

Report to Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Communication

Subject: Public Protection Fees and Charges 2018/19

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Wards Affected

Borough-wide

Purpose

The report details a revised set of Fees and Charges for Public Protection, and seeks approval for their introduction from 1st April 2018.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision

Background

- 1.1 A 3% income inflation increase for discretionary income has been agreed by Cabinet for 2018/19. This was the optimum figure in terms of generating additional income from Fees and Charges to support a balanced budget.
- 1.2 With Portfolio Holder and relevant Corporate Director approval, discretion can be made to apply varying percentage increases to relevant Fees and Charges as long as the overall cash amount for that area are met. This allows consideration to be made for factors that influence the rate at which fees and charges are set.
- 1.3 These factors include:
 - The Borough's priorities.
 - The comparative price of neighbouring authorities.
 - The effect an increase in price would have on the activity, including customer resistance.
 - The cost benefit of the service.

Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed the Fees and Charges are revised as detailed in Appendix A.
- 2.2 The proposed fee levels are limited to a cost recovery basis.
- 2.3 Prices have been set for pool water sampling to achieve the discretionary income target of approximately 5% above the Cabinet agreed inflation increase, in consideration of the aforementioned factors to take account of increased costs of analysis and ensuring compliance.

Alternative Options

- 3. An alternative percentage increase for inflation could have been applied. This however would not have been in consideration of the proposed Medium Term Financial Plan or current CPI inflation measures.

Financial Implications

- 4. Applying the proposed Fees and Charges detailed in this report will increase discretionary income and attain the income target set.

Appendices

- 5. Appendix A – Revised Fees and Charges 2018/19

Background Papers

- 6. None identified.

Recommendation

- a) To approve the revised Fees and Charges for 2018/19 as detailed in Appendix A
- b) To agree for the price revisions to be introduced from April 1st 2018.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 7. To contribute to the delivery of a balanced budget both in 2018/19 and in the medium term and to satisfy statutory requirements.

APPENDIX A

	PROPOSED FEE 2018/19
<u>FOOD</u>	
Condemnation Certificate	£23.00 per hour
<u>POOL WATER SAMPLING</u>	
Pool Water Sampling (per test)	£36.00
Pool Water Sampling – Legionnaires (per test)	£77.00
Private Water Sampling	Laboratory cost + admin cost to outside bodies (case specific – price on application)
<u>Environmental Protection Act (Stray Dogs) Regulations 1992 (Incl VAT)</u>	
Cost of dog claimed within 24hrs of seizure.	£117.00
Cost of dog claimed after the first 24hrs of seizure	£148.00

<u>Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 Schedule 2</u> Application for Consent Application for Consent (Registered Charity)	£52.00 £4.00
<u>PEST CONTROL</u> <u>Domestic Premises</u> Rodents i.e. rats and mice and specified insect pests i.e. lice, bedbugs, cockroaches Other insect pests (per case) <u>Commercial Premises</u> All non-contract treatments (per hour) Minimum call-out (per case) Contracts (per hour)	 free £69.00 £89.00 £77.00 £58.00
<u>Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013</u> Collectors Licence Site Licence Variation to Licence (change of site to collector's licence) Variation to Licence (change of collector to site or additional site added) Variation to Licence (change of name of licence holder or any named person) Variation to Licence (change of site manager)	£108.00 £255.00 £42.00 £87.00 £36.00 £18.00