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COUNCIL FEES AND CHARGES PROPOSALS

2024/25

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND GROUP DIRECTOR – FINANCE, DIGITAL AND FRONTLINE SERVICES

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out:

- Proposed revisions to Council fees and charges levels for the 2024/25 financial year to be consulted on as part of phase 2 of the 2024/25 budget consultation process (with the proposed revisions to be effective from 1st April 2024 or as soon as is practicable thereafter);
- Details of fees and charges decisions previously approved and to be included in the 2024/25 proposed Budget Strategy; and
- A proposed update to the Council's Street Trade License Scheme and proposed arrangements around the implementation of future changes to the maximum level of weekly charge for non-residential care services, as determined by Welsh Government.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 2.1 Consider proposed revisions to Council fees and charges for the 2024/25 financial year along with new proposed charges.
- 2.2 Agree for the fees and charges proposals (as set out at paragraphs 5.3.1 to 5.3.21) to be consulted on through phase 2 of the Council's 2024/25 Budget Consultation process and reported back to Cabinet for consideration as part of formulating a recommended Budget Strategy for 2024/25.
- 2.3 Note the fees and charges decisions previously approved and to be included in the 2024/25 proposed Budget Strategy (paragraph 5.10 / Table 2).

- 2.4 Note the proposed update to the Council's Street Trade License Scheme to be considered by the Council's Licensing Committee on 30th January 2024 and, subject to the Committee's approval, for the estimated additional income generated to be incorporated within the Council's proposed 2024/25 Revenue Budget Strategy.
- 2.5 Note Welsh Government's responsibility in setting the maximum level of weekly charge for non-residential care services and approve that future revisions to maximum weekly charge levels are implemented by the Council in line with Welsh Government guidance.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To provide Cabinet with details of proposed revisions to existing fees and charges for the 2024/25 financial year and associated consultation arrangements, to help inform Cabinet's considerations in setting fees and charges levels for the forthcoming financial year (2024/25). In parallel, to note for Cabinet proposed updates to the Council's Street Licensing Scheme and proposed arrangements around the implementation of future changes to the maximum level of weekly charge for non-residential care services, as determined by Welsh Government.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Council provides a wide range of services across the County Borough and the ability to apply a charge is an important source of funding to support the cost of maintaining service provision, this being increasingly important in the context of a prolonged period of rising cost pressures and increased demand.
- 4.2 As part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Planning arrangements, fees and charges are reviewed regularly and account is taken of funding levels received through the Local Government Settlement; the implications of decisions already approved; Corporate Plan priority areas; and feedback received as part of the consultation process. Alongside these factors, the level of inflation is also a key consideration: firstly, the general or Consumer Prices Index 12-month rate of inflation has ranged from 8.7% in April 2023 to 4.0% in December 2023 and has been well above 5% for the majority of the past 12 months, and secondly, specific expenditure areas such as food that has seen inflation being between 10% and 19% over the past year.
- 4.3 Members will note that Phase 1 of the Council's 2024/25 Budget Consultation process set out that an across-the-board increase for all fees and charges is not considered reasonable, with the need for fees and charges to be reviewed individually having regard to service user impact. 82.3% of respondents to this question agreed with this approach as part of phase 1 of the Council's 2024/25 Budget Consultation process.

5. REVIEW

- 5.1 Services have reviewed fees and charges levels having regard to the information set out in Section 4 with the objective to continue to provide a comprehensive range of quality services at affordable and competitive prices. In parallel, a key aim has also been to not pass through to customers / service users the full impact of inflationary pressures being experienced by Council Services when setting fees and charges levels for the 2024/25 financial year.
- 5.2 The outcome of the review is a proposed 5.0%¹ standard increase to fees and charges, with the Council absorbing the impact of not applying the full inflationary increases being felt across Services. In addition, as part of the detailed service by service review, a number of areas are proposed to be subject to specific treatment, as set out in Table 1.

