

FC44. Fees and Charges

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which presented a Corporate Charging and Concessions Policy to introduce a consistent approach to charging and concessions across the Council taking in account the Poverty Strategy following a request by Council at its February meeting (ref FC81).

A draft policy was set out as appendix 1 to the report. This had been developed to take into account best practice and ensure consistency across the Council, while enabling Services the flexibility to manage their approach to meet the needs of their customers.

Details were provided of a new chargeable service to provide a passport checking service for European Economic Area (EEA) and Swiss nationals applying for residence in the UK. The proposed charge was £30 as an estimate of full cost recovery with a concession offered to any applicant in receipt of a means tested benefit.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Garner, moved that Council:-

- (1) approves the Corporate Charging and Concessions Policy at appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) notes that the policy will apply to all new charges and that the level of existing charges and the eligibility and level of concessions for those charges will be reviewed in line with the Policy as part of the budget process for 2019/20, and
- (3) agrees the proposed charge and concession for the European Passport Checking Service.

As an amendment, Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved that Council agrees to continue consideration of the item.

Having heard the terms of the amendment and with the consent of the Provost and Councillor Garner as her seconder, Councillor Meiklejohn substituted her motion with the following:-

Council agrees to continue consideration of the item to a future meeting of the Executive.

Following discussion and in terms of Standing Order 22.4(i), the vote was taken by roll call, there being 28 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (19) – Depute Provost Ritchie, and Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Coleman, Collie, Flynn, Grant, Garner, Harris, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn, Munro, Murtagh, Nicol, Patrick and Spears.

For the amendment (9) – Provost Buchanan, and Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Coombes, Goldie, Nimmo and Reid.

Decision

Council agreed to continue consideration of the item to a future meeting of the Executive.