

## Report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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### *Fishing Licence Agreements within the Borough*



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#### **Introduction**

To consider the current level of fees charged and terms agreed for fishing pools throughout the Borough with a view to introducing a standard type of agreement and method for calculating each acknowledgement payable based on the area and environment of each pool concerned.

#### **Background**

At a recent meeting with your Chair, there was a review of the levels of annual fees charged for each licence for each of the fishing pools within the Borough with all licensees involved. This has been prompted by information that had come to light showing significant variances in the amount of acknowledgement and terms agreed.

#### **Questions to be Addressed**

To consider the current situation in the light of the recommendation proposed.

#### **Outcomes/Recommendation**

That a standard type of fishing licence is prepared for each fishing pool within the Borough and terms are negotiated and agreed with each party involved, based on the area and environment of each respective pool.

#### **Supporting Information**

A plan of each fishing pool, edged blue, showing its area, together with a Schedule of each of the current agreements will be on display prior to your meeting.

**Constraints**

It is proposed that all such new fishing licences be agreed by the end of this financial year with a view to the new charges taking effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

**Conclusions**

Refer to the recommendation above

**Relevant Portfolio Holder(s)**

Councillor R. Bailey

**Local Ward Member (if applicable)**

Relevant Wards:- Kidsgrove, Madeley, Halmerend, Keele, Porthill

**Background Materials**

- 1) Council policy on promoting a healthy and active community.
- 2) Current agreements in respect of each pool