

**REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE**

**1st February 2011**

**FEES AND CHARGES REVIEW 2011/12**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Michael Braley – Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management
Relevant Head of Service	Teresa Kristunas, Head of Finance and Resources
Key Decision	

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

To present the proposed fees and charges for 2011/12 for the Council's chargeable services.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Executive is asked to RECOMMEND to the Council that The fees and charges for 2011/12 as set out in Appendix A-H be approved;**

**Other than in cases where:-**

- a) fees or charges are statutory**
- b) fees and charges are set externally**
- c) fees and charges are established under separate processes, for example Taxi fares.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Comments relating to the individual services are shown in the Appendices where the fees and charges have reduced or remained the same.
- 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 The Section 151 Officer has recommended an increase in Fees and Charges of between 3 – 5 % this year, plus the VAT increase from 17.5% to 20%, where applicable.

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**4. KEY ISSUES**

The key issues relating to individual service areas have been detailed in the appendices.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There is a proposed increase on all fees and charges of between 3-5%. In addition to the increase in VAT applicable from 4th January 2011. The charges are proposed to take effect from 1st April 2011
- 5.2 Officers have not identified any changes to the customer base by increasing these charges. The increase in charges will result in an estimated additional £125k in revenue income.

**6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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.

**7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The Committee is asked to recommend the new fees and charges to be implemented from 1st April 2011.

**8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES**

Please refer to individual appendices.

**9. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY  
CONSIDERATIONS**

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.

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**10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

Any issues will be detailed in the individual appendices.

**11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

Any issues will be detailed in the individual appendices.

**12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET  
MANAGEMENT**

None identified.

**13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY**

None identified.

**14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

None identified.

**15. GOVERNANCE/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

None identified.

**16. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 17 OF  
CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998**

None identified.

**17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

None identified.

**18. LESSONS LEARNT**

None identified.

**19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

This will be included in Appendices.

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**20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT**

Portfolio Holder	
Chief Executive	
Executive Director (S151 Officer)	Yes
Executive Director – Leisure, Cultural, Environmental and Community Services	Yes
Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	Yes
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	Yes
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Finance & Resources	Yes
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	N/A

**21. WARDS AFFECTED**

All wards.

**22. APPENDICES**

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

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**23. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None identified.

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