

## **Report to Portfolio Holder for Public Protection**

**Subject:** Public Protection Fees and Charges 2019/20

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

### **Key Decision**

This is not a Key Decision

### **Recommendation(s)**

**THAT:**

- 1) To approve the revised Fees and Charges for 2019/20 as detailed in Appendix A**
- 2) To agree for the price revisions to be introduced from April 1st 2019.**

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## **Background**

- 1.1 A 3% income inflation increase for discretionary income has been agreed by Cabinet for 2019/20. This was the optimum figure in terms of maintain the income from Fees and Charges to support a balanced budget.
- 1.2 With Portfolio Holder and relevant 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 and the cost benefit of the service
  - The effect an increase in price would have on the activity, including customer resistance.

## **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 when referring to licensing matters.
- 2.3 Prices have been set to achieve the discretionary income of approximately 5% above the Cabinet agreed inflation increase, in consideration of the aforementioned factors, to take account of increased costs particularly in the increasing demands of ensuring compliance and costs from third parties and additional checks required on individuals. There have also been cost increases on goods and materials used that have been above the rate of inflation.

## **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.

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### **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 2019/20

### **Background Papers**

6. None identified.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

7. To contribute to the delivery of a balanced budget both in 2019/20 and in the medium term and to satisfy statutory requirements.

APPENDIX A

	<b>PROPOSED FEE 2019/20</b>
<b><u>FOOD</u></b>	
Condemnation Certificate	£25.00 per hour
<b><u>POOL WATER SAMPLING</u></b>	
Pool Water Sampling (per test)	£39.00
Pool Water Sampling – Legionnaires (per test)	£83.00
Private Water Sampling	Laboratory cost + admin cost to outside bodies (case specific – price on application)
<b><u>Environmental Protection Act (Stray Dogs) Regulations 1992 (Incl. VAT)</u></b>	
Cost of dog claimed within 24hrs of seizure.	£126.00
Cost of dog claimed after the first 24hrs of seizure	£160.00

<b><u>Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 Schedule 2</u></b>	
Application for Consent	£56.00
Application for Consent (Registered Charity)	£5.00
<b><u>PEST CONTROL</u></b>	
<b><u>Domestic Premises</u></b>	
Rodents i.e. rats and mice and specified insect pests i.e. lice, bedbugs, cockroaches	free
Other insect pests (per case)	£75.00
<b><u>Commercial Premises</u></b>	
All non-contract treatments (per hour)	£96.00
Minimum call-out (per case)	£83.00
Contracts (per hour)	£63.00
<b><u>Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013</u></b>	
Collectors Licence	£117.00
Site Licence	£275.00
Variation to Licence (change of site to collector's licence)	£45.00
Variation to Licence (change of collector to site or additional site added)	£94.00
Variation to Licence (change of name of licence holder or any named person)	£39.00
Variation to Licence (change of site manager)	£19.00

