



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

REVIEW OF HIRE CHARGES

BACKGROUND

The Financial Regulations require that council reviews all fees and charges for work done, services provided, or goods sold at least annually as part of the budget-setting process.

In June 2024, it was agreed by the committee that hire charges for the Chamber, Lion Green and St Christopher's Green would be increased annually by 5% from 2025 to and including 2027. In November 2025, it was agreed to increase the Lion's Den licence fee to £60 per month for a period of two years.

	Current	Note
Allotments	£0.40psm increasing to £0.55psm in January 2027	Any fee increase requires council to give 12 months' notice
Beacon Hill	£83 per day	Fixed in May 2026 Subject to review
Chamber Hire	£12 per hour increasing to £13 in January 2027	5% increase from 1 January 2027, next review August 2027
Lion Green	£194 per day increasing to £204 in January 2027	5% increase from 1 January 2027, next review August 2027
Lion's Den licence	£60pcm	Fixed in November 2025 for 24 months, review August 2027
St Christopher's Green	£83 per day increasing to £88 in January 2027	5% increase from 1 January 2027, next review August 2027

The only two income streams which require review are the allotments and Beacon Hill Recreation Ground.

We have only had one booking at Beacon Hill since ownership was transferred to the Council, and this is a non-commercial hire. Beacon Hill Football Club want to use it for the season commencing September 2026 and, if agreed, it is suggested it be done at the commercial rate of £83 per day.

Allotments

RECOMMENDED: Review at November meeting once the water has been turned off to review usage and costs incurred this year against previous years.

Beacon Hill Recreation Ground

RECOMMENDED: Review in August 2027 as part of the budget-setting process.