

POLICY ON THE USE OF THE COUNCIL'S OPEN SPACES

Item CB 21/58 referred from Cabinet of 2 June 2021

Consideration was given to the recommendations from the meeting of the Communities and Housing Advisory Board of 25 May 2021 (as set out at Minute Number CH 21/14).

Particular reference was made to the request to include an annual fee schedule for regular activities. Due to the volume and differing sizes and scales of activities identified it was not considered practicable to produce an annual fee schedule without further information. However, Officers committed to reassessing the need for an annual fee schedule for particularly common regular activities following a one year 'pilot' of the new Policy when there was a better understanding of the types of applications being received.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the Policy on the Use of the Council's Open Spaces (attached at Annex 1) be adopted, subject to consideration of:
 - there being a requirement for membership of a relevant professional association for certain activities, including professional dog walking;
- (2) administration fees and charges are introduced as detailed in the Policy, subject to consideration of
 - the requirement for an annual fee schedule for common regular activities be re-assessed following a one year period
- (3) delegated authority be granted to the Cabinet Members for Finance, Innovation and Property and Community Services to consider and determine appeals; and
- (4) delegated authority be granted to the Cabinet Members for Finance, Innovation and Property and Community Services to determine fees and charges in exceptional circumstances.

***Referred to Council**