Table 1 – Summary of proposed fees and charges not subject to the proposed standard increase

Area of Charge	Proposed Exception
Car Park Charges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Season ticket parking fees - freeze • Residential parking permits – freeze • Car park charges – increase charge to cover additional transaction costs incurred by the Council where payments are made by card: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Short Stay tariffs: £0.10 increase ○ Long Stay tariffs: £0.10 increase for up to 4 hours and £0.20 for over 4 hours
School Meals (Secondary Schools)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • +£0.15 per meal
Leisure for Life Membership / Pay and Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership +£0.50 (with further proposals set out in the full Fees and Charges Review)
Rhondda Heritage Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult entry: +£1 increase, from £9.95 to £10.95 (with further proposals set out in the full Fees and Charges Review)
Lido (Pontypridd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard admission charge (including cold water swim) - freeze • Boxing day swim: +£0.50 (from £7.00 to £7.50) • Introduction of a £0.25 booking fee per individual ticket purchased / booked to help address reducing the number of customers who do not attend pre-booked sessions and associated on-line transaction fees.
Community Meals (meals On wheels) and Day Services meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase of £0.25 (from £4.55 to £4.80)
Non-residential care services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Care hourly rate charge: from £20.00 to £21.00 per hour

¹ Proposed 5.0% standard increase – the Council's 2024/25 budget modelling already incorporates a proposed 3% increase to all fees and charges

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day Centre Services daily rate charge: from £20.00 to £21.00 per day • Direct Payment hourly rate charge: £10.00 to £11.00 per hour
Bulky Waste Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From £17.00 to £20.00 (for 3 items)

5.3 Appendix 1 provides a summary of the proposed revisions to 2024/25 fees and charges and further information on the proposals is set out below.

Car Park Charges

5.3.1 Further to the Council reducing car park charges from April 2017, as part of a wider strategy to encourage visitors to town centres, it has maintained charges at the same level since this time (noting that in all of the town centres across the County Borough other than Aberdare and Pontypridd, parking is already free).

5.3.2 Currently, the Council's car park ticket machines at Aberdare and Pontypridd accept payment in the form of coins only. An upgrade to the ticket machines is currently being progressed operationally to provide the additional option for car park charges to be paid by card, with the ticket machine upgrade costs being funded by external grant. Where car park charges are paid by card, the Council will incur additional transaction costs. It is proposed that car park charges (paid by cash or card) are increased as follows:

- Short Stay Tariffs – an increase of £0.10 on all tariffs
- Long Stay Tariffs:
 - Up to 4 hours: a £0.10 increase
 - Over 4 hours: a £0.20 increase

School Meals (Secondary Schools)

5.3.3 Previous Cabinet decisions have frozen school meal prices for two of the past three financial years (i.e. for 2021/22 and 2022/23), with the current free school meal value of a secondary school meal being £2.95.

5.3.4 It is proposed that the free school meal value of a secondary school meal is increased by £0.15, to £3.10, with the full inflationary impact of high food costs not passed through to families and absorbed by the Council. In terms of comparing across Wales, current secondary school meal prices (i.e. for the 2023/24 financial year) range from £2.40 to £3.20, noting that the comparative information does not take account of any price level considerations by local authorities for the 2024/25 financial year.

5.3.5 As Members will be aware, from April 2024 the roll-out of universal free school meals will cover learners from nursery through to Year 6, meaning that no school meal charges will apply for the primary school sector.

Leisure for Life Membership / Pay and Play

- 5.3.6 Previous decisions taken by Cabinet have seen the Council's Leisure for Life membership price frozen between January 2018 and March 2023, and for the 2023/24 financial year, a £0.50 increase applied from April 2023. This approach has been part of an on-going strategy to provide high quality leisure facilities at affordable prices across the County Borough.
- 5.3.7 From April 2024, it is proposed that a £0.50 increase is applied to the Leisure for Life Membership, representing a 1.3% increase, taking the adult monthly price (direct debit 12-month commitment) from £37.50 to £38.00, with a consistent approach to price uplifts applied to other Leisure for Life memberships, for example, the Leisure for Life annual membership increased by £5 per year (i.e. 10 months * £0.50 per month increase). Comparison with provision in neighbouring local authority areas is not informative due to the differing level of services offered and the differing range of facilities in place. Pay and play prices are proposed to be increased in line with the standard uplift of 5%.
- 5.3.8 A breakdown of the proposed changes to the Council's Leisure for Life membership and Pay and Play prices from April 2024 are included as Appendix 2.

