

Runnymede Borough Council  
ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
23 November 2017 at 7.30pm

Members of the Committee present: Councillors J J Wilson (Chairman), Mrs G Warner (Vice-Chairman) Miss E Bancroft, T J F E Gracey, Mrs M T Harnden, D J Knight, M T Kusneraitis, Mrs Y P Lay, Miss J K Sohi and M L Willingale

Members of the Committee absent: None

360. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

The Chairman read out the Fire Precautions.

361. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Group mentioned below had notified the Chief Executive of their wish that the change listed below would be made to the membership of the Committee. The change was for a fixed period ending on the day after the meeting and thereafter the Councillor removed would be reappointed.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Remove From Membership</b>	<b>Appoint Instead</b>
Conservative	Councillor P I Roberts	Councillor Miss E Bancroft

The Chief Executive had given effect to this request in accordance with Section 16(2) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

362. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 September 2017 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

363. FEES AND CHARGES 2018/19

The Committee considered proposed fees and charges for 2018/19 which came under its remit.

Most of the main fees and charges would be increased by 2-5 % with the exception of the Yellow Bus Service fares which would be increased by 20% from September 2018.

The Committee supported the proposed increases to fees and charges.

**RESOLVED that -**

**the proposed fees and charges be approved to be effective from the dates reported within the Appendix to the Agenda or as soon as practical thereafter.**

364. RIVER BOURNE CLUB – USE BY MEMBERS OF CAR PARKS IN CHERTSEY

The Committee was asked to consider an amendment to the Off Street Parking Order to allow parking by River Bourne Club members displaying a valid membership permit in Beomonds and Gogmore Farm Car Parks in Chertsey.

In 2002 a lease had been granted by the Council to allow for the construction of the River Bourne Health Club on Council owned land in Chertsey. Part of that lease allowed members of the Club to use the Library car park for a period of three hours without charge whilst using the Club. The Club issued members with parking permits to display on their cars whilst using the car park. Due to increased demand in the car park, the Club members were sometimes finding that there were no spaces left in the car park during peak times of demand. The Club had asked if their parking permits could be used in other Borough nearby operated car parks, in Beomonds and Gogmore Farm, when parking was not available in the Library car park. An amendment of the Off- Street Parking Order would be required to facilitate this.

The Committee was advised that there was adequate capacity in town centre car parks in Chertsey to offer this service. The Committee was supportive of the arrangement, but some concerns were raised regarding the potential for abuse of the arrangement. Members were advised that any abuse would result in Officers reviewing the arrangement and the Off Street Parking Order.

**RESOLVED that –**

**an amendment to the Off Street Parking Order be made to allow parking by River Bourne Club Members displaying a valid membership permit in both Beomonds and Gogmore Farm car parks**

365. ANNUAL REVIEW OF CAR PARKING CHARGES IN OFF-STREET CAR PARKS

The Committee conducted its annual review of the current charges in the Council's Off- street car parks ,including the charges for season tickets ,permit and contract parking.

Members were provided with a detailed report which reviewed the current charges in Runnymede along with comparisons with other Surrey and neighbouring Councils. Members were very pleased to note that parking charges in Runnymede were very reasonable compared to other Surrey and neighbouring Boroughs and thanked Officers for a very comprehensive report.

In considering the level of car parking charges, Members balanced the costs of operating the car parks and the income for the Council with the impact on the vitality and viability of the town and neighbourhood centres in the borough. This was particularly relevant given the Council's financial position and the current financial climate for local businesses

Officers recommended that off-street parking charges should not be increased in 2018/19 in recognition of previous increases, loss of off-street parking and general disruption in Egham associated with large-scale redevelopment, and alternative free parking provision in Chertsey associated with a new supermarket. Officers were also concerned that increasing charges might adversely affect income. Members understood the reasoning behind the Officer recommendation and were fully supportive of this approach.

Officers were asked to provide a report at a future Committee meeting on annual permits issued and waiting list statistics for the Hummer Road and Pooley Green car parks in Egham.

**RESOLVED that –**

**Off-street parking charges should not be increased in 2018/19 in recognition of previous increases and parking disruption in key town centres .**

366. CORPORATE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND CORPORATE PROJECTS 2017/18 QUARTER 1 AND QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE

Members received a report of the performance against the key performance indicators for Q1 and Q2 2017/18.

With regard to residual household waste per household, Members noted that in both Q1 and Q2 the Council were performing better than the residual waste target. The adverse increase in waste in Q2 might be tied to an increase in garden waste being placed inside residential bins. A proposal on tackling garden waste in refuse bins was currently under consideration.

The indicator for the number of fly-tipping incidents was noted. Officers were asked to bring a report on the Council's performance in relation to fly-tipping to a future Committee meeting.

Some Members reported receiving complaints from residents regarding overflowing residential bins and bins obstructing the footpaths on non-collection days. Officers would discuss this at the Waste Members Working Group with a view to using enforcement for overflowing bins and their storage.

It was noted that Officers and Members worked very closely with RHUL who were very supportive. Officers visited the Fresher's Fayre annually to hand out leaflets to students which informed them what could and could not be put into the bins. It was noted that RHUL were introducing a landlord accreditation scheme which featured responsible waste disposal.

367. MEMBER WORKING GROUP ON REFUSE AND RECYCLING

The Minutes of the meeting of the Member Working Group on Refuse and Recycling were noted. A report on Kingdom's performance to date would be considered at the next meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Committee in January 2018.

(The meeting ended at 8.17 pm)

Chairman