

Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project/proposal

Variation to HCC Countryside Service
'Charging and Pricing Policy' and
'Admission Prices' 2017/2018

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Purpose for project/proposal

The Countryside Service has an overarching policy covering pricing, charges and fees to ensure pricing and charging structures, including concessions and refunds, are managed in a fair and consistent way across the portfolio of country parks, countryside sites and the rights of way network, where relevant.

This policy has had one addition to be implemented from 1st April 2017:

- Introduce an administration fee of £5.00 to customers re-arranging their BBQ booking date.

The policy approach is a bi-annual review of admission prices at the associated pay-zones, including membership.

Following a bench-marking review of fees for Access activity, these have been increased as needed.

The new admission prices were approved by Head of Countryside Service on 16.11.16.

Consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

This policy was reviewed and amended in consultation with Countryside Service Group Managers, Park Managers and Senior Management Team members. It was approved by the Head of Countryside Service on 16.11.16.

It remains in line with the 'Charging and Pricing Principles' created with wider CCBS departments.

Statutory considerations

Impact

Age	None
Disability	None
Sexual orientation	None
Race	None
Religion and belief	None
Gender reassignment	None
Sex	None
Marriage and civil partnership	None
Pregnancy and maternity	None

Other policy considerations

Poverty Low
Rurality None
Other factors None
If other please describe

Geographical impact All Hampshire
Have you identified any medium or high Yes No
impact?*

Admission/membership concessions are already in place in these areas of the service and no equality impact on protected characteristics or other policy considerations listed above is expected, with the following exception:

A low negative impact with respect to poverty has been identified relating to the increase in admission prices, however, market analysis was undertaken and these prices are consistent with, and in most instances lower, than comparable offers.

Access fee increases have been identified as low impact as generally this relates to developers rather than individual members of the public.

Final decision date

Final decision date due 14 Dec 2016
Decision to be made by Executive Member