

APPENDIX 1

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2008

1. CHARGING FOR SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer inviting the Committee to consider and approve the Council's Charges for Services, for the financial year 2008/09, in line with the Corporate Policy.

Following a question from Councillor Cree regarding the increase in the cost of Conveyancing and the surcharges for marriages in "rural" approved venues, the Chief Financial Officer advised that he would investigate the cost of Conveyancing and advised that the cost of rural marriages had not been increased this year as it had previously been increased above the rate of inflation. The Chief Legal Officer advised that "rural" was perhaps not the best term to use. Fixed venues such as halls and Hotels all had risk assessments carried out. If celebrants wanted to be married other than in a fixed venue ie a remote location then further risk assessments would need to be carried out in order to insure the venue is a fit and proper place to conduct a service and he would arrange to have the wording changed to reflect this.

Further to a question from Councillor Coull, the Chief Legal Officer advised that he would provide members with a list of approved venues and other venues used in the past for wedding services.

Councillor Leadbitter commented that the Committee could not agree on the Moray Music Centre charges as the report regarding the Moray Music Centre has not been agreed on therefore the Committee agreed to defer the Moray Music Centre charges.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to: -

- (i) approve the proposed revised charges for 2008/09; and
- (ii) re-affirm the current policy of permitting circus lets only if the circus concerned is a member of the Association of Circus Proprietors.