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Dear Councillor

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** on Monday 22 January 2024 at 6.00 pm, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

11 **FEES AND CHARGES 2024/25** (Pages 2 - 3)

To consider the attached report of the Head of Finance and Investment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Smith", written over a white, wave-like shape that matches the Dover District Council logo.

Chief Executive

## Fees and Charges Questions from Members

Question Number	From Cllr	Question
1	C A Vinson	More detail on the forecast increase in subscriber numbers for the garden waste service
2	C A Vinson	Impact of the changes agreed at Cabinet yesterday on the £200K additional income figure that was in the parking report.
3	C A Vinson	Overall change in forecast income that will result from the fees and charges changes agreed by Cabinet yesterday (i.e. what will be included in the Budget)
4	M Bates	On page 51 of the list of fees and charges for Environmental Health it does not indicate whether they are statutory or not. Are we meant to assume that they are all statutory?
5	M Bates	On page 59 the list assumes that there will be an increase of 500 subscribers for 2023/24 but on page 50 item 231 predicts a reduction in 2023/24 of 156 subscribers from the previous year. How do you explain the contradiction?
6	M Bates	On page 67 can finance provide data on the number of court summons and liability orders served per annum.
7	L M Wright	Do we have an estimate as to the loss of revenue from schools' museum bookings caused by KCC closing the discovery centre for refurbishment?
8	L M Wright	The purple bag fees are recurring vs plastic bin which is to all intents and purposes a one off. Is this equitable?
9	L M Wright	Green waste. Am I right that existing users of the scheme will get the green bin included in the annual fee for next year? New customers are charged for a bin in addition to annual fee?
10	L M Wright	As I am unable to access historic documents at the moment can I be advised how our increase in fees and allowances varies from the previous years' increases, if at all, considering inflation?
11	L M Wright	When will there be a review of memorial benches trees etc? Do we know what approx. revenue loss will be incurred whilst these are suspended?
12	L M Wright	Re: parking charges, Is the use of ringo going to be rolled out across the district? If so will this be the sole method of payment? An increase in 20p across the district for an hour will mean an hour's parking will cost £2.20 via ringo. What will be the saving to DDC of using ringo. How does that compare with using card payments only at machines?
13	L M Wright	Item 3.3 no charge car parks. Stated that poor turnover therefore parking availability is actually limited and payment will reduce congestion. Do we have figures for this? Has a full review been done on these car parks as to current usage and future impact if charges are introduced. Has an hour free approach been considered? Will there be a step wise fee as in other car parks?
14	L M Wright	What would be the cost of policing the allocated disabled bays?

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15	L M Wright	I understand parking charges had been trialled very briefly at barrow pit. What was the rationale/evidence that this was appropriate and what was the rational/evidence presented that enabled the decision to be reversed?