

## **Briefing Note: Community Centre F&C Restructuring**

The new proposed pricing structure is to increase the number of new “community venture start ups” hiring the facilities and to ensure unreasonably large profits are not made from Council owned and operated facilities by private enterprises.

### **Level 1 – Voluntary Rate**

The criteria have been redefined including registered charities or non for profit organisations who provide free access to the end user. Pre schools have been removed from this price band. A proposed 3% increase throughout all centres recommended.

### **Level 2 – Standard Rate**

The standard rate has been split into three categories dependant on the level of business. This has been designed to encourage new community venture start ups into the centres providing an affordable entry point until they reach a point where the business is established and sustainable. There some existing bookings that provide a local service but enjoy large attendances making large profits out of a council facility without the pressures of having building maintenance and cleaning costs or business tax. At present the standard rate is the same for a group working with 5 participants as it is for a group working with close to 100.

### **Level 2A – Business Start Up Rate,**

This is a new fee. This rate would include new business and existing sessions who cater for no more than 15 participants. The additional income made from new business would outweigh the proposed lower standard fee. An average number of participants will be kept to ensure that the correct rate is charged. Once they reach the 15 threshold, they then become liable for the Level 2B rate

### **Level 2B – Standard Rate.**

The middle band caters for those groups who work with 15 – 30 participants. This rate is an increase on the standard rate of 6%.

### **Level 2c – Established Group Rate**

This rate caters for groups who charge an entry fee to more than 30 participants preventing them making huge profits from community buildings. There is a 6% increase on the new Standard Rate.

### **Level 3 – Function Rate**

This rate remains unchanged. This is a target area that has potential to grow. Keeping the rate the same will ensure we are able to increase the number of function bookings.

### **Level 4 – Pre School Rate.**

This is a new fee. At present, pre-schools are charged the voluntary rate. This proposal recognises the customer value of the provision but addresses the current inequities pre-school bookings accessing a voluntary rate when they operate as a business.

## Proposed Pricing Structure 2015/16 – Community Centres

**Level 1 – Voluntary Rate:** a registered charity OR Non-profitable organisation who provide free access to the service user.

**Level 2A – Business Start Up Rate:** A new business venture and/or an activity that attracts no more than an average of 15 participants where participants are charged to attend.

**Level 2B – Standard Rate:** An organisation or group that charges an attendance fee that attracts between 15 -30 participants.

**Level 2C – Established Group Rate:** An organisation or group that charges an attendance fee that attracts more than 30 participants.

**Level 3 – Function Rate:** A Closed or Private party booking.

**Level 4 – Pre-School Rate:** Rate for pre-school bookings.

Centre	Level 1	Level 2A	Level 2B	Level 2C	Level 3	Level 4
<b>Batchley</b>	£9.80	£23.00	£26.00	£27.50	£17.50	£10.00
<b>Oakenshaw</b>						
Small Hall	£9.80	£18.50	£20.70	£22.00	£15.50	£10.00
Main Hall	£12.40	£23.00	£26.00	£27.50	£17.50	£13.00
<b>Windmill</b>						
Small Hall	£9.80	£18.50	£20.70	£22.00	£15.50	£10.00
Main Hall	£12.40	£23.00	£26.00	£27.50	£17.50	£13.00
<b>Winyates Barn</b>	£9.80	£23.00	£26.00	£27.50	£17.50	£10.00
<b>Winyates Green</b>	£9.80	£23.00	£26.00	£27.50	£17.50	£10.00