

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5th February 2013

FEES AND CHARGES REVIEW 2012/13

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| Relevant Portfolio Holder | Councillor Phil Mould, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management |
| Portfolio Holder Consulted | |
| Relevant Head of Service | Teresa Kristunas, Head of Finance and Resources |
| Wards Affected | All Wards |
| Ward Councillor Consulted | |
| Key Decision | |

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

To present the proposed fees and charges for 2013/14 for the Council's chargeable services.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Overview Committee is asked to **RECOMMEND**

that the fees and charges for 2013/14 as set out in Appendix A - H to the report be approved; other than in cases where:-

- a) **fees or charges are statutory,**
- b) **fees and charges are set externally, or**
- c) **other Council- approved circumstances apply.**

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Comments relating to the individual services are shown in the appendices where the fees and charges have reduced or remained the same.

Financial Implications

- 3.2 The Council's Financial Regulation D11 requires an annual review of fees and charges to be undertaken. Traditionally, this review is carried out as part of the budget preparation cycle.
- 3.3 Officers have been asked to review all their Fees and Charges and it is recommended that they are increase by 3%.

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Legal Implications

- 3.4 A number of statutes governing the provision of services covered by this report contain express powers or duties to charge for services. Where an express power to charge does not exist the Council has the power under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 to charge where the activity is incidental or conducive to or calculated to facilitate the Council's statutory function. The details of the powers to levy particular charges may be obtained from the author of this report.

Service/Operational Implications

- 3.5 The Committee is asked to recommend the new fees and charges to be implemented from 1st April 2013.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.6 No implications have been identified.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

If the Council's fees and charges are not increased at least in line with inflation each year then the level of subsidy will increase which has a direct impact on the level of Council Tax or the Housing Revenue Account.

5. APPENDICES

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| Appendix 1 - | Head of Leisure and Culture |
| Appendix 2 - | Head of Community Services |
| Appendix 3 - | Head of Environmental Services |
| Appendix 4 - | Head of Regulatory Services |
| Appendix 5 - | Head of Finance and Resources |
| Appendix 6 - | Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services |
| Appendix 7 - | Head of Housing Services |
| Appendix 8 - | Head of Planning and Regeneration |

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no background papers identified.

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