

Decided

Community Services Scrutiny Committee 17 January 2008

Agenda Item 9: Suggested amendments to the recommendations (highlighted in strikethrough and bold)

- 2.1 The Executive Councillor is recommended to approve the following:
- 2.1.1 Retain the pricing association between the full River Mooring Licence (RML) fee and Council Tax band A for 2008/09, but from 2009/10 onwards, increase the fee in accordance with inflation as determined by the RPIX as of 30th November the previous year.
- ~~2.1.2 Withdraw the entitlement to discount on the RML fee based on single person occupancy for 2009/10 onwards, whilst retaining concessionary rates for people on low incomes and students.~~
- 2.1.2 **Undertake further research into river mooring charging schemes to ensure the Council's scheme is financially robust, comparable, and fair. Identify options for charging by boat length, and reconsider the entitlement to discount based on single person occupancy, whilst retaining a commitment to accessible concessionary rates for people on low incomes and students. Bring forward detailed recommendations for implementation from April 2010 in a report to the Executive Councillor in January 2009.**
- ~~2.1.3 Undertake more research into comparable river mooring charging schemes, and revisit the possibility and options for charging per metre of boat length in a report to the Executive Councillor in January 2009.~~
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~~2.1.4~~ Replace the current assessment criteria for the waiting list so that priority for available RMLs is given in strict chronological order to boat owners who will use the boat as a primary residence within 3 months of being offered a RML. The award of a RML shall be conditional to the licence holder owning and living on an appropriately registered boat and taking up a mooring in the permitted areas within three months of the award of the licence. If this is not achieved, the licence shall be withdrawn.
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~~2.1.5~~ Retain the number of RMLs to be issued at any one time at 70. Administer RMLs for widebeam vessels as recommended in the report.
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~~2.1.6~~ Include an additional item to be included in the terms and conditions of the RML requiring holders to provide grab ropes or chains on the river facing side of their vessel.
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~~2.1.7~~ Reconsider the viability of installing mooring rings during 2008/09, and bring forward conclusions and recommendations in July 2008.
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~~2.1.8~~ Consider options, costs and benefits of providing more accessible recycling services, and bring forward conclusions and recommendations in July 2008.
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~~2.1.9~~ Schedule a programme of work to make further improvements to the riverbank.
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~~2.1.10~~ Continue working with the Conservators of the River Cam and river users to ensure that the Council's Moorings policy contributes to an outstanding river amenity for everyone.
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~~2.1.11~~ Note comments on the administration of the scheme and support suggestions for improved communication with stakeholders.

2.1.¹¹~~12~~ Report any additional recommendations arising from the Association of Inland Navigation Authorities' Advisory Document 'Residential Use on Water' to the Executive Councillor in January 2009.

2.1.¹²~~13~~ That, subject to further consideration by the Leader, the Council's River Mooring Policy shall be amended as below:

(a) The Council, as a riparian land owner, reserves the right to take legal action to enforce against mooring activity that takes place without its express permission.

(b) That, subject to recommendation 2.1.13 (d), mooring is prohibited in Area A;

(c) That, without prejudice to recommendation 2.1.13 (b), officers are asked to draw up a scheme which would permit the mooring of a restricted number of permitted punts in Area A for consideration by the Executive Councillor.

(d) That the Director of Community Services is given delegated powers to permit punts to moor for short periods to allow their occupants to make leisure use of Jesus Green (picnics etc) and is asked to draw up rules. For the avoidance of doubt, the rules should not permit mooring in connection with the operation of a business.