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To all Customers of the Liphook
Millennium Centre

Millennium Centre Hire Charges **1st April 2017**

I am writing to you as an individual, organisation or business that has used or currently uses the Liphook Millennium Centre.

The Millennium Centre is undergoing a programme of repairs and improvements which will cover a period of two years. This has already started with the repair of the Amphitheatre to a pleasant outdoor grassed area and the repair of the main hall floor. There are plans to refurbish the Village and Societies Rooms with new wall covering, carpets, curtains and projection equipment.

In order to release the funding needed to carry-out repairs and improvements, the council took the decision to “Opt to Tax” VAT on income to ensure we could recover VAT on the cost of improvements. In 2016/17, charges have not been increased which has meant the Council has met this cost on a transitional basis. The charging structure has now been reviewed and from 1st April 2017, there will be a new charging structure that covers three categories of hall user.

Small businesses and individual hirer’s will have an increase that reflects half the cost of VAT meaning the council will continue to absorb half the VAT. Community groups will also see an increase of half the VAT but will continue to be subsidised by the council with a discounted charge. Commercial users are able to recover VAT and will be charged a rate that reflects half the difference between the small business rate and full costs.

Increases in charges are always difficult, but the introduction of VAT and the need to fund an increasing level of subsidy into the Millennium Centre from local tax payers means the council need to have a better balance between what is funded by the local taxpayers and the users of the Millennium Centre.

I hope that by giving you 6 months’ notice, your organisation will be able to plan for these increases. The council will review the charges annually and will aim to provide 6 months’ notice of any future price changes.

Our Events Manager, Gill Snedden will be pleased to discuss your future booking requirements. Please telephone 01428 723889 or email events.manager@bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk.

I attach details of the VAT inclusive hire charges effective from 1st April 2017.

Yours sincerely

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