Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to Culture Committee

2 December 2014

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURAL SERVICES

FEES AND CHARGES 2015/16 FOR LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND INFORMATION

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for the revision of fees and charges within the Libraries, Archives and Information Service for 2015/16.

Information and Advice

Background

- 2. Fees and charges for the Service are reviewed annually, and usually they are increased by the rate of inflation unless market forces and/or price sensitivity or performance suggest otherwise.
- 3. An important part of the process involves a dialogue between the service and Nottingham City services to ensure that certain key charges remain in line to ensure there are no barriers to City and County residents to core services.
- 4. Some charges are influenced by external organisations, for example the British Library and the General Register Office.
- 5. There are national trends in the pricing of some services reflecting changes in digital media.
- 6. Budget revisions in both the Library and Archives service include a requirement to meet projected levels of income. A full review of all charges and income generation opportunities has therefore been undertaken.

Current position

- 7. Charges are based on a requirement to recover costs for additional services beyond book lending, for example film hire, photocopying, printing, etc.
- 8. The service is focussing on improving the customer experience and ensuring consistency across all service points. Feedback from customers, staff and observation by managers concludes that a straight forward charging structure is good for customer care, reduces administrative workload and results in higher levels of collection.

- 9. The budgeted level of income scheduled for 2014/15 amounts to £303,000 and is currently projected to be on target.
- 10. Overall fees and charges are now in the upper quartile compared with other authorities and thus significant changes are not appropriate.

Proposals

- 11. In consequence the following changes to the charging regime for the service are proposed for 2015/16.
- 12. Libraries (see **Appendix 1**):
 - minor changes to meeting room and gallery hire rates
 - harmonisation of photocopying and printing charges.
- 13. Archives (see **Appendix 2**):
 - changes to the meeting room hire rates are proposed following the completion of the extension and refurbishment project. For the first year these have been set as for West Bridgford Library
 - self-service photocopying harmonised in line with libraries
 - staff managed photocopying and photography charges have been streamlined to reduce staff resources spent providing quotes, to make charges more transparent.

Other Options Considered

14. Within the limitations of what public libraries are legally allowed to charge for, all options for increasing income without creating barriers to the access to library and archive services have been considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

15. The full schedule of proposed fees and charges as detailed in **Appendices 1 and 2** (changes shown in bold type) will allow the service to generate income and recover costs in line with its position and overall Council policy.

Statutory and Policy Implications

16. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial implications

17. The revised level of charges is based on the required income levels for the service. Individual charges are itemised in **Appendices 1 and 2**, with previous charges presented for comparison.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the proposed fees and charges within the Libraries, Archives and Information Service, as set out in **Appendices 1 and 2**, are approved for 2015/16, with implementation from Monday 6 April 2015.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 20/11/14)

18. The recommendations in the report fall within the terms of reference of the Culture Committee.

Financial Comments (KLA 17/11/14)

19. The financial implications of the report are set out in paragraph 17 and the appendices to the report.

Background Papers and Published Papers

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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Public Libraries Fees and Charges 2014/15 and proposals for 2015/16

| Item | Concessions | Current Charge 2014/15 | Proposed Charge 2015/16 |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Overdue | Children/Young Adult 0-19 | 20p per day | 20p per day |
| Charges | and Homebound no charge | (Max £8) | (Max £8) |
| DVD Film Hire | No concessions | £1.50 per week | £1.50 per week |
| DVD Film Hire | No concessions | £3.00 per week | £3.00 per week |
| (Box Set) | | | |
| Children's Film | No concessions | £1.00 per week | £1.00 per week |
| Hire | | | |
| Music Hire | No concessions | N/A | N/A |
| Spoken Word | Children/Young Adult 0-19, over 60s, visually impaired and Homebound no charge | £1.00 per week | £1.00 per week |
| Language Courses | No concessions | £1.50 3 weeks | £1.50 3 weeks |
| Reservations | Children/Young Adult 0-19 | 25p | 25p |
| County/City | and Homebound no charge | | |
| BL/ILL requests | No concessions | £4.25 | £4.25 |
| FAX - UK | No concessions | 50p per sheet - receiving or sending | 50p per sheet - receiving or sending |
| FAX - International | No concessions | £1.00 per sheet - receiving or sending | £1.00 per sheet - receiving or sending |
| Photocopying – black and white | No concessions | 10p (A4) | 20p (A4) |
| | No concessions | 20p (A3) | 40p (A3) £50p (A4) |
| Photocopying - colour | | £50p (A4) £1.00 (A3) | £1.00 (A3) |
| Printing – | No concessions | 20p (A4) | 20p (A4) |
| black and white | | 40p (A3) | 40p (A3) |
| Printing – | No concessions | 50p (A4) | 50p (A4) |
| colour | | £1.00 (A3) | £1.00 (A3) |
| Reader-Printer Copies | No concessions | 60p | 60p |
| Memory Sticks | No concessions | £5.00 | £5.00 |
| Earphones | No concessions | £1.50 | £1.50 |
| Replacement Library Card | No charge for under 14s | £1.50 | £1.50 |

