

FEES AND CHARGES 2023-24 Confidential Items

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Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	All
Key Decision	
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1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 To set out the Confidential fees and charges to be levied on services provided by the Council as used as the basis for income levels in the Medium-Term Financial Plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Cabinet **recommend to Council** the approval of all Confidential fees and charges that are included in Appendix 1

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 The Medium Term Financial Plan is being prepared on the basis that additional income will need to be generated from fees and charges in order for the Council to move towards financial sustainability. The process being followed for the review of income to be realised from 1st April 2023 includes an assessment of each fee to identify how it meets the Councils strategic purposes and the level of increase that is proposed as well as taking account of present economic conditions, including inflation running at over 10%. The levels of increase have been based on a robust estimate of the impact of cost increases and demand within the services and the Councils overall financial position. This includes assessing at the affordability of any of these increases to our residents and customers.

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- 3.2 Appendix 1 details all the fees and charges for each area with a commentary against each block. The Council's proposal is to increase all confidential Fees and Charges by 10%.

Legal Implications

- 3.3 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 the Council's statutory function.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.4 Monitoring will be undertaken to ensure that income targets are achieved.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.5 The implementation of the revised fees and charges will be notified in advance to the customer to ensure that all users are aware of the new charges and any concessions available to them.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 There is a risk that if fees and charges are not increased that income levels will not be achieved, and the cost of services will increase. This is mitigated by managers reviewing their fees and charges annually.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Fees and Charges (This document is restricted under Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended)

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.