Rhondda Heritage Park / Lido (Pontypridd)

- 5.3.9 Admission prices at both Rhondda Heritage Park and Lido (Pontypridd) were frozen between 2019/20 and 2022/23, and, following a review of charges for the 2023/24 financial year, prices were increased ensuring that both facilities remain competitively priced compared to other regional attractions.
- 5.3.10 A further review has been undertaken in respect of the range of provision available at the Rhondda Heritage Park, taking into account customer demand and associated costs, and proposed prices from April 2024 are set out at Appendix 3.
- 5.3.11 In respect of the Lido (Pontypridd), it is proposed that the cost of adult entry admission is frozen at £3.00 from April 2024 along with the price for paid activities (£2.50) and cold swimming sessions (£3.50); free entrance continues for under 16; and with specific regard to boxing day swims during the Christmas holiday period, it is proposed that the admission price increases from £7.00 to £7.50.
- 5.3.12 It is further proposed for the Lido (Pontypridd) that a booking fee of £0.25 per individual ticket purchased / booked² be introduced to support a reduction in the number of customers who purchase an adult ticket(s) and / or book free 'under 16' places and do not attend pre-booked sessions and the associated on-line transaction fees the Council incurs as part of managing these bookings. For context, out of 165,000 tickets pre-booked for the main summer season 2023 (i.e. adult and under 16 tickets), over 50,000 did not attend.
- 5.3.13 For completeness, the proposed price changes for Lido (Pontypridd) have also been incorporated within Appendix 3.

² Individual ticket purchased / booked – this represents a per ticket charge, for example, 2 adults and 2 'under 16' places booked would equate to a total booking fee of £1.

- 5.3.14 As part of fees and charge considerations for each of the above, an updated comparison of attractions in neighbouring areas has been undertaken and has confirmed that the proposals would continue to position the high-quality provisions at Rhondda Heritage Park and Lido (Pontypridd) as some of the lowest and competitively priced attractions.

Community Meals (meals on wheels) and Day Services – Meal Price

- 5.3.15 The current meal price for both meals on wheels and day services meals is £4.55 and the proposal is for the price of both to be increased to £4.80, meaning the full inflationary impact of food costs is not passed through to service users. In terms of comparing across neighbouring local authorities, current year prices range between £4.55 and £6.00, again noting that the comparative information does not take account of any price level considerations by local authorities for the 2024/25 financial year.

Non-residential care services – Home Care / Day Centre Services / Direct Payment

- 5.3.16 The current charges for home care and day centre services are £20 per hour and £20 per day respectively, with the costs of providing such services having increased by between 8%-10% over the past 12 months due to pay and price inflation and more specifically the requirement for care providers to pay a minimum of Real Living Wage to all social care workers. The aim of the Council remains, as far as possible, to minimise additional costs for service users. Based on this position, it is proposed that from April 2024 the hourly rate charge for homecare will be £21.00 and the daily charge for day centre services will be £21.00.
- 5.3.17 The current charge for non-residential care via a Direct Payment is £10 per hour, the level of charge being held at this rate since 2014. During this period, costs have increased, as set out above, and the Council has ensured that additional costs have not been passed onto service users. It is proposed that from April 2024 the hourly rate charge for non-residential care via a Direct Payment will be £11.00 per hour.
- 5.3.18 In terms of determining the level of charges for services users, all service users who access non-residential care services provided by the Council are subject to a means tested financial assessment. The 'Means Test' ensures that after taking into account the contribution from the service user towards the cost of care services, the service user will be left with at least 45% more than the basic level of Income Support (or Employment & Support Allowance), or 45% more than the basic level of Pension Credit. This is known as a "Minimum Income Amount" (MIA).
- 5.3.19 There are approximately 2,336 service users subject to a financial assessment for non-residential care charging, of these 972 (42%) are assessed to make no contribution to services (nil charge). Of the remaining 1,364 service users, 585 are already assessed as paying the current maximum charge of £100 per week set by Welsh Government. It is anticipated that of the 779 remaining service users, 615 already pay the maximum based

on their assessed income and 164 would see an increase to the contribution that they currently pay of, on average, £2.63 per week (with increases ranging from £0.25 to £6.00 per week), noting that any change in service users' weekly contribution to care services will take account of their ability to pay based on individual financial circumstances.

