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| Report on | Facilities Room Hire Charges at Arts, Leisure and Tourism 2023/2024 | | |
| Date of Meeting | 16 th March 2023 | | |
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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report |
| 1.1 | To provide information to Members on Room hire charges in Arts, Leisure and Tourism venues/facilities and to seek approval to implement from 1 st April 2023. |
| 2.0 | Background |
| 2.1 | <p>Room Hire Charges at Arts, Leisure and Tourism Venues/Facilities 2023/2024</p> <p>A proposal for hire rates for the Bridewell was submitted to Council on 7th December 2022, with Members requesting that a report be brought back to Council to include all facilities/venue:</p> <p><i>“That it be recommended to Council to review room hire charges across all facilities and postpone revised charges and mechanism for same at Bridewell, Magherafelt until the review is complete.”</i></p> |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | <p>An internal review of the charges for room rental and facility hire charges that apply to Arts, Leisure and Tourism facilities was carried out in conjunction with departmental and facility management.</p> <p>The review compared and contrasted the various costs and charges that currently apply to room hire and facility usage costs across all facilities.</p> <p>The review also examined the current charges that are applied to recognised community groups, church groups and charities in addition to the charges that apply to corporate bodies and private promoters and performers that utilise and hire the facilities at each location (see Appendix 1). It is proposed to have a price freeze for</p> |

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| | <p>arts and leisure facilities and not to apply any additional inflationary annual price increase to any charges for the period April 2023 – March 2024. In terms of the Bridewell, Magherafelt, it is proposed to make a minor adjustment to the prices and extend the times when the facility will be available for hire from 1 April 2023 as detailed in Appendix 1.</p> <p>A strategic review process is currently being completed in relation to Ranfurly House and Hill of The O’Neill which will identify the strategic direction and outline objectives, actions and outcomes for the next 2 years. It is envisaged this process, which will involve stakeholder engagement and provide an operating model for the site, will take 2 to 3 months. A pricing review will also form part of the process and a further report will come to Members for approval.</p> |
| 4.0 | Other Considerations |
| 4.1 | Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications |
| | <p>Financial:</p> <p>Human:</p> <p>Risk Management:</p> |
| 4.2 | Screening & Impact Assessments |
| | <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications:</p> |
| 5.0 | Recommendation(s) |
| 5.1 | <p>Members are recommended to note the contents of this report and approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed Room Hire Charges at Arts, Leisure and Tourism venues/facilities 2023/2024 |
| 6.0 | Documents Attached & References |
| | <p>Appendix A – Proposed Room Hire Charges at Arts, Leisure and Tourism venues/facilities 2023/2024</p> |