

DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Performance

Date: 13 October 2014

Decision in the matter of: The Setting of Fees and Charges for the Health and Safety Service to Schools 2014 - 2015

Decision:

1. That approval be given to increase fees by 2% in respect of delivering health and safety services to Cheshire East Schools during the academic year 2014/15.
2. That, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, approval be given for the Head of Governance and Democratic Services to award an agreed percentage reduction in fees, in such circumstances where:
 - there is a joint approach from several schools (e.g. a Trust which represents one or more Academies and associated feeder schools who are seeking a best price for all Trust allied schools); and
 - where it is possible that the business might be lost otherwise due to robust competition from external providers.
3. That the Corporate Health & Safety Manager be authorised to take all necessary actions to implement the proposal.

Background: The Local Government Act 20013 introduced a general power to charge for the provision of any discretionary service on a cost recovery basis; the charging provisions in the Localism Act 2011 closely follow these requirements and the income from charges must not exceed the costs of provision.

By increasing the fees for the forthcoming academic year by 2% the total income generated is expected to cover the costs of delivering the service based on the 2013/14 level of schools buying back their health and safety services from Cheshire East.

Background Documents: These can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

Approved:

Signed
Councillor Barry Moran (Portfolio holder for Performance)

Date: 13 October 2014

**Advising
Officer:**

Signed
Bronwen MacArthur-Williams (Corporate Health and Safety Manager)