Bulky Waste Collection

- 5.3.20 The Council's bulky waste collection service offers a collection of up to 3 items for £17.00. It is proposed that from April 2024, the price for the collection of up to 3 items is £20.
- 5.3.21 In terms of a comparison of fees and charges of neighbouring local authorities, 2023/24 prices range from £17.00 to £25.00 for collection of up to 3 items.
- 5.4 The estimated overall impact of the proposals set out in paragraphs 5.3.1 to 5.3.21 would generate additional income of £407k in a full year, compared to the Council's initial budget modelling for 2024/25.
- 5.5 Following on, it is recommended that the proposals set out in paragraphs 5.3.1 to 5.3.21 are consulted on through phase 2 of the Council's 2024/25 Budget Consultation process, with the results reported back to Cabinet for consideration as part of formulating a recommended Budget Strategy for 2024/25.
- 5.6 In addition to the information set out in paragraphs 5.3.1 to 5.3.21, the following other fees and charges areas are being considered, noting the specific decision-making arrangements for each.

Street Trade Licenses

- 5.6.1 Individuals / traders wishing to trade on a street, for example, mobile food vendors, must apply to the Council, with the Council then undertaking a number of steps to determine whether to approve the application in line with existing conditions, including consultation with other Council services and relevant authorities. The Council already has an approved scheme in place for specific areas across the County Borough, as previously agreed by the Council's Licensing Committee, with the proposal for the scheme to now become County Borough wide. A proposed updated scheme is scheduled to be considered by the Council's Licensing Committee on 30th January 2024.
- 5.6.2 Subject to approval of the updated scheme by Licensing Committee, the estimated additional income generated of £45k in a full year will be incorporated into the Council's 2024/25 proposed Revenue Budget Strategy.

Charging for Non-Residential Care Services – maximum level of weekly charge

- 5.6.3 Members will note that Welsh Government sets guidance in respect of Charging for Non-Residential Care Services and determines a maximum level of weekly charge for such services. The current maximum level of weekly charge for non-residential care services is £100 per week, this level being in place since April 2020.

5.6.4 Welsh Government are currently reviewing the maximum level of weekly charge for non-residential care services and subject to the outcome of the review, it is proposed that future revisions to maximum weekly charge levels are implemented by the Council in line with Welsh Government guidance.

5.7 For Members information, a number of fees and charges decisions have previously been approved and accordingly will be incorporated into the Council's proposed Budget Strategy for 2024/25. These are summarised in Table 2.

Table 2 – Summary of decisions already approved

Area of charge	Decision approved
Fixed Penalty Notice (for environmental crimes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set at £100 with effect from 1st April 2018 (Cabinet 25th January 2018)
Bereavement fees and charges for war veterans and service men and women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25% reduction to all Council bereavement fees incurred by families of deceased war veterans and service men and women resident in Rhondda Cynon Taf (Delegated Decision 8th May 2019)
Houses in Multiple Occupation - Licenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License fees set for the period 2024/25 to 2028/29 (Cabinet 18th December 2023)

5.8 Following the phase 2 consultation process and Cabinet determining fees and charges levels for 2024/25, a full list of all fees and charges across all Council services will be published on the Council's website.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Due regard has been given to the Council's public sector equality duties under the Equality Act 2010, namely the Public Sector Equality Duty and Socio-Economic Duty.

6.2 An Equality Impact screening assessment has been completed and concluded that the recommendations set out in the report are in line with the above legislation.

7. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no Welsh language implications as a result of the recommendations in this report.

