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**FEES AND CHARGES 2016/17**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor John Fisher
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Jayne Pickering , Director of Finance and Resources
Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor Consulted	No
Non-Key Decision	

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 To set out the fees and charges to be levied on services provided by the Council as used as the basis for income targets in the Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 – 2019/20.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Executive consider the fees and charges as included at Appendix 1 and;
- 2.1.1 **recommend to Council** the approval of all fees and charges that are included in Appendix 1 which have a proposed increase for 2017/18 over the currently agreed budget assumption of 3%.
- 2.1.2 **approve** the fees and charges as presented in Appendix 1 that have no increase for 2017/18
- 2.1.3 **approve** the fees and charges as presented in Appendix 1 that have reduced for 2017/18.
- 2.1.4 **approve** the fees and charges as presented in Appendix 1 that have an increase of 3% for 2017/18.

**3. KEY ISSUES**

**Financial Implications**

- 3.1 The Medium Term Financial Plan has been prepared on the basis that additional income will be generated from fees and charges. The guideline increase provided to Heads of Service was 3%.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the revised fees and charges will be advertised to the public within approved deadlines with a start date of 1<sup>st</sup> January

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2017, where an invoice has not already been raised covering the last quarter of the financial year, or as soon as practicable thereafter, dependant upon the notice period required prior to implementation.

- 3.3 There are a number of increases that are in excess of the 3% approval which are identified in Appendix 1. The Heads of Service have commented within the Appendix as to the reasons for the increase.

**Legal Implications**

- 3.5 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.

**Service / Operational Implications**

- 3.6 Monitoring will be undertaken to ensure that income targets are achieved.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.7 The implementation of the revised fees and charges will be notified in advance to the customer to ensure that all users are aware of the new charges and any concessions available to them.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 There is a risk that if fees and charges are not increased that income targets will not be achieved and the cost of services will increase.

**5. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Fees and Charges

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

**7. KEY**

None

**REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Executive Committee**

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