Hire of Library Premises

1 Strategic Venues

1.1 Mansfield Central Library

| Room | 2014/15 | 2015/16 |
|-------------------|---|---|
| The Auditorium | Full Day Rates/ Evening rate Mon-Fri 5.30 – 10pm: Commercial: £250 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £200 | Full Day Rates/ Evening rate Mon-Fri 5.30 – 10pm: Commercial: £250 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £200 |
| | Evening rate Sat/Sun 5.30 – 10pm: Commercial: £350 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £300 | Evening rate Sat/Sun 5.30 – 10pm: Commercial: £350 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £300 |
| | Hourly rate (max 4 hours): Commercial: £40 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £30 | Hourly rate (max 4 hours): Commercial: £40 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £30 |
| The Meeting Place | Full Day Rates/ Evening rate Mon-Fri 5.30 – 10pm: Commercial: £140 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £100 | Full Day Rates/ Evening rate Mon-Fri 5.30 – 10pm: Commercial: £140 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £100 |
| | Evening rate Sat/Sun 5.30 – 10pm: N/A – please contact library events office to hire in conjunction with another library space | Evening rate Sat/Sun 5.30 – 10pm: N/A – please contact library events office to hire in conjunction with another library space |
| | Hourly rate (max 4 hours): Commercial: £30 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £20 | Hourly rate (max 4 hours): Commercial: £30 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £20 |
| Studio Floor | Full Day Rates/ Evening rate Mon-Fri 5.30 – 10pm: Commercial: £200 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £150 | Full Day Rates/ Evening rate Mon-Fri 5.30 – 10pm: Commercial: £200 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £150 |
| | Evening rate Sat/Sun 5.30 – 10pm: Commercial: £300 Community groups, NCC and | Evening rate Sat/Sun 5.30 – 10pm: Commercial: £300 Community groups, NCC and |

| | non-profit: £250 Hourly rate (max 4 hours): Commercial: £35 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £25 | non-profit: £250 Hourly rate (max 4 hours): Commercial: £35 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £25 |
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| Green Room | Hourly rate Commercial: £20 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £15 | Hourly rate Commercial: £20 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £15 |
| The Box | Hourly rate Commercial: £20 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £15 | Hourly rate Commercial: £20 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £15 |
| The Discovery Room | Evening rate (Mon-Fri) 4.30 – 10pm Commercial: £180 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £120 Hourly rate Sat / Sun Commercial : £60 Community groups ,NCC and non-profit: £40 Evening rate Sat/Sun 5.30 – | Evening rate (Mon-Fri) 4.30 – 10pm Commercial: £180 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £120 Hourly rate Sat / Sun Commercial : £60 Community groups ,NCC and non-profit: £40 Evening rate Sat/Sun 5.30 – |
| | 10pm – N/A contact library events office to hire in conjunction with another library space | 10pm – N/A contact library events office to hire in conjunction with another library space |
| Hire per hour pre 5.30 for evening events before library closing time Mon – Fri | £10 | £10 |
| Hire per hour for evening events between library closing time and 5.30 pm Sat-Sun | £45 | £45 |
| Hire per hour or part hour for evening events after 10pm weekdays | £30 | £30 |

| Hire per hour or part hour for evening events after 10pm Sat-Sun | £45 | £45 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Tea and coffee | Now provided via cafe | Price on application |
| Tea, coffee and biscuits | Now provided via cafe | Price on application |

For all meeting room hire outside of library opening hours, a minimum surcharge of £30 may be applied to cover caretaking and staff costs.

1.2 West Bridgford Library

| Room | 2014/15 | 2015/16 |
|--|--|--|
| Cedar and Pine Community Meeting rooms | Hourly rate Commercial: £30 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: £20 | Hourly rate Commercial: £30 Community groups, NCC and non profit: £20 |

For meeting room hire outside of library opening hours, a minimum surcharge of £30 may be applied to cover caretaking and staff costs.