8. CONSULTATION

8.1 A comprehensive budget consultation exercise is being undertaken as part of informing the formulation of a recommended Budget Strategy for 2024/25.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 As outlined in section 5 of the report, the proposed revisions to fees and charges levels for 2024/25 would generate increased income of £452K in a full year, this being subject to Cabinet firstly deciding to consult on the proposed revisions, and following consideration of the consultation feedback, determining whether or not to implement the proposals for the forthcoming financial year (and subject to the Council's Licensing Committee agreeing to implement a revised Street Trade Licensing Scheme).
- 9.2 Section 5 of the report also sets out the proposed arrangements around the implementation of future changes to the maximum level of weekly charge for non-residential care services, as determined by Welsh Government.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 10.1 There are no legal implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report.

11. LINKS TO CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 11.1 Fees and charges income is a critical component of the funding arrangements for many services. At a local level, the proposals intend to ensure the continued provision of a comprehensive range of quality services at affordable prices for users to support the Council's work in delivering its Corporate Plan priorities; improving the provision of essential services; and at the same time 'living within its means'.
- 11.2 The proposals also complement the requirements of the Well Being of Future Generations Act in helping to provide Services with adequate resources to continue their work in shaping provision fit for the future and, in doing so, enable positive contributions to be made toward meeting the seven national wellbeing goals.

12. CONCLUSION

- 12.1 This report sets out proposed revisions to Council fees and charges levels for 2024/25 and seeks Cabinet's approval to consult on the proposals as part of phase 2 of the 2024/25 budget consultation process.
- 12.2 The report also provides an update on a revised Street Trade Licensing Scheme, subject to approval by the Council's Licensing Committee, and sets out proposed arrangements around the implementation of future changes to the maximum level of weekly charge for non-residential care services, as determined by Welsh Government.

Other Information

Relevant Scrutiny Committee – Overview and Scrutiny Committee

APPENDIX 1
PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2024/25

Group	Service Area	Type Of Income	2024/25 Proposed Increase
Chief Executive	Land Charges	Land Charges (excluding those set nationally)	5.00%
Community and Children's Services	Environmental Health (Pollution) and Licensing (where applicable)	Licences (General)	5.00%
		Licenses (Hackney Carriage and Private Hire)	5.00%
		Houses in Multiple Occupation – Licenses	Price set in line with previous decision
	Food Standards	Course Fees General	5.00%
	Bereavement Services*	Cremation Fees (including Direct / Simplicity cremations)	5.00%
		Burial Fees	5.00%
		All supplementary fees & charges	5.00%
	Registrar (non-statutory)	Booking Fees	5.00%
		Attendances	5.00%
	Leisure Centres and Swimming Pools	Pay & Play Fees	As per Appendix 2
		3G Pitch Hire	5%
		Membership Fees	As per Appendix 2
	Rhondda Heritage Park	Admission Fees - Schools	As per Appendix 3
		Welsh Mining Experience (underground tour)	
		Santa's Grotto	
		Admission Fees - External	
		Welsh Mining Experience (underground tour)	
	Lido – Pontypridd	Santa's Grotto	5.00%
		Miscellaneous Sales / Souvenirs	
		Leisure Sales Income - Adult Ticket (free admission for Under 16)	0%
	Park & Dare & Coliseum Theatres	Booking Fee per ticket (Adult and Under 16)	£0.25 per ticket
		Bars & Catering	5.00%
		Room/Venue Hire	5.00%
		Ticket Sales	Internally set based on act / performance
	Community Centres	Cinema (entrance fee)	5.00%
		Rental Income / Hire Charges	5.00%
		Leisure Sales Income	5.00%

