



CABINET: 1 AUGUST 2001

LAUNCHING FEES AT KEYHAVEN

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report is the result of a referral from Policy and Resources Committee on the issue of launching fees at Keyhaven. That Committee received a report which considered the introduction of a reduced fee for local users at Keyhaven who launch powered craft.

1.2 At their meeting on 18 April 2001 Policy and Resources Committee resolved:

“That the Leisure Review Panel be requested to reconsider launching fees at Keyhaven with particular regard to the question of whether the significantly higher fee for powered craft discriminates against the disabled”.

1.3 This paper reports the outcome of the discussion at the Leisure Review Panel of 12 June 2001.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Panel received a representation from Mr Hellberg who believed that there had been disproportionate increases in the fees for powered craft and there should be no differential in the fees between powered and sailing craft. These factors contributed towards discrimination against people with disabilities

2.2 The Panel noted the consistency in the management objectives at Keyhaven over a prolonged period. Also these issues had previously discussed at the Keyhaven Consultative Committee but this had led to no change.

2.3 There was also reference to the possibility of an overall assessment across the Council as to concessionary charges and that there was the opportunity to consider the structure of fees under the new arrangements for consultation at Keyhaven

3. VIEW OF THE LEISURE REVIEW PANEL

3.1 The recommendations of the Panel to Cabinet were:

- a) That the fees and charges for 2000/01 at Keyhaven remain as previously agreed; and

- b) That the structure of fees at Keyhaven be the subject of specific discussion under the consultative arrangements for Keyhaven River, with the outcome being reported as part of the overall consideration of fees for 2002/03

3.2 Fees and charges are a core subject for the consultative arrangements for leisure facilities. Given the timing in the expenditure planning process, a meeting is in the process of being arranged during August to address the second recommendation.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There is a strong presumption towards safeguarding the environment at Keyhaven. Changes in the charging arrangements could mean some potential for changes in overall use and use by powered craft. This would have to be borne in mind in future discussions.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no specific implications arising from the report at this stage. Further discussion of charging policy could clearly affect income, for example, the implications of a wider look at concessionary rates would need to be considered at the time.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that :

- a) The fees and charges for 2001/2 at Keyhaven remain as previously agreed; and
- b) The structure of fees at Keyhaven be the subject of a specific discussion under the consultative arrangements for Keyhaven and the outcome be reported in the consideration of fees for 2002/03

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Background Papers:

Published Reports