1.3 Worksop Library

| Room | Hourly Charge 2014/15 | Hourly Charge 2015/16 |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Conference Suite | Commercial: £25 | Commercial: £25 |
| | Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount | Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount |
| Meeting Place 1 or 2 | Commercial: £16 | Commercial: £16 |
| | Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount | Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount |
| The Zone | Commercial: £20 | Commercial: £20 |
| | Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount | Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount |

For all meeting room hire outside of library opening hours, a minimum surcharge of £30 may be applied to cover caretaking and staff costs.

2 Library Meeting Rooms

| Library | Hourly Charge 2014/15 | Hourly Charge 2015/16 |
|--|--|---|
| Arnold Eastwood Hucknall Kirkby-in-Ashfield Mansfield Woodhouse Newark Ollerton Retford Stapleford Sutton in Ashfield | Commercial: £16 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount | Commercial: £16 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount |
| Beeston | | |
| Large Room and Exhibition Area | Commercial: £16 | Commercial: £16 |
| Exhibition Area | Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount | Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount |
| Small Room | Commercial: £16 | Commercial: £12 |
| | Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount | Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount |
| Southwell | | |
| Meeting Rooms | Commercial: £16 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount | Commercial: £16 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount |
| The Core | N/A | Commercial: £16 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount Kitchen £6.00 per session |
| Art Room | N/A | Commercial: £12 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount |
| Interview Room | N/A | Commercial: £10 Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount |

For all meeting room hire outside of library opening hours, a minimum surcharge of £30 may be applied to cover caretaking and staff costs.

3 Consumables

To be charged for if required for sole use by an organisation.

Flip chart paper - £4 per pad Box of pens - £5 per set

4 Hire of Library Buildings

Some library buildings are available for hire when they are closed to the public. Hire rates for these are as follows:

| Library | 2014/15 | 2015/16 |
|--|--|--|
| Southwell – main library space | Commercial: £20 an hour | Commercial: £20 an hour |
| | Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount | Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount |
| Other library buildings subject to facilities, | Commercial: £16 | Commercial: £16 |
| space and staffing | Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount | Community groups, NCC and non-profit: 50% discount |

For all meeting room hire outside of library opening hours, a minimum surcharge of £30 may be applied to cover caretaking and staff costs.

5 Hire of Gallery and Exhibition Spaces

5.1 Gallery Spaces

| Library | Charge 2014/15 | Charge 2015/16 |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Mansfield Central | Six weeks full gallery hire - £200: non-profit £100 | Six weeks full gallery hire - £180: non-profit £90 |
| | Three weeks full gallery hire - £120: non-profit £60 | Three weeks full gallery hire - £100: non-profit £45 |
| | Shared gallery hire – shared exhibition – negotiated rates | Shared gallery hire – shared exhibition – negotiated rates |
| | Display Cabinet hire - £10 per week (applications for cabinet hire will be considered as part of the shared gallery hire process) | Display Cabinet hire - £10 per week (applications for cabinet hire will be considered as part of the shared gallery hire process) |
| West Bridgford | Six weeks full gallery hire - £250: non-profit £125 | Six weeks full gallery hire - £220: non-profit £100 |
| | Three weeks full gallery hire - £140: non-profit £70 | Three weeks full gallery hire - £120: non-profit £60 |

| | Shared gallery hire – shared exhibition – negotiated rates Display Cabinet hire - £10 per week (applications for cabinet hire will be considered as part of the shared gallery hire process) | Shared gallery hire – shared exhibition – negotiated rates Display Cabinet hire - £5 per week (applications for cabinet hire will be considered as part of the shared gallery hire process) |
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| Worksop | Six weeks full gallery hire - £250: non-profit £125 Three weeks full gallery hire - £140: non-profit £70 | Six weeks full gallery hire - £150: non-profit £75 Three weeks full gallery hire - £85 : non-profit £45 |
| | Shared gallery hire – shared exhibition – negotiated rates Display Cabinet hire - £10 per week (applications for cabinet hire will be considered as part of the shared gallery hire process) | Shared gallery hire – shared exhibition – negotiated rates Display Cabinet hire - £5 per week (applications for cabinet hire will be considered as part of the shared gallery hire process) |

Exhibition Spaces

| Arnold | Six weeks full gallery hire - £150: non-profit £75 | Six weeks full gallery hire - £60: non-profit £30 |
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| | Three weeks full gallery hire - £80: non-profit £40 | Three weeks full gallery hire - £40: non-profit £20 |
| | Shared gallery hire – shared exhibition – negotiated rates | Shared gallery hire – shared exhibition – negotiated rates |
| Beeston | Six weeks full gallery hire - £200: non-profit £100 | Six weeks full gallery hire - £60: non-profit £30 |
| | Three weeks full gallery hire - £120: non-profit £60 | Three weeks full gallery hire - 40: non-profit £20 |
| | Shared gallery hire – shared exhibition – negotiated rates | Shared gallery hire – shared exhibition – negotiated rates |
| Retford | N/A | Six weeks full gallery hire - £50: non-profit £25 |
| | | Three weeks full gallery hire - £30: non-profit £15 |
| | | Shared gallery hire – shared exhibition – negotiated rates |

