



RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

SUBJECT:

PROPOSALS TO REDUCE CHARGES FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR MUSIC ACTIVITIES

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

- I. To provide an update on the extra-curricular music provision planned for 2015-16.
- II. In accordance with the Council's scheme of Delegation, the report has been prepared to accompany the intended officer decision of the Director, Education & Lifelong Learning

DELEGATED DECISION (Date):

To agree and implement the changes outlined below:-

- To reduce the number of activities on offer by discontinuing activities that have a poor attendance
- Charging to be reduced from £2.00 per hour to £1.50 per hour for each child, with every subsequent child being charged £1.00 per hour.


Chief Officer Signature


Print Name

4/9/15
Date

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution

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CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE

4/9/2015

DATE

OFFICER CONSULTEE SIGNATURE

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REPORT FROM THE EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING
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PROPOSAL TO REDUCE CHARGES FOR EXTRA - CURRICULAR MUSIC ACTIVITIES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the extra-curricular music provision planned for 2015-2016 and to seek approval that the proposals identified within the report are implemented during September 2015.
- 1.2 In accordance with the Leaders Scheme of Delegation, this report has been prepared to accompany the intended Officer Decision of the Director, Education & Lifelong Learning.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

To recommend:

- 2.1 To reduce the number of activities on offer by discontinuing activities that have a poor attendance (as outlined within the report)
- 2.2 Charging to be reduced from £2.00 per hour to £1.50 per hour for each child, with every subsequent child being charged £1.00 per hour.
- 2.3 That these proposals take effect from September 2015.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A decision was made by Cabinet on 12th February 2015 in implementing the re-launch of the Music Service that a range of charges would be applied including that extra-curricular provision be charged at the rate of £2.00 per hour. The average session is 2 hours.
- 3.2 Children who access more than 1 group will be charged £1.50 per hour.

3.3 For parents with more than 1 child accessing the extra-curricular activities, there would be a reduced charge of £1.00 per hour for each subsequent child.

3.4 The decision to introduce those rates were based on the following data:

Ensemble	Hours per week	No of pupils	Chargeable hours per week	Charge per hour@ £2	Income per week	Annual Income (25 rehearsals)
Community Band	2	40	80	£2	£160	£4,000
Cynon Valley Brass Band	1	20	20	£2	£40	£1,000
Folk Group	1	11	11	£2	£22	£550
Theory Class	1	8	8	£2	£16	£400
Foundation Strings	2	25	50	£2	£100	£2,500
Foundation Wind	2	20	40	£2	£80	£2,000
Foundation Brass	2	20	40	£2	£80	£2,000
String Club	2	14	28	£2	£56	£1,400
Combined strings	2	40	80	£2	£160	£4,000
Combined wind	2	22	44	£2	£88	£2,200
Percussion Club	2	10	20	£2	£40	£1,000
	19	230	421	£2	£842	£21,050

3.5 The anticipated income required to meet the costs of running the current level of extra-curricular provision was based on the above rates.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 During this term the Music Service has been actively engaging with Primary, Secondary and Special schools to shape the new service to be introduced from September 2015. To date 40% of schools have agreed a Service Level Agreement to purchase the service during the school day.

4.2 Extra-curricular activities in the past have been offered free of charge to pupils. These activities are provided to enhance the opportunities for children and young people to further develop their music skills by giving them a platform to perform and practice.

5. PROPOSALS

5.1 To ensure future engagement and continuity of extra-curricular activities further analysis of the data shows that these opportunities can be provided at a total cost of £15,400 (provided sufficient young people are attracted to the provision).

Ensemble	No of staff	Hours	Hourly rate	Weekly cost	Annual Cost (25 rehearsals)
Community Band	2	2	£22.00	£88.00	£2,200
Cynon Valley Brass Band	2	1	£22.00	£44.00	£1,100
Folk Group	1	1	£22.00	£22.00	£550
Theory Class	1	1	£22.00	£22.00	£550
Foundation Strings	1	2	£22.00	£44.00	£1,100
Foundation Wind	1	2	£22.00	£44.00	£1,100
Foundation Brass	2	2	£22.00	£88.00	£2,200
String Club	2	2	£22.00	£88.00	£2,200
Combined strings	1	2	£22.00	£44.00	£1,100
Combined wind	1	2	£22.00	£44.00	£1,100
Percussion Club	1	2	£22.00	£44.00	£1,100
Tutor in charge supplement				£4.00	£100
Pontypridd High Hire Cost					£1,000
Total	15	19		£616	£15,400

5.2 In order for the service to be effective from September 2015 it is proposed to reduce the number of activities on offer by discontinuing activities that have a poor attendance and reduce the staffing levels which it is suggested can be achieved without compromising the pupil/adult ratio or the standard of provision.

5.3 A financial calculation based on this revised plan has concluded that income generated would be £15,788 which would cover the cost of the delivery and make a small surplus of £388.

5.4 It is therefore also proposed that charges to parents could also be reduced from £2.00 to £1.50 per hour for each child with every

subsequent child being charged £1.00 per hour. It is suggested that this will cushion the impact of the introduction of charges and be more likely to reduce any adverse impact on the numbers attending extracurricular activities in the future.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 the consultation undertaken by the Cabinet in respect of proposed changes to the Music Services during 2015 highlighted further the importance of this service to the schools and local communities

6.2 The proposals outlined in section 5 of this report will therefore further assist children and parents in accessing this service going forward.