

Committee(s) Hampstead Heath, Highgate Woods and Queen's Park Committee	Dated: 21 May 2024
Subject: Decisions taken under delegated authority or urgency powers	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	See Background Report
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	See Background Report
If so, how much?	See Background Report
What is the source of Funding?	See Background Report
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	See Background Report
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a).

Main Report

Urgency Decision: Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Fees and Charges for Financial Year 2024-2025

BACKGROUND:

An urgency procedure was undertaken to implement the proposed changes before the new financial year commences on 1 April 2024. These proposed fees and charges are for a range of activities and services provided at Highgate Wood and Queen's Park for financial year 2024-25 (1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025).

The increase is in line with inflation and benchmarking and based on main cost recovery, considering that the main costs are salary costs. It is also intended to continue to facilitate participation, taking account the raising costs of living. It is proposed that the majority of charges are increased by 5% or increased to align with relevant benchmarks.

Charges for a wide range of services, recreation and sporting activities provided across the City of London Corporation's open spaces are reviewed annually to ensure that prices and ticket options are relevant and appropriate. The income generated from fees and charges contribute towards the cost of providing sports and recreational facilities across Highgate Wood and Queen's Park.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the committee:

1. Agree the proposed fees and charges for financial year 2024-25, set out in Appendix 1 of the main report.

Copies of background papers concerning this decision are available from Blair Stringman on request.

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