

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference

E2906

Charging for Business Advice and Support Services in the Public Protection and Health Improvement Service

Decision maker/s	Cllr Veal Cabinet Member for Communities
The Issue	The Public Protection and Health Improvement Service (PP&HI) are seeking to develop sustainable regulatory services where possible. This entails a refocus of priorities and an increased focus on supporting new and existing business and others who may benefit by providing enhanced, charged for advice and support services.
Decision Date	12 th December 2016
The decision	<p>The Cabinet member agrees to the PP&HI service</p> <p>1.1 charging businesses for regulatory advice; pre-application advice and application assistance.</p> <p>1.2 charging for training, mentoring and development courses along with enhanced advice and support services across a range of activities including events, active lifestyles and regulatory services.</p> <p>These will be operated initially as a pilot with a view to building in to the fees and charges setting process in 2017/18 and beyond</p>
Rationale for decision	<p>The pilot enables the authority to offer “charged for” services in relation to a range of new business support and advice including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Advice for new businessesii. Licensing pre-application advice, application assistance and a check and send option. This involves a range of charges depending on the licence and the type of support requestediii. Events advice, scheduling and supportiv. Training, mentoring and development.

Financial and budget implications	The approach to introduce charging for Public Protection advice and support, in the style of the Cornwall model, will not impact the net current budget as charges will be made on a cost recovery basis
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Customer Focus; Sustainability; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Cabinet Colleagues, Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	Circulation of the report
Other options considered	The PP&HI team have already developed a number of income generating options such as entering into Primary Authority Partnerships, promoting the Buy With Confidence and Plus Care schemes and providing services to other authorities, such as the promotion and delivery of the Eat Out Eat Well scheme.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	None
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	