

Committee(s)	Dated:
Highgate Wood Consultative Group – For Discussion	17 October 2018
Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee – For Discussion	29 October 2018
Queen’s Park Consultative Group – For Discussion	31 October 2018
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen’s Park Committee – For Decision	28 November 2018
Subject: Fees and Charges 2019/20 & 2020/21	Public
Report of: Superintendent of Hampstead Heath	For Discussion/ Decision
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Summary

This report sets out the proposed fees and charges for a range of sports facilities and services provided at Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen’s Park for 2019/20. In addition, the report sets out the proposed fees and charges for Weddings and Civil Ceremonies for 2020/21.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- The Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee, Highgate Wood Consultative Group and Queen’s Park Consultative Group discuss the proposed fees and charges for 2019/20 and 2020/21, as set out in Appendix 1 of this report.
- The views of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee, Highgate Wood Consultative Group, and Queen’s Park Consultative Group be conveyed to the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen’s Park Committee at their 28 November 2018 meeting.
- The Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen’s Park Committee agree the proposed fees and charges for 2019/20 and 2020/21, as set out in Appendix 1 of this report.

Main Report

Background

1. Charges for the wide range of services, recreation and sporting facilities provided in all the City Corporation's Open Spaces are reviewed annually, to ensure that prices and ticket options are relevant and appropriate. The current 2018/19 (and 2019/20 Weddings and Civil Ceremony) charges for Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park were approved by the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee in November 2017.
2. The income generated from fees and charges contributes to the cost of providing sports and recreational facilities across Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park.

Current Position

3. The Hampstead Heath Sports Advisory Forum have been consulted on the proposed sports charges for 2019/20.
4. The proposed fees and charges include concessionary rates, offering a 40% discount on the standard adult charge.

Proposed Charges 2018/19

5. It is proposed that the majority of charges for 2019/20 and the 2020/21 charges for Weddings and Civil Ceremonies be increased by 2.7% in line with Consumer Price Index (CPI), with rounding to aid cash handling. Consequently, this may represent a marginally higher or lower percentage uplift.
6. Highgate Wood Metro Blind Cricket Team Support Scheme recognises a 50% discount on the changing room hire charge. This is to support the team developing blind cricket in line with the City of London Open Spaces Department Sports and Physical Activity Framework.
7. It is proposed that the charges for Swimming, including the Bathing Ponds at Hampstead Heath are retained at their current rates. The Bathing Ponds entry payment review will continue during the 2019/20 season while we work to facilitate further methods of payment at the facilities.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

8. This Policy contributes towards the achievement of the three aims set out in the City of London Corporate Plan 2018-23. Contribute to a flourishing society (1-4), Support a thriving economy (5) and Shape outstanding environments (9-12).
9. The Policy also meets the three objectives and outcomes set out in the Open Spaces Business Plan 2018-19 (a) Open spaces and historic sites

are thriving and accessible, (b) Spaces enrich people's lives and (c) Business practices are responsible and sustainable.

Financial Implications

10. The City's Financial Regulations require all Departments to recover full costs when setting charges to persons or external organisations, or submit reasons to the appropriate service Committee when that objective is not met. It is therefore at the discretion of individual spending Committees to determine the actual level of fees and charges relative to the services they provide, after taking into account local considerations and priorities.
11. The Superintendent will provide an update on target income budget for the service in the 2019/20 financial year at the meeting.
12. As stated, the proposed price changes reflect an uplift of 2.7%. This has been rounded for ease of transactional processing.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Proposed Fees and Charges for 2019/20 & 2020/21

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