

# Portfolio Holder (Community Safety) Decision Making Session

## Agenda

4 December 2009

A Portfolio Holder (Community Safety) Decision Making Session will be held in Committee Room 1 at SHIRE HALL, WARWICK on Friday 4 December at 12.00 noon.

The agenda will be:

### 1. General

#### **Members' Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

Membership of a district or borough council is classed as a personal interest under the Code of Conduct. A Member does not need to declare this interest unless the Member chooses to speak on a matter relating to their membership. If the Member does not wish to speak on the matter, the Member may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

### 2. Review of Charges to Cyclist Training Fees

Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy enclosed.

### 3. Any Other Urgent Business

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November 2009

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**AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET**

**Name of Committee** Portfolio Holder (Community Safety)  
Decision Making Session

**Date of Committee** 4 December 2009

**Report Title** To Review Current Cyclist Training Fees  
and Recommend Increases

**Summary** In the current budgetary review for 2010/11 this report outlines the necessity for increases in cyclist training fees to contribute to the proposed budget savings.

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**Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?** No

**Background Papers** None.

**CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-** *Details to be specified*

- Other Committees  .....
- Local Member(s)  .....  
(With brief comments, if appropriate)
- Other Elected Members  Councillor J Appleton  
Councillor R Chattaway } for information  
Councillor C Davis  
Councillor M Gittus  
Councillor B Moss
- Cabinet Member  Councillor R Hobbs – agreed for consideration.  
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)
- Chief Executive  .....
- Legal  A Belcher – agreed.

- Finance  .....
- Other Chief Officers  .....
- District Councils  .....
- Health Authority  .....
- Police  .....
- Other Bodies/Individuals  .....

**FINAL DECISION**                      **YES** *(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)*

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :**

*Details to be specified*

- Further consideration by this Committee  .....
- To Council  .....
- To Cabinet  .....
- To an O & S Committee  .....
- To an Area Committee  .....
- Further Consultation  .....

**Portfolio Holder (Community Safety) Decision Making  
Session – 4 December 2009**

**To Review Current Cyclist Training Fees and Recommend  
Increases**

**Report of the Strategic Director for  
Environment and Economy**

**Recommendation**

To increase fees for Cycle Awareness (Level 2) training and introduce a fee for Cycling Skill (Level 1) training.

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Cyclist Training has been in operation within the County since the mid 1950's. It has been under the auspices of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and known as 'Cycle Proficiency'. In 2002 the Government's drive to address the sustainability agenda introduced the national Standards for cycle training under the direction of Cycling England and in 2007 the 'Bikeability' scheme was introduced. Warwickshire has always followed national guidelines and programmes and the authority is registered as a provider of the 'Bikeability' scheme.
- 1.2 The road safety team enables 'Bikeability' to be delivered to all customers wishing to undertake this training. In 1998 to offset some of the costs a charge for Cycle Awareness was introduced and approved by Members. This has over the years increased with the rate of inflation.
- 1.3 Since the introduction of the current scheme over 31,000 cyclists having been trained with 3,550 cyclists undertaking training in 2008. Clearly this is a service valued and a contributory factor to casualty reduction.
- 1.4 The budget process for 2010/11 has begun. The Road Safety Unit has to contribute to the savings required. Fees for Cycle Training have been reviewed and identified as contributing to the income generating strategy, thereby reducing costs in delivering this service.

## **2. Current Scheme Delivery and Fees**

- 2.1 The current scheme consists of Level 1, which is an off-road 2 hour scheme, concentrating on skills and simple balancing and manoeuvring techniques. This is then reinforced by Level 2, which is a 6 hour on-road course, training clients in correct cycling techniques and safety habits.
- 2.2 The current charges are:-
- (i) Level 1 – No charge.
  - (ii) Level 2 - £16.50.
  - (iii) Level 1 (Holiday courses) - £13.
  - (iv) Level 2 (Holiday courses) - £20.
  - (v) Level 1 (Non WCC Schools) - ££9.
  - (vi) Level 2 (Non WCC Schools) - £20.
  - (vii) One to one tuition £18 per hour.

Although there is a charged for some schemes, all are subsidised.

## **3. Proposed Fees**

- 3.1 Having undertaken the review it is proposed to carry on with the current training schemes but review the fees.
- 3.2 The proposed fees are as follows:-
- (i) Level 1 – Introduce a £6 fee.
  - (ii) Level 2 – Increase fee to £20.
  - (iii) Level 1 (Holiday course) increase to £15.
  - (iv) Level 2 (Holiday course) increase to £24.
  - (v) Level 1 (Non WCC Schools) increase to £12.
  - (vi) Level 2 (Non WCC Schools) increase to £25.
  - (vii) One to one tuition increase to £20 per hour.
- 3.3 The increase, if current training levels persist should generate additional income of £14,000 per year. Should numbers fall, the reduced costs in instructor fees should see an equivalent contributions to savings.
- 3.4 Even with the proposed increases, all of the training schemes are still going to be subsidised, except for the one to one tuition.

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