

South Lakeland District Council
Lake Administration Committee
Friday, 21 January 2022
Lake Windermere Fees and Charges 2022/23

Portfolio: Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder
Report from: Director of Customer and Commercial Services
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Wards: (All Wards);

Forward Plan: The fees and charges proposals form part of the Budget and Policy Framework Decision included in the Forward Plan as published on 8 November 2021, with the final decision on the overall budget due to be taken on 22 February 2022.

Links to Council Plan Priorities:

Delivering a balanced community – encouraging a sustainable environment and inclusive economy, we will grow a green economy by making the best use of our parks, open spaces and lakes.

1.0 Expected Outcome

1.1 For the fees and charges for the Lake services to be approved for the 2022/23 financial year.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that Lake Administration Committee

(1) Approve the fees and charges as shown in Appendix 1 which shows an increase of 2% to most fees and charges where practical.

(2) Approves the Finance Lead Specialist (Section 151 Officer) to build the fees and charges into the budget for 2022/23.

3.0 Background and Proposals

3.1 The Committee has the responsibility to set the annual Fees and Charges. When considering the Fees and Charges, the Committee need to take account of service demand, equity and value for money and the budget strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) requirements of the District Council. The Committee is also required to ensure that the requirements of the Corporate Charging Policy have been followed.

It is proposed to increase fees and charges on the lake by an average of 2%. Other fees will increase further where needed to cover actual costs or, where demand outstrips supply, such as storage, holiday moorings and daily slipways launching due to staycations, then fees have been increased due to demand. Other fees have remained the same such as pump out costs to encourage the use of this facility.

4.0 Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Fees and Charges for 2022/23

5.0 Consultation

5.1 The Portfolio holder for Finance and Resources, the Finance Lead Specialist, Corporate Management Team and Principal Lake and Parking Services Officer have all been consulted on the proposed fees and charges. Feedback has also been requested from Lake Wardens to clarify from an operational viewpoint that demand for lake services is such to warrant an increase (where applicable) in the fees and charges.

6.0 Alternative Options

6.1 To not increase fees and charges. This is not recommended and would not be in line with the Medium Term Financial Plan.

7.0 Implications

Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1 The future year's income base budgets are set by the agreed Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and this has already had inflationary growth built into them. Where this cannot be met or managed through reductions in expenditure, this will be identified as a growth bid. The MTFP requires that Fees and Charges need to be consistent with income budgets.

Human Resources

7.2 There are no Human Resource implications with this proposal.

Legal

7.3.1 Legal input will be required to prepare any licences, encroachment agreements as well as to deal with any challenges to the Encroachment areas and fee increases. Costs may be required to cover any legal action we decide to take. Our fees and charges are set by the Council.

7.3.2 Furthermore, legal input may be necessary to respond to any issues that might impact upon the effective operation of the service and the level of fees that can be charged.

Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment

7.4 Have you completed a Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment? No

7.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: Not felt to be applicable as this is relating to fees and charges for services that are delivered year on year.

Equality and Diversity

7.6 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No

7.7 If you have not completed an Impact Analysis, please explain your reasons: Not felt to be applicable as this is relating to fees and charges for services that are delivered year on year.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
Economic impact due to Covid and Brexit.	Impact on overall Lake users which will impact on income, services and overall visitor economy	To monitor the situation and seek input from Finance and the Economic Development team.
That fees are increased beyond a level that the majority of users find acceptable and user levels fall.	Reduced income and increased pressure to raise fees further within a diminishing market.	Keep fees affordable and realistic in order to retain existing clients and secure new customers by providing an efficient well managed service.
That fees are not increased in line with CPI.	Overall reduction in income when compared with inflation.	Keep fees affordable and realistic in order to retain existing clients and secure new customers by providing an efficient well managed service.

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