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Group	Service Area	Type Of Income	2024/25 Proposed Increase
Community and Children's Services	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Summer Fees (Sports Clubs)	5%
		Winter Fees (Sports Clubs)	5%
	Day Services	Catering Income	5.00%
		Meals Sales	£4.80 (from £4.55)
		Hire Of Premises	5.00%
		Produce Sales	5.00%
	In-House Residential Services	Board And Lodge Income	5.00%
		Meals Sales	5.00%
	Domiciliary Care (Adults)	Non Residential Care Charges	In line with maximum weekly charge payable set by Welsh Government (and based on individual financial circumstances)
	Telecare	Lifeline Income	5.00%
	Pest Control	Pest Control Service Charges (Domestic / Public Health)	5.00%
		Other Pest Control Service Charges	5.00%
	Libraries	Library Fines	5.00%
		Hire Charges	5.00%
		Photocopy & Printing Charges	5.00%
		All Other Sales	5.00%
	Adult Education	General Course Fees	5.00%
		Hire Charges	5.00%
Finance, Digital and Frontline Services	Street Cleansing Operations	Fixed Penalty Notice (environmental crimes)	Price set in line with previous decision
	Allotments	Rental Income	5.00%
	Parks Services	Rental Income	5.00%
		Income From Outside Bodies	5.00%
	Commercial Waste	Trade Refuse Charges (Residual)	5.00%
		Trade Refuse Charges (Recycling)	5.00%
	Waste Collection	Bulky Waste Collection Income	£20 (from £17) for up to 3 items
		Replacement Bin Charges	5.00%
	Parking Services	Season Ticket Parking Fees	0%
		Parking Fees	£0.10 increase for short stay tariffs and up to 4 hours long stay tariff. £0.20 increase for over 4 hours long stay tariff
		Residential Parking Permits	0%
	New Roads and Street Works Act (NRSWA)	Licences	5.00%
	Home To School	Sale of Surplus Seats	5.00%
	Traffic Management	Fees	5.00%

APPENDIX 1 (continued)

Group	Service Area	Type Of Income	2024/25 Proposed Increase
Education and Inclusion Services	School Meals Income	School Meals Sales (secondary school)	£3.10 (from £2.95)
	Catering Training	Miscellaneous Contributions	5.00%
	Meals on Wheels	Clients Meals Sales	£4.80 (from £4.55)
	Peripatetic Music Service	Course Fees General	5.00%
		Performances - Ticket Income	5.00%
		Equipment Hire	5.00%

* Bereavement Services – in line with previous decision: 25% reduction to all Council bereavement fees incurred by families of deceased war veterans and service men and women resident in Rhondda Cynon

APPENDIX 2

<u>Leisure Services - Leisure for Life Membeship</u>				
Activity	2023/24 Prices		2024/25 Proposed Prices	
	Adult £	Concession £	Adult £	Concession £
Leisure for Life Annual	375.00	235.00	380.00	240.00
Leisure for Life (monthly direct debit committed for 12 months)	37.50	23.50	38.00	24.00
Leisure for Life (monthly direct debit)	41.90	26.15	42.40	26.65
Leisure for Life (cash payment per month)	49.15	30.50	49.65	31.00
Leisure for Life (Day Pass)	11.15	6.90	11.70	7.25
Leisure for Life (Corporate / per month)	29.00	0.00	29.50	0.00
Leisure for Life (Corporate / Annual)	290.00	0.00	295.00	0.00
<u>Leisure Services - Pay and Play</u>				
Activity	2023/24 Prices		2024/25 Proposed Prices	
	Adult £	Concession / Child £	Adult £	Concession / Child £
<u>Fitness</u>				
Group Fitness Class	6.30	3.80	6.65	4.00
Fitness studio	6.30	3.80	6.65	4.00
Induction	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge
GP Referral / step scheme	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05
<u>Swimming</u>				
Swim	4.20	2.50	4.40	2.65
Swim under 5's	N/A	1.00	N/A	1.05
60+ including aqua aerobics	N/A	1.00	N/A	1.05
1 to 1 swimming lessons(1/2 hr)	N/A	24.75	N/A	26.00
30 min Group swimming lesson	8.40	5.20	8.80	5.45
Per 10 week course	84.00	52.00	88.20	54.50
Learn2 Direct Debit	N/A	20.00	N/A	21.00
<u>Racket sports</u>				
Badminton, squash, Table tennis per person	4.60	2.80	4.85	2.95
Racket hire	3.90	N/A	4.10	N/A
<u>Team Games</u>				
Indoor sport activity (5 aside , netball etc)	46.00	28.00	48.50	29.40
Ball Hire	10.50	0.00	11.00	0.00
Bowls Winter (Rhondda Sports Centre only)	13.20	7.90	13.85	8.30
Bowls Summer (Rhondda Sports Centre only)	6.65	4.00	7.00	4.20
Health suite/ spa	5.00	3.00	5.25	3.15
Jog and shower	3.00	N/A	3.15	N/A
<u>Childrens activity</u>				
Coached Sports classes per hour	6.30	3.80	6.30	3.80

