

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14th February 2012

FEES AND CHARGES REVIEW 2012/13

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Michael Braley, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Not stated
Relevant Head of Service	Teresa Kristunas, Head of Finance and Resources
Wards Affected	None specific / All Wards
Ward Councillor Consulted	Not applicable
Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

To present the proposed fees and charges for 2012/13 for the Council's chargeable services.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is requested to RESOLVE that

subject to any comments and recommendations the report be noted.

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 The Budget Guidelines approved by Council on 5th September 2011 required Fees and Charges to be increase by 2.5%.

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

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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 2011.

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

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

Budget Guidelines 23rd August 2011.

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