

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**ASSET AND ESTATE MANAGEMENT,
SPORT, LEISURE AND CULTURE
CABINET MEMBER**

BATHS HALL USE BY THE COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the criteria for free and discounted use of the Baths Hall for the council and community groups.
- 1.2 The key points of the report are as follows.
- The entertainments contract provides for up to 50 free and discounted uses of the Baths Hall.
 - We need to determine the criteria by which to allocate this use.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Schedule 1 of the management agreement in paragraph 41 provides for up to 50 free/discounted uses of the New Baths Hall for designated functions, events, groups, organisations and individuals from within the management fee provided.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The proposed draft criteria for use are set out in appendix 1
- 3.2 Options are limited to the following:
- approving the criteria attached: or
 - determine an alternative proposal for free/discounted use within the terms defined by the contract.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 The criteria attached represent best use of the provisions of the management contract for council and community use of the Baths Hall.
- 4.2 Determining an alternative proposal could delay confirmation of community activity at the Baths Hall.

5. **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 There are no additional cost implications of offering free/discounted use to the criteria described in appendix 1 This use is covered by the management fee

5.2 Staffing, Property and IT

5.2.1 There are no issues for staffing, property or IT.

6. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 – CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)**

6.1 The service is working hard to achieve positive diversity outcomes. One way of doing this is to support community leisure provision.

6.2 Getting more people to take part in cultural activities may contribute to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

6.3 There are no other implications.

7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

7.1 We have consulted with SMG, the company contracted to run the Baths Hall. They are happy with the proposed criteria.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That the Cabinet Member approves the criteria for free/discounted use as attached at appendix 1.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Baths Hall & Plowright Theatre entertainment venues Management Agreement

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Baths Hall - FREE/DISCOUNTED USE

1.	<p>Background – Schedule 1 of the management agreement para 41 provides for up to 50 free/discounted uses of the Baths Hall for designated functions, events, groups, organisations and individuals from within the management fee provided.</p>	
2. 2.1 2.2 2.3	<p>Eligibility –</p> <p>Free Use – Council services requiring conference, performance, celebration or workshop space for over 80 delegates.</p> <p>Normal service/team meetings or smaller numbers should use other council venues rather than using the council allowance at the Baths Hall. Any queries to be directed to the authorised officer.</p> <p>It is expected that planning meetings for events to be held at the Baths Hall, where it is useful to see the site to aid decisions and planning would be provided at no cost and shall not count towards the council’s allocation</p> <p>Discounted Use – Bona fide constituted voluntary managed and not for profit organisations based in North Lincolnshire will qualify for discounted rates. This provision also extends to disability groups, minority ethnic groups, youth and single sex groups. An indicative list of qualifying groups is listed below. Confirmation of other groups eligibility should be sought from the authorised officer prior to acceptance</p> <p>North Lincolnshire Schools will qualify for discounted use. Colleges and Independent schools such as academies shall not qualify for this scheme. The contractor shall be encouraged to include a discount scheme for schools in the pricing policy. Joint school celebrations will count as council use.</p>	