
Report of the General Manager - 28 February 2017

ITEM 6.8 Amendments to Fees and Charges

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ISSUE

To consider amendments to Council's Fees and Charges.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council exhibit the fees and charges for the Morris lemma Indoor Sports Centre and for carrying out private works for a period of 28 days in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.
2. The matter be reported back to Council at the end of the exhibition period.

BACKGROUND

Morris lemma Indoor Sports Centre

The Morris lemma Indoor Sport Centre (MIISC), located at Rotary Park in Riverwood has been managed by the YMCA under a deed of licence agreement with the former Canterbury City Council since the building's construction in 2011. In January 2016, the YMCA notified the former Canterbury Council of its intention to end the licence effective 30 June 2016 citing the reason as their inability to sustain the \$230K in operational losses that the Centre was incurring on an annual basis.

At the June 2016 meeting, Council resolved to enter into an interim arrangement with the YMCA for a period of six months during which time Council would conduct a business review to determine the future management model that will deliver on Council's commitment to provide a competitive, quality fitness product in a financially sustainable manner.

At the Ordinary meeting on 25 October 2016, Council resolved to adopt a combination model for the management of the MIISC. This followed a comprehensive business review of the MIISC, where it was determined that the model that delivered the best outcome for Council was to manage the indoor stadium, kiosk and multipurpose rooms in house and to conduct an open tender process to lease out the gym facilities.

Private Works

Sections 67 and 377 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that a fee or charge for carrying out works on private land be established by a formal resolution of Council. There is no evidence to show that the former Canterbury City Council resolved to set the charge for private mowing yet the former Canterbury City Council has legacy arrangements in place which have not been reviewed for over 15 years and are carried out outside formal adopted fees and charges.

REPORT

Fees and Charges - MIISC

With Council assuming management of the facility from 1 April 2017, it is necessary for Council to adopt a set of interim fees and charges that are commensurate with the products and services provided at the Centre.

Based on the current fee structure at the YMCA and after reviewing pricing in like facilities Attachment A shows Council's proposed fee structure.

Private Works (former Canterbury City Council)

The provisions of the Local Government Act provide for Council to carryout services on private land, as determined by Council.

Given the Proclamation, Council was required to adopt two sets of Fees and Charges, as set out for both former councils. The Bankstown branch of Council has in its Fees and Charges a charge for works carried out on private land. The charge is calculated on the actual cost of the work plus a 10% administration fee. It is proposed that a similar charge be included in the Fees and Charges for the Campsie branch, and that the Fees and Charges be publicly exhibited in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act.

POLICY IMPACT

This matter has no direct policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The estimated revenue that will be generated from the hire of the MIISC multipurpose courts and the community room as well as the food and beverage sales at the kiosk is \$395K per annum.

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ATTACHMENTS

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- A. 2017 Proposed Fees and Charges for the Morris Iemma Indoor Sports Centre