

## Agenda Item 28

### Brighton & Hove City Council

#### For general release

**Meeting:** Culture, Recreation & Tourism Committee

**Date:** 14 November 2007

**Report of:** Acting Director of Cultural Services

**Subject:** Review of Fees and Charges 2008/09 - Venues

**Ward(s) affected:** All

#### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 This report sets out the proposed fees and charges for 2008/09 for the Brighton Centre and Hove Town Hall.

#### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are requested to approve the fees and charges as shown in Appendix B and C in order that they can be incorporated into the 2008/09 Revenue Budget and Venues Business Plan.

#### 3. Information/background

- 3.1 The proposed fees and charges for 2008/09 in respect of the Brighton Centre and Hove Town Hall have been prepared on the basis of first achieving the global increase of 2.5% inflation on income budgets, which will automatically be included in the Cultural Services budget block allocation for 2008/09 as part of the three year budget process. A further increase of 1.3% above inflation has been added to achieve additional income of £10,800 in order to contribute to the budget savings exercise. This results in an overall increase of 3.8%. Members should note that while generally the increase is 3.8%, in some instances for practical reasons figures have been rounded up.

#### 4. Further information

- 4.1 An increase of 2.5% on income budgets will be automatically incorporated into the Cultural Services budget block allocation for 2008/09. In order to comply with the proposals set out in the Budget Process 2008/09 report to the 26 July Policy & Resources Committee it is necessary that Fees and Charges be reviewed at this time. It is anticipated that the increases proposed will achieve the income budgets for 2008/09 and contribute to the budget savings exercise for the Major Projects & Venues Division.
- 4.2 In 2006/07 a culturally and ethnically diverse range of events were held in The Hove Centre, ranging from one day Local and Regional Conferences to the Green Party National Conference (16), Fairs and Bazaars (29), Wedding Receptions (22) to Citizenship Ceremonies (6), Chinese New Year celebrations to Rock Nights (12). In total, out of 199 events held in the Great Hall and the Banqueting Suite, 71% (2005/05 - 77%) were classified as local or community based events, of which 44% (2004/05 - 45%) were classified as community/social events.

## COMMITTEE REPORT APPENDIX A



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### **Financial implications**

As part of the corporate budget setting process for 2008/09, a 2.5% inflationary increase has been added to all budgets. The average fees and charges increase of 3.8% outlined in the report will achieve the inflationary increase plus generate approximately £10,800 additional income, which will contribute towards achieving a balanced 2008/09 budget for the directorate.

*Finance Officer consulted:* Patrick Rice

*Date:* 12 October 2007

### **Legal implications**

There are no direct legal implications that arise from the contents of the report. The Council must take the Human Rights Act 1998 into account in respect of its actions but it is not considered that any individual's Human Rights Act rights would be adversely affected by the recommendation or contents of this report.

*Lawyer consulted:* Dianne Bates

*Date:* 12 October 2007

<p><b>Corporate/City-wide implications</b> There are no implications arising from the proposals in this report</p>	<p><b>Risk Assessment</b> There are no implications arising from the proposals in this report</p>
<p><b>Sustainability implications</b> There are no implications arising from the proposals in this report</p>	<p><b>Equalities</b> There are no implications arising from the proposals in this report</p>
<p><b>Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder</b> There are no implications arising from the proposals in this report</p>	

### **Background papers**

The information contained within this report has been taken from various files held by the Council's Finance & Property Department and Committee's section.

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