

RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

Key Decision ✓

SUBJECT: A report on the proposed new charges for Aberdare Athletics Track.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

The purpose of the report is to seek approval to introduce new charges to the new Aberdare Athletics Stadium.

In accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this report has been prepared to accompany the intended officer decision of the Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services as described below

DELEGATED DECISION:

Consider and approve the proposed charges for Aberdare Athletics Stadium to be implemented from Monday 3rd September 2018.


Chief Officer Signature

PAUL MEE
Print Name

29/8/18
Date

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution

CONSULTATION

A. Crumming

29.8.18

CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE

DATE

CONSULTEE OFFICER SIGNATURE

DATE

CALL IN PROCEDURE RULES.

IS THE DECISION DEEMED URGENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

YES

Reason for urgency: The facility is to be opened to the public on Monday 3rd September 2018.

If deemed urgent - signature of Mayor or Deputy Mayor or Head of Paid Service confirming agreement that the proposed decision is reasonable in all the circumstances for it being treated as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rule 17.2:

S. C. Powell

(Mayor)

29/8/18

(Dated)

NB - If this is a reconsidered decision then the decision Cannot be Called In and the decision will take effect from the date the decision is signed.

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PUBLICATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATES

PUBLICATION

Publication on the Councils Website:- 29th August 2018

DATE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

Subject to Call In the implementation date will be - N/A, urgent decision.

DATE

APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION :✓

Further Information

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

KEY DELEGATED DECISION

**REPORT TO ACCOMPANY A DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
HEALTH, PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

28TH AUGUST 2018

**A REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CHARGES FOR ABERDARE
ATHLETICS STADIUM 2018/19**

Author: David Batten, Head of Leisure, Parks and Countryside.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek approval to introduce new charges to the new Aberdare Athletics Stadium.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that consideration is given, and, if appropriate, approve the proposed charges be implemented from Monday 3rd September 2018.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The proposed charges continue the Council's commitment to community sport by providing top quality sports facilities that are affordable to residents and local organisations.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Work started on the new £3 million athletics facility at the end of 2017 following the demolition of the former Michael Sobell Sports Centre. The new stadium comprises of new track and field athletics facilities, 263-seat spectator stand, changing rooms and a new studio/meeting room.
- 4.2 The new facility completes the £67 million Education and Leisure investment on site comprising of the Aberdare Community School, Sobell Leisure Centre, and a 3G pitch and a skate park.
- 4.3 The site was previously well used by local athletics and running clubs, local schools and governing body associations for special events.
- 4.4 The reopening of the athletics stadium in Aberdare is keenly anticipated by local clubs and schools. With the loss of the athletics stadium over the last few years it has been a difficult period for the

athletics club and local schools, both have managed by relocating to other generic facilities.

5. **PROPOSED CHARGES**

- 5.1 The proposed charges, outlined in 5.3, ensure that the facility is accessible by local schools, sports clubs and the wider community maximising usage by all.
- 5.2 The proposed charges align with current Leisure charges and future proposals for 3G pitches.
- 5.3 The proposed charges for the new facility are as follows: -

5.3.1 Athletics Track and Field Facilities:

Facility	Charge
Adult with lights (per hour)	£50.00
Adult without lights (per hour)	£37.50
Junior with lights (per hour)	£25.00
Junior without lights (per hour)	£18.75
Individual Access – Adult *	£3.45
Individual Access – Junior*	£2.05
Special event	Price on application

*The Leisure for Life membership will not be valid for use in the facility.

These charges include access to the changing facilities, and use of the spectator stand.

5.3.2 Infield Football Pitch

It is anticipated that the infield pitch will only be used for premier fixtures such as cup competitions and schools finals.

Facility	Charge
Adult match	£100.00
Junior match	£50.00
Additional floodlight (per hour)	12.50

These charges include access to the changing facilities, use of the spectator stand and the additional staff required.

5.3.3 Other Charges

Facility	Charge
Studio / Meeting Room (per hour)	£22.35
Additional staffing as required per hour	£18.00
Commercial booking	Price on application

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been prepared for this report. A full assessment is not required at this time.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Due to the alignment with current Leisure and Parks fees and charges the proposals in this report do not require any specific consultation to be carried out.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 8.1 There has been significant interest from the general public, sports clubs and schools in using the new facility therefore we are expecting a high level of usage.
- 8.2 Due to the time between closing the previous athletics stadium and opening this new facility it is difficult to accurately estimate the usage. The first year of operation will be critical in gauging the financial implications.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 There are no legal implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report.

10. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 10.1 Improved facilities within local communities will have a positive impact on the lives of people that live, work and visit the county borough.
- 10.2 The development of new facilities alongside increased participation support the seven well being goals.
- 10.3 Increased opportunities and improved participation will improve the health and wellbeing of those that live, work and visit Rhondda Cynon Taf.

11. CONCLUSION

- 11.1 The proposed charges ensure that the facility is affordable to local sports clubs and organisations.
- 11.2 The alignment of the charges to the existing Leisure and Parks fees and charges ensures that charges are in line with council policy.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers:

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