

## ANGUS COUNCIL

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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## REVIEW OF CHARGES 2000/01

## REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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**ABSTRACT**

The purpose of this report is to recommend increases in charges made for services provided by the Education Department.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Education Committee approve the increases in charges as outlined in this Report.

**2 ANNUAL REVIEW**

Each year the Education Department reviews the charges levied for services for which it is responsible. Taking into account the overall financial position for the Department in 2000/2001, it is proposed to increase charges as follows:

**i) Letting of Educational Premises**

It is proposed to increase charges for school lets by an average of 5% from 15 August 2000 (see Appendix 1), this being the beginning of the school session in 2000/01. Marginally higher increases are proposed for the standard charges in order to protect the concessionary rates.

The proposed increase in rates have been made after consultation with both Cultural services and Recreation Services in order to ensure that there is a level of consistency in the charging for similar premises Council wide.

**ii) Music Tuition Fees**

For School Session 2000/01, it is proposed to increase fees from £72 to £78.

Members should note that no fees are charged to pupils studying for Standard Grade or Higher Music, nor for any pupils whose parents are in receipt of welfare benefits. The rate has not been reviewed since the academic session 1998/99 and the proposed annual charge of £78 still represents excellent value for money for parents.

**iii) School Meals**

It is proposed to increase the price of school meals from 15 August 2000 as follows:

	<b>Current Price</b>	<b>Proposed Price</b>
Primary	£1.20	£1.25
Secondary	£1.30	£1.35

Charges have not been increased since April 1998 and represent a reasonable increase given the costs of providing the service. These price increases have no effect on pupils entitled to free school meals.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

It is estimated that the increased charges will generate an additional £45,000 in 2000/2001 which has been incorporated within the Education Department 2000/01 Revenue Budget.

### **4. CONSULTATION**

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

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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 this report.

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**CHARGES FOR THE LETTING OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PREMISES**

The proposed new rates of charges (exclusive of VAT) to become effective from 15 August 2000 are:

**STANDARD RATE (charges per hour)**

These rates (Table A) are set for user groups not eligible for Education Department support and taking place in premises which have a caretaker. The groups include Aerobic/Keep-fit classes; Dancing classes; Discos and WRI Groups.

**TABLE A**

	<b>Category 1</b> Classroom, Staffroom, Small Hall	<b>Category 2</b> Large Hall, Gymnasium	<b>Category 3</b> Sports Field (incl. changing facilities	<b>Category 4</b> Swimming Pool, Games Hall
	£	£	£	£
Mon/Fri	<b>19.50</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>33.00</b>	<b>44.50</b>
Saturday	<b>32.00</b>	<b>44.50</b>	<b>46.00</b>	<b>57.00</b>
Sunday	<b>38.00</b>	<b>50.50</b>	<b>52.00</b>	<b>63.00</b>

Where a single person or organisation books more than one unit of accommodation on any one occasion the higher charge will apply for the principal unit and the charges in Table B will be applied for each additional unit.

**TABLE B**

	<b>Category 1</b>	<b>Category 2</b>	<b>Category 3</b>
	£	£	£
Mon/Fri	<b>3.70</b>	<b>7.30</b>	<b>10.00</b>
Sat/Sun	<b>14.60</b>	<b>15.80</b>	<b>21.00</b>

Where premises have no full-time caretaker and there is no reasonable alternative local facility for meetings (ie in rural areas), classrooms, staffrooms or small halls will be available at a charge of £5.30 pr hour Monday - Friday and £12.60 per hour at weekends.

These same rates (Table B) will be applied to users of premises where external facilities only are used and the services of a caretaker are not required.

**CONCESSIONARY RATE (charges per member, based on a two-hour let)**

This category is designed to allow any bona fide youth or community group or association to plan regular bookings for a complete school year (based on 35 two-hourly meetings per year). Each group, or association of groups, is required to make two payments which covers its total membership based on the scales below (Table C). The groups in this category are Art & Craft Workshop; Athletic Clubs; Badminton Clubs; Boys Brigade; Brownies; Camera Clubs; Cubs; Football Clubs; Guides; non profit-making Martial Arts Clubs; Netball/Basketball Coaching; Non-commercial Theatre Clubs; Recognised Adult/FE Education Classes; Scouts; Skater/Hockey Clubs; Staff Recreation Clubs & Former Pupil Sports Clubs; Swimming Clubs and Classes; Tennis Clubs; Toddler Groups and Youth Clubs ) with Education Department Links).

TABLE C

Age Range	Category 1 Classroom, Staffroom, Small Hall	Category 2 Large Hall Gymnasium	Category 3 Sports Field (incl. Changing facilities)	Category 4 Swimming Pool Games Hall
	£	£	£	£
Under 12	110	134	200	360 )
13-18	165	201	300	)
Adults	330	402	600	720

- Groups who book more than one unit of accommodation will be charged for each additional unit as shown in Table B (hourly rates).
- Unemployed Adults and Student Groups will be charged the rates applied to the 13-18 age group.
- Groups granted a concessionary let will be able to book additional meetings (ie. over 35 weeks), subject to the availability of accommodation and at the discretion of the Director of Education at the following rates (per let).

Category 1 Classroom Staffroom Small Hall	Category 2 Large Hall Gymnasium	Category 3 Sports Field (incl changing facilities)	Category 4 Swimming Pool Games Hall
£	£	£	£
12.40	14.40	16.50	20.60

#### Additional Notes

- School premises are normally available during the school term and will not be available during school holidays (including public holidays). Facilities will not be available during examination periods.
- Special terms can be negotiated for 'one-off' events for non-profit-making groups functioning for the benefit of the community, but subject to the Council covering its cost at least.
- Groups should ensure premises are vacated by the end of the two hour let period. Lessees should allow sufficient time for putting away equipment, changing etc.
- Individual groups qualifying for concessionary rates may find it more economical to apply for standard rate charges depending on their particular circumstances. Assistance in this matter will be provided by the School Lets Section in the Education Department Office.