

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL & LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 29 MAY 2003

CHARGES FOR MINIBUS & TOWDABOUT

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to recommend the charges for the financial year 2003/04 for the minibus and towdabout provided under the remit of Leisure Services.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee agree:-

- a) To option B with regard to charges for these units
- b) the charges which will be effective from 29 May 2003 and will be added to the existing charges list as agreed in report number 265/03
- c) a Review of Charges may be carried out during the financial year with a further report presented to Committee if there are revised recommendations.

2. INTRODUCTION

Leisure Services were successful with a bid to Quality of Life funding in 2002-2003 to purchase an adapted minibus and a mobile play unit (Towdabout) for use across the Angus area.

These units were delivered in late March and early April of 2003 and are now available for use. It is intended that both of these will be available for hire to the public and therefore charges require to be set.

Community Education Service have an existing set of charges for minibus hire and it is proposed that Leisure Services follow these levels of charges in the first instance.

The play unit is a new initiative for Angus Council with no current charge in place and it is recommended that charges are set to offset costs to the council as well as contributing to the general running and maintenance costs of the unit.

3. PROPOSALS

Option A

That there are no charges applied to these two new units which have been procured by Leisure Services and that all day to day running costs are borne by the council through Leisure Services.

Option B

That Leisure Services apply charges in line with existing council charges where available.

a. Minibus Charges

Each day to be split into three sessions; morning, afternoon, and evening. The costs of hire to be as follows:

1 session (a.m.)	£5.50	2 days	£20.00
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2 sessions (a.m./p.m.)	£8.50	3 days	£30.00
3 sessions(1 Day)	£12.00	4 days	£40.00
		5 days	£50.00

In addition to the hire charges, hirers are responsible to replace fuel used during the period of hire and must return the minibus with the same level of fuel as at pick up. Failure to adhere will result in charges of 25p per mile/15p per kilometre of journey for replacement fuel.

b. Towdabout

The towdabout, mobile play unit, will be charged at a rate of £30.00 per day for standard/community use and £50.00 per day for commercial use

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The charges as recommended will allow Leisure Services to offset some of the costs associated with the day to day running of these units. It is difficult to predict the actual figures as Leisure Services have no historical information to provide a benchmark. The position will be monitored and reviewed if required

5. CONSULTATION

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

6. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications associated with this report.

7. CONCLUSION

It will be important to ensure that our customers are made fully aware of the cost of providing these services and to show that value for money is being achieved and that the charge does equate to excellent service provision.

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NOTE: 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.