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Agenda Item No.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019

## "C573 DIRECTORATE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING - PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2019/2020 (NST & SCHL)

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek approval from Cabinet for fees and charges for the Directorate for 2019/2020. The fees and charges recommended mainly reflected an inflationary increase of 3.2% rounded up to the nearest 10p with some fees and charges having been increased in addition to inflation to reflect the take up of services and the cost of delivery. A small number had remained the same but these were generally refundable deposits which had been left at rounded amounts such as £100.00.

The Cabinet Member apprised his colleagues on exceptions as follows:

- The alternative approach proposed for areas such as Kings Square follows the principles contained within the income generation and commercial opportunities strategy and this is aimed at increasing commercial income;
- A new charge is proposed for replacement allotment keys of £16.60;
- Charges are recommended for bench or plaque dedications as there is an opportunity to significantly increase sales;
- It is recommended to increase the charges relating to commercial food waste collections due to higher collection and disposal costs; and
- A new charge is proposed for a proof of address letter for street naming and numbering.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

## **RESOLVED -**

- (1) THAT the proposals for fees/charges and required policy/process changes as set out in the report and the associated appendices be approved.
- (2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and the Head of Finance to vary fees detailed in the report should a business need be established.

T H A T the report be referred to Environment and Regeneration and Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committees for consideration.

## Reasons for decisions

- To obtain Cabinet's approval of the charging and fees proposed for (1) 2019/2020.
- To allow minor 'in year' charging variations to be made promptly should there (2) be a particular business need to do so.
- To allow the charges and fees proposed to be considered, by the relevant (3) Scrutiny Committee."