

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

Decision by Cabinet Lead for Contracts and Commercial Services
CHARGES FOR BEACH HUT LICENSE FEES

Report by: Carl Mathias

Key Decision: No

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To set the charges for the beach hut licenses for 2019/20.

2.0 Decision

2.1 To agree no change to the current charges for beach hut licenses for 2019/20.

3.0 Issue

3.1 The council's policy is to keep beach hut fees in line with market forces. As the council's beach hut fees are already at the top end in comparison to other local authorities, a freeze in costs would ensure the service is affordable to existing customers, thereby protecting existing income and attracting new customers should sites become available

3.2 It is necessary to agree to the beach hut license charges in advance of the budget due to the:

- requirement for invoices to be sent out in good time for the start of next season, giving customers notice of the fees they will be charged for 2019/20
- need to secure the licenses for 2019/20 prior to the start of the financial year.

4.0 Implications

4.1 **Resources:** None

4.2 **Legal:** None

4.3 **Strategy:** *This will comply with the following strategies:*

Beach hut provision is being considered as a part of the wider Hayling Island regeneration plan and charges levied will be a consideration in this.

4.4 Risks:

Delaying the decision on 2019/20 fees would impact on the timeliness of issuing of invoices and licenses leading to complaints from members of the public. Such delays in 2018/19 led to a number of complaints to the Ombudsman.

5.0 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 — 'confidential' or Exempt' Information Indicator: N/A

5.1 This delegated decision contains neither confidential nor exempt information

6.0 Is this an Urgent Decision?

No

Agreed by Councillor Hughes

Dated: 15/01/19

Agreed and signed off by:

Legal Services: 15/01/19

Finance: 15/01/19

Head of Service: 16/01/19

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