APPENDIX 2 (continued)

<u>Leisure Services - Hire charges</u>				
Activity	2023/24 Prices		2024/25 Proposed Prices	
	Adult £	Concession / Child £	Adult £	Concession / Child £
<u>Social hire</u>				
Conference and meetings				
Small meeting / conference per HR(approx 15)	25.15	N/A	26.40	N/A
Standard conference	43.90	N/A	46.10	N/A
Large conference (function Hall size)	62.70	N/A	65.85	N/A
Very large conferences (main hall size)	87.85	N/A	92.25	N/A
A per hr setup fee outside of all day booking	43.95	N/A	46.15	N/A
<u>Sport Hire prices</u>				
Single court	9.25	5.50	9.70	5.80
Hall Hire up to 6 courts	46.00	28.00	48.30	29.40
Room for sport use (upto 20)	25.15	15.10	26.40	15.85
Small hall size max 50	32.60	19.55	34.25	20.55
<u>Swimming pool hire per hour</u>				
Pool hire	62.70	N/A	65.85	N/A
Small pool hire	37.55	N/A	39.45	N/A
Diving pit / pool	37.55	N/A	39.45	N/A
Lane hire per lane	12.45	N/A	13.10	N/A
Pool party main pool	150.00	N/A	157.50	N/A
Pool party Small pool	62.70	N/A	65.85	N/A
Commercial double pool hire	125.40	N/A	131.70	N/A
Commercial small pool hire	75.10	N/A	78.85	N/A
<u>Bouncy castle parties</u>				
Standard Castle party (2hr)	100.00	N/A	105.00	N/A
Premium castle party/ softplay (2 Hr)	150.00	N/A	157.50	N/A
Football party	27.80	N/A	29.20	N/A

<u>Rhondda Heritage Park / Lido (Pontypridd)</u>		
Ticket Category	2023/24 Price £	2024/25 Proposed Price £
<u>Rhondda Heritage Park</u>		
Adult	9.95	10.95
Child	6.75	7.50
Group Mint and Mine	9.00	11.00
Family of 4 (2 adults / 2 children)	28.40	30.00
<u>Black Gold Tours for Schools</u>		
Non-RCT School Child	6.40	6.40
Non-RCT School Teacher Paying	6.00	6.00
RCT School Child	5.35	5.35
<u>Classic Car Show</u>		
Adult	3.00	5.00
Child	3.00	4.00
<u>Halloween Experience (entry, pumpkin and experience)</u>		
Adult	N/A*	3.50
Child	N/A*	10.00
<u>Easter Egg Eggstravaganza (entry, egg and experience)</u>		
Adult and child	N/A*	13.50
Additional Child	N/A*	10.00
Additional Adult	N/A*	3.50
<u>Educational Staffed Workshops</u>	45.00	50.00
<u>Santa's Toy Mine</u>		
Adult	11.50	12.50
Child 0-18 Months	4.00	5.00
Child 19 Months +	11.50	12.50
Santa - School Child	9.00	10.00
<u>National Lido of Wales</u>		
<u>Paid Activities</u>	2.50	2.50
<u>Adult Paying</u>		
Ticket	3.00	3.00
Booking Fee per ticket	N/A*	0.25
<u>Under 16</u>		
Ticket	0.00	0.00
Booking fee per ticket	N/A*	0.25
N/A* - not in place for 2023		



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CABINET

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Background Papers

None

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