

Report

Report to:	Corporate Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	9 March 2005
Report by:	Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Alignment of Holiday Play Club Charges to Child Care Voucher Scheme
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1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Approve the alignment of the Holiday Play Club Charges to Busy Bees Child Care Voucher Scheme and future increases in line with other charges.

2 Recommendation(s)

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Holiday Play Club accept Child Care Vouchers; and
- (2) that charges be revised as follows:-
 - ◆ fee per day for first child be increased from £10 to £13
 - ◆ fee per day for second and subsequent children be increased from £8 to £10.50

3 Background

3.1 The Holiday Play Club charges have not been reviewed since its' inception in 1996 with the intention being that this would be done following the introduction of the Child Care Voucher Scheme. The Council now has a scheme administered through Busy Bees which has been approved by the Inland Revenue. New exemptions being introduced by the Government and effective from 6 April 2005, will mean that the first £50 per week of the cost of providing the vouchers to each employee will be free from both tax and national insurance contributions.

4 Alignment of Charges

4.1 The new exemptions will enable the Council to re-align the Holiday Play Club charges to take advantage of the benefits offered by the Child Care Voucher Scheme without employees suffering detriment.

This would result in changes to charges, effective from Summer 2005 Holiday Play Club, as follows:

- ◆ Current £10; revised £13 per day for the first child
- ◆ Current £8; revised £10.50 per day for second and subsequent children

5 Employee Implications

- 5.1 The use of the new Child Care Voucher Scheme will be generally publicised and this will include information on the Holiday Play Club. Personnel Services (Corporate Resources) will also write to regular users of the Play Club to ensure that they are aware of the changes.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 Additional income generation will allow the Council to move towards a return to operating on a self-financing basis.

7 Other Implications

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8 Consultation

- 8.1 Not applicable.

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3 February 2005

Link(s) to Council Objectives

- ◆ Modernising Services

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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