

## **Report to Portfolio Holder for Growth and Regeneration**

**Subject:** Land Charges Fees and Charges 2020/21

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### **Wards Affected**

Borough-wide

### **Purpose**

The report details revised Charges for the Local Land Charge CON29, and seeks approval for their introduction from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

### **Recommendation**

- a) To approve the revised Fees and Charges for 2020/21 for introduction from 01 April 2020.

### **Key Decision**

This is not a Key Decision

### **Background**

- 1.1 Question 2 on the CON29R form for Local Land Charges relates to Public Rights of Way and we have to ask Nottinghamshire County Council for the answer to this. They currently charge us £10.25 per search, and we have been advised they are going to increase this to £10.50 per search from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. This will cost the Borough Council an additional £190.00 per year at the current volume of searches.
- 1.2 Question 22 on the CON29O form for Local Land Charges relates to Commons & Greens and the Borough Council act as an agent for the Nottinghamshire County Council, they currently charge £30.00 to respond. The County are increasing the cost of this from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to £32.00. This will cost the Borough Council an additional £180.00 per year at the current volume of searches

## **Proposal**

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Land charges fees for the CON29R be increased by £0.25 per search to £116.35 (electronic) and £135.25 (postal) and that CON29O be increased to £38.00 per search on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

## **Alternative Options**

3. The fee increases proposed by the County Council could be absorbed by the Borough Council at a cost of £370.00 per annum. This option is not favoured as the ability to recoup these costs will ensure that Land Charges is not subsidised to the detriment of other services.

## **Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The proposed Fees and Charges detailed in this report will keep the income to the Council the same.

## **Appendices**

5. None.

## **Background Papers**

6. None identified.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

7. To contribute to the delivery of a balanced budget both in 2020/21 and in the medium term.