



Executive
11 April 2011

Report from the Director of Children and Families

Wards Affected:
ALL

Brent Music Service fees and charges 2011-12

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the proposals for the schedule of fees and charges for Brent Music Service effective from 1st September 2011 – 31st August 2012.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Executive approves the schedule of fees and charges shown at Appendix A.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 For the financial year 2011-12 BMS will be funded from the government's new Music Grant to the sum of £350,227. Additional funding is received from Brent Council to support the work of the service. This was £90,000 in recent years, reducing to £41,332 in 2011-12 and nil from 2012-13.

The large remainder of the BMS income will be generated from the sale of services to schools for class "**Music'sCool**" lessons, group tuition and instrumental teaching which contributes towards the total budget.

In 2010-11, "**Music'sCool**" tuition in partnership with a class teacher costs £1,188 per class per year; whilst as PPA cover for the class teacher, "**Music'sCool**" costs £1,749 per class per year. Instrumental lessons are priced at £35.00 per hour, and large group tuition costs £40.00 per hour.

- 3.2 Officers have taken into account the following principles in proposing the fees and charges for the academic year 2011-12:
- i) That fees for Instrumental lessons should remain affordable for all children wishing to learn to play a musical instrument.

- ii) That there is a significant difference in **“Music’sCool”** fees where schools wish to work in partnership, as a form of professional development, rather than to use BMS staff to cover PPA time.
- iii) That fees are comparable with neighbouring boroughs, and particularly those in the North West London region

3.3 For 2011-12 for **“Music’sCool”** tuition, there will be a 4.8% increase in the cost of teaching in partnership with a class teacher, and a 5% increase in the cost of PPA cover for a class teacher.

Costs for instrumental lessons and large group tuition will remain unchanged in 2011-12, as BMS wishes to ensure that these lessons are accessible to all pupils.

3.4 The proposed schedule of fees and charges is shown at Appendix A.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 Income from fees and charges form an integral element of service budget projections for the year. The projected income from fees and charges for the academic year 2011/12 will be £650,000.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications regarding the proposed fees and charges schedule.

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 There are no diversity implications regarding the proposed fees and charges schedule.

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)

7.1 No staffing implications arise from this report.

Background Papers (essential)

- i) Brent Council Services to schools 2011-2012 (publication), page 21 and supplementary order form.

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Appendix A.

BMS schedule of fees and charges – 1st September 2011 – 31st August 2012

Fee category	Charge
<i>“Music’sCool”</i> Where the class teacher works in partnership with the BMS teacher	£1,245 per class, per academic year
<i>“Music’sCool”</i> Where the BMS teacher is providing PPA cover	£1,836 per class, per academic year
School based instrumental lessons with up to four children per half hour ie. Woodwind, Brass, Strings, Guitar, Drums, Keyboard	£35 per hour
School based group lessons with over four children per half hour ie. Choir, Steel Pan, other Ensembles	£40 per hour