

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

**Subject:** Building Control Street Naming and Numbering Fees and Charges

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### **Wards Affected**

Borough-wide

### **Purpose**

The report details a revised set of Fees and Charges for the Building Control Street Naming and Numbering Service, and seeks approval for their introduction from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

### **Recommendation**

- a) To approve the revised Street Naming and Numbering Fees and Charges for 2021/22 as detailed in Appendix 2 for their introduction from 01 April 2021.

### **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 2021/22. 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 or freezes 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.
- The cost of carrying out the non-statutory street naming and numbering functions.

## **Proposal**

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Building Control Street Naming and Numbering fees are revised as detailed in Appendix 1. This proposes a 3% increase on all related charges and it is recommended that these be introduced on 01 April 2021.

## **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**

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

## **Appendices**

5. Appendix 1 – Revised Fees and Charges 2021/22.

## **Background Papers**

6. None identified.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

7. To contribute to the delivery of a balanced budget both in 2021/22 and in the medium term, and satisfy statutory requirements.