

**To:** Finance and Resources Committee

**From:** Chief Constable

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010

## **CHARGING FOR POLICE SERVICES**

### **1. Introduction**

1.1 This report presents the guidance for Charging for Police Services in Cambridgeshire.

1.2 The Committee discussed the charging policy at the last meeting and asked for further clarification on the abatement of charges for community and non-profit making events.

### **2. Charging for Police Services**

2.1 In April 2005 guidance on charging for police services was produced by the ACPO Finance and Resources Business Area and agreed by the Chief Constables' Council. The guidance was also considered by the APA.

2.2 The guidance recommended that all Forces move to implementation from April 2006. Some Forces have carried out this implementation either in full or in part but implementation has not been across the board.

2.3 In February 2008 the Authority adopted the guidance for Charging for Police Services in Cambridgeshire and accepted a three year phased approach to cost recovery.

2.4 In October 2009 ACPO revised their guidance and included football charging.

2.5 This charging policy updates the guidance for football charging and allows for double time to be charged where the event falls on a bank holiday.

2.6 The charging policy also provides for a new category of charging for "non-profit" making organisations and now proposes a charge of 75% of the total police bill. This replaces the old method of having a set of criteria to work out what the charge should be. The change gives a much more transparent way of charging these organisations.

### **3. Recommendations**

3.1 The Committee is asked to recommend the updated guidelines, as set out in Appendix A, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010, to the Police Authority meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

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