

Northern Rother District Councillors' Report November 2021.

Proposed fees and charges 2022-23.

Sports pitches & Special Events in parks and on the Seafront

– to increase by RPI (4.8%). It is also proposed to introduce a new charge for small activities with no more than 50 participants per occasion, organised by clubs or other groups where participants pay to take part either through a club membership or as a fee to the organiser.

Allotments charges will also increase by RPI (4.8%)

Beach huts licence fees to increase above inflation to £560 and transfer fees will rise to £2,000.

Car park charges (with the exception of permit charges) will remain unchanged during 2022/23 until a review to assess the impact of CPE is undertaken. Permit charges will increase by RPI of 4.8% plus a further 4.5% although the nominated permit price at Gibbet Marsh, Lower Market and Wainwright road will **not** increase.

Camber Sands car parks. The “up to one hour” summer season tariff from 1 April to 30 September will increase from £1.50 to £2.50

Bulky waste collections. The charge for 1 to 3 items will not change but the charge for 4 to 6 items will increase from £73 to £75 and for 7 to 9 items from £108 to £110.

Garden Waste collections. To rise from £45 to £50.

Scrap Metal Dealers. Charges will not change.

Food Hygiene Rating Scheme. A fee will now be charged for a revisit to rate premises under the FHRS.

Health certificates for food exported. Charges for this service by Environmental Health will now be made.

HMO Licences. A Supreme Court judgement has determined that local authorities must have two sets of fees. One fee to cover the costs of applying for the licence and a fee for issuing the licence and on-going enforcement. It is recommended that Council also has a combined fee to reflect the reduced administration costs with only one fee being paid and processed.

“Binrastructure” funding

This is a term used to describe “having the right bin in the right place” to underpin the objective of a clean environment. To support this DEFRA and WRAP (Waste and Resource Action Programme) offered grants up to £25,000 for local authorities to review their “binrastructure”. A requirement of the funding application was the submission of a draft Litter Strategy. This Strategy has now been submitted and can be seen with the following link:

<https://rother.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=153&MIId=615&Ver=4> Item 7.

An application to WRAP for a grant of £25,000 was successful and will cover the cost of 15 x 168 litre bins, 15 x 84 litre bins, two smart solar compactor bins plus signage and installation. Some bins have already been allocated to beach locations and RDC will work with Parish & Town Councils to site the others.

Food & drink concessions.

RDC regularly receives requests from food and drink businesses looking for opportunities to operate mobile and static units on land owned by the Council. Requests are also received for more permanent trading pitches which would require permanent or semi-permanent cabins or similar structures. Nine sites have been identified where a mobile and/or static concession may be appropriate: 3 in Bexhill, two in Rye and one each in Camber, Pett Level Winchelsea Beach and Rye Harbour. It is proposed to offer these sites to the market and enter into concession agreements for a period of three years commencing in April 2022. It is expected that the concessions would be cost neutral in the first year and thereafter would be net revenue generators for the Council.

Councillors Martin Mooney and Tony Ganly.