

ANGUS COUNCIL  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
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SCHOOL LETS: REVIEW OF CHARGES  
REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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**ABSTRACT**

This report outlines amendments to current letting charges, including agreed increase of 5%.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee notes and approves the contents of this report.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At its special meeting of 14 February 2002 the Education Committee approved a general increase in school letting charges of 5%, as part of the Education Department's Revenue Budget for 2002/2003.
- 2.2 Reference is also made to report 797/99 approved by the Education Committee at its meeting of 24 August 1999, which summarised the findings of a Best Value Review on School Lets. The review outlined the requirement to, wherever possible, rationalise the use of accommodation within burghs to improve the cost effectiveness of the service.
- 2.3 The introduction of amended arrangements for janitorial services to schools provides opportunities to further improve services to schools by ensuring that the letting of school buildings is co-ordinated effectively.

**3 PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 School lets run for the period August – June and Appendix 1 to this report specifies in detail the proposed charges, effective from August 2002. The main changes can be summarised as follows:
- (i) Table E has been introduced to provide an incentive for community groups to complete lets by 7.00 pm (to correspond with cleaning of buildings);
  - (ii) Within each burgh, particular schools will be designated for use after 7.00 pm. While this will not preclude the use of other schools an additional charge for these other schools of 20% will apply;
  - (iii) More flexibility will be available for community groups to have a school let without the requirement to book the facility for the whole school year
- 3.2 While it may be necessary for a small number of groups to amend their current arrangements, it is not expected these changes will adversely affect non profit making community groups to any great extent; it is expected that the increased flexibility will be welcomed by these groups.

**4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

It is estimated that the proposed amendments to the level of charges will enable the agreed Departmental savings target to be met. There are no other financial implications arising directly from this report.

## **5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Human Rights implications arising directly from this report.

## **6 CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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Appendix