

EX67. Fees and Charges

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which had been continued from the Council meeting on 19 September 2018 (ref FC44) to the Executive for approval.

The report presented the Corporate Charging and Concessions Policy which sought to introduce a consistent approach to charging and concessions across the Council taking into account the Poverty Strategy following a request by Council at its February meeting (ref FC81).

A draft Policy was set out in Annex 1 within 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.

The Council was about to introduce a new chargeable service within the registration team. The team would provide a passport checking service for EEA and Swiss nationals applying for residence in the UK. It was provided on behalf of the Home Office. 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.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) approved the Corporate Charging and Concessions Policy;**
- (2) noted 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) agreed the proposed charge and concession for the European Passport Checking Service.**