Archives Fees and Charges 2014/15 and proposals for 2015/16

| | 2014/15 | 2015/16 Proposed Charge |
|---|----------------|---------------------------------|
| SELF SERVICE PHOTOCOPYING AND COMPUTER | PRINTOUT | ſS |
| Black and white (A4) | £0.10 | £0.20 |
| Black and white (A3) | £0.20 | £0.40 |
| Colour (A4) | £0.50 | £0.50 |
| Colour (A3) | £1.00 | £1.00 |
| Microfiche printouts | £0.60 | £0.60 |
| | | |
| SERVICE USERS IN SEARCHROOM | | |
| Building plans | | £1 per page up to £5 max charge |
| Ordnance Survey maps | | £1 per page up to £5 max charge |
| Wills | | £1 per page up to £8 max charge |
| Other documents | | £1 per page |
| Depositor's first copy | Free | Free |
| Depositor's subsequent copies | £0.20 | £0.50 |
| Own camera (per frame) | £0.50 | £1.00 |
| Own camera (day pass) | £10.00 | £10.00 |
| | | |
| REMOTE SERVICE USERS | | |
| Building plans | | £5 per plan |
| Ordnance Survey maps | | £5 per map |
| Wills | | £8 per will |
| Other documents | | £1 per page with £5 min charge |
| Microfiche printouts | £1.20 | £1.50 |
| Postage and handling | £2.00 | £3.00 |
| COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND BULK | Quote | Quote given on request |
| ORDERS | given on | |
| | request | |
| | | |
| CERTIFIED COPIES | | |
| Anglican & Non-conformist Christenings, Burials and | £9.00 | £9.00 |
| pre-1837 Marriages | | |
| Post 1837 Marriages | £9.00 | £9.00 |
| School Extracts, e.g. Admission Register Entries | £9.00 | £9.00 |
| Magistrates Courts Extracts | £9.00 | £9.00 |
| Postage and handling | £2.00 | £3.00 |
| MICROFICHE CHARGES | | |
| Charge to public customers from existing master | £2.50 | £2.50 |
| fiche | ~2.00 | |
| Charge to public customers for new fiche from | At cost | At cost |
| originals | | |
| | £1.60 | £1.60 |
| | I. L. DU | |
| Charge to NCC and City Council from existing master | £1.00 | |
| | £1.00 £0.70 | £0.70 |

| SEARCHES | | |
|---|----------|---------------------------|
| Research fee (per hour or part thereof) | £25.00 | £25.00 |
| | | |
| LUNCHTIME TALKS – including coffee and | £4.00 | £4.00 |
| biscuits | | |
| REPRODUCTION FEES | | |
| | | |
| Local non-profit making organisations, e.g. local | Free | Free |
| history societies & NCC | | |
| Commercial publishing and exhibitions; newspapers | £30.00 | £30.00 |
| and periodicals; slides and film | | |
| Television - UK | £60.00 | £60.00 |
| Television - World | £120.00 | £120.00 |
| Commercial display and advertising | £60.00 | £60.00 |
| Prints for framing for commercial resale | £20.00 | £20.00 |
| Commercial videos: | | |
| right to reproduce films | £90.00 | £90.00 |
| right to reproduce stills | £30.00 | £30.00 |
| CD ROM/Computer Software | | |
| Commercial including print agreement | £60.00 | £60.00 |
| Educational interpretive | | |
| - without print agreement | £15.00 | £15.00 |
| - with print agreement | £60.00 | £60.00 |
| Internet – single item | £60.00 | £60.00 |
| | | |
| MEETINGS ROOM HIRE | | |
| Hourly rate | £40-£80 | Commercial: £30 per hour |
| | per half | Community groups, NCC and |
| | day | non-profit: £20 per hour |

For meeting room hire outside of opening hours, a minimum surcharge of £30 may be applied to cover caretaking and staff costs.

| GROUP VISITS/TALKS | | |
|--|---------|----------------------|
| Introduction to Nottinghamshire Archives | | |
| 1 hour | £40.00 | £40.00 |
| 1.5 hours | £45.00 | £45.00 |
| Curriculum related study session | | |
| 3 hours | £100.00 | £100.00 |
| 6 hours | £175.00 | £175.00 |
| Talks at external venues | £55.00 | £55.00 (plus travel) |