worcester Community Lottery;**
- 2. agree Option 1 as the approach for allocating the proposed Community Fund; and**
- 3. approve the criteria for selecting subscribing organisations as set out in Appendix B.**

66 **New Policies Arising from the New Community Lottery**

The Sub-Committee considered a report on policies that are required for the operation of the Council's new Community Lottery. The Head of Finance explained that these policies had been used, in draft, as part of the application to the gambling Commission for a permit. The relevant policies were:

- a. Children & Vulnerable Persons Protection Policy
- b. Fair and Open Gambling Policy
- c. Protection from Source of Crime and Disorder Policy
- d. Social Responsibility in Gambling Policy
- e. Implementation Procedures Policy

The policies all sought to ensure that the lottery will operate in accordance with the law and will maintain a high degree of social responsibility.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee agree to recommend the policies listed above, as appended to the report, to the Full Council for approval.

67 **Any Other Business**

The Chairman agreed to consider this matter as an item of urgent business as a request had been made by a Sub-Committee Member prior to the meeting for an update on progress with income generation projects.

The Corporate Director – Finance and Resources gave an oral update and also circulated a summary sheet of current and potential projects. In summary, he explained that there were three strands:

- Budget re-alignment with a view to setting targets for income generation – there had been progress with this and more information would be given in the Budget report to Policy & Resources Committee.
- Reviewing income generated currently and establishing whether this can be improved - There had been an increase year on year since 2014/15, as a result of which approximately £1m additional income had been generated.
- Identifying new income streams including big ticket items – work had been necessary to put appropriate policies and procedures in place, and also to invested in mechanisms to take this forward. Officers were of the view that good progress had been made and a point had been reached where this background work will start to bear fruit.

Members commented on a number of proposals – notably in relation to riverside improvements - and thanked Officers for circulating the summary information. The work undertaken to date was also acknowledged. The Chairman stated that she would raise the points made at the forthcoming budget briefing for Members.

68 Items Involving the Disclosure of Exempt Information

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act.

69 Fees and Charges 2019/20

The Sub-Committee recommended the proposed Fees and Charges for Building Control for approval. It was noted that Trade Waste Fees and Charges had yet to be finalised pending clarification of disposal charges.

70 Property Development

The Sub-Committee noted progress on generating income from investments in properties and partner initiatives.

71 Leisure Developments

The Sub-Committee noted progress on the development of sports facilities and activities that will contribute to the Council's income streams.

Duration of the meeting: 7.00p.m. – 9.15p.m.

Chairman at the meeting on
26th February 2019