

	<p><b>Council</b> <b>14 April 2015</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Fees and Charges for 2015/16 - Referral to Council</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>Report to the Policy and Resources Committee, dated 24 March 2015</p>
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<b>Summary</b>
<p>Policy and Resources Committee meeting, 24 March 2015, Agenda Item 11: Fees and Charges for 2015/16 was referred up to Full Council by four members in accordance with the Constitution. Council is therefore requested to consider the recommendations and take a decision on them.</p>

<b>Recommendation</b>
<p><b>That Council consider and vote on the recommendations contained in agenda item 11 of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 24 March 2015.</b></p>

**1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

- 1.1 The Constitution allows a certain number of members to refer a matter on which a Committee has taken a decision to its parent body.
- 1.2 At the meeting on 24 March 2015, Policy and Resources Committee considered a report on Fees and Charges for 2015/16. Following

consideration, the Committee voted to approve the recommendations in the report. The votes were declared as follows:

Agreed: 7  
Opposed: 5  
Abstentions: 0

- 1.3 Immediately following the vote, the required number of members of the Committee supported a referral of the decision to Full Council. The reason given for the referral was concern at the number of new charges significantly above the level of inflation.
- 1.4 As the Policy and Resources Committee did take a decision and immediately indicated after the decision had been taken that they required the decision to be referred up, the procedures to be followed will be those set out in Paragraph 20 of Full Council Procedure Rules (Rules of Debate). For reports of Committees (including Overview and Scrutiny Committees), the Chairman of the relevant committee, or the Vice-Chairman in their absence, will move reception of the report and adoption of the recommendations. This report need not be seconded. The leader of each of the other groups, or another member of their group, will then have an opportunity to comment on the recommendation, and at the end of the time allowed the Mayor will bring this part of the debate to an end, whether or not all those entitled have spoken or completed their speeches.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 As set out in the substantive report.

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 3.1 As set out in the substantive report.

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 As set out in the substantive report.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

- 5.1.1 As set out in the substantive report.

### **5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 5.2.1 As set out in the substantive report.

### **5.3 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.3.1 Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Paragraph 6, Members Rights to Refer Matters to Parent Body – states that “A specified number of Members of a Committee or Sub-Committee may require that any decision of the Committee or Sub-Committee is referred up to the next practicable meeting of Full Council or the relevant Committee to which the Committee or Sub-Committee reports, by indicating immediately after the decision is taken that they require the decision to be referred up. The report to Full Council or the relevant Committee to which the Committee or Sub-Committee reports on the referral shall set out the reasons given for the referral.”
- 5.3.2 Constitution, Full Council Procedure Rules, Paragraphs 20 and 21- Rules of Debate and Time for Debate

### **5.4 Risk Management**

- 5.4.1 As set out in the substantive report.

### **5.5 Equalities and Diversity**

- 5.5.1 As set out in the substantive report.

### **5.6 Consultation and Engagement**

- 5.6.1 None

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 6.1 None.