

**HEALTH & LEISURE CENTRE FEES AND CHARGES 2016 – CALL IN FROM COUNCILLORS HARRISON & WADE**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 As part of the annual review of budgets, the Health & Leisure Portfolio Holder on 11 November 2015 set the Health & Leisure Centre fees and charges for the forthcoming year (2016).
- 1.2 Cllrs Harrison and Wade have given formal notice that they wished the decision to be called in.
- 1.3 In accordance with Council procedures, if two or more members call in an Executive decision, the decision shall not be implemented and the decision must be considered at the appropriate Overview & Scrutiny Panel within 10 working days of the date specified in the decision notice.
- 1.4 The matter has therefore been brought to the Community Overview & Scrutiny Panel for consideration. Cllrs Harrison and Wade have been invited to attend the Panel to present their views. Cllr Binns, Health and Leisure Portfolio Holder has also been invited to attend.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Portfolio Holder's decision on 11 November 2015 is attached as appendix 1.
- 2.2 Cllrs Harrison and Wade have given the following reasons for the call-in "The decision to re-define "Seniors" as age 65 +, from the current 60 + will act as a strong disincentive for large numbers of people in the age group 60 - 65 to exercise in our Health & Leisure Centres because of the increased costs involved. The decision may also result in a drop in income for New Forest District Council. The Portfolio Holder should be actively seeking ways to encourage older people to use our Leisure Centres and this decision, if allowed to stand, runs counter to that".

**3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 In accordance with the Council's constitution where a decision is being reviewed by an Overview & Scrutiny Panel, the Panel shall either: -
  - a) Accept the decision (in which case it may be implemented immediately); or
  - b) Request the decision-maker to reconsider the decision, giving reasons for the request. The decision-maker shall reconsider the decision as soon as reasonably practicable. After reconsideration, the decision, whether amended or not, may be implemented immediately, and may not be called in for a second time; or

- c) Where the decision is of particular high local significance or public interest, refer the decision to full Council for debate at a Council meeting to be held within ten working days of the Panel meeting. The decision-maker shall reconsider the decision as soon as reasonably practicable after the Council meeting, in light of the Council debate.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 That the Panel considers Cllrs Harrison's and Wade's call in submission and takes one of the steps set out in paragraph 3.1 above.

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#### **Background Papers:**

Published documents