

APPENDIX 2: Proposals for revised Fees and Charges by Directorate / Service Area

1. Directorate of Corporate Support Services:

1.1 Legal Services

Right to buy fees have been increased by £5 excluding VAT to account for cost recovery.

1.2 Learning & Workforce Development

Fees have been increased by 4.76% across the board to reflect Market Rates.

2. Directorate of Children's Education & Early Help Services:

2.1 Sure Start

Childcare fees have been increased by 3% to reflect inflation and allow recovery of increased costs.

2.2 Reading Play

Fees have been increased by 3% to reflect inflation and allow recovery of increased costs.

2.3 School Admissions

Fees increased by 10% to reflect market rates as a result of benchmarking.

3. Directorate of Environment & Neighbourhood Services:

3.1 Private Sector Housing

A small number of HMO administration charges have been increased by 3% to reflect inflation.

3.2 Museum

The reminiscence membership fee has been increased by £5 to reflect market rate.

3.3 Licensing

Locally controlled fees have been increased by 3% to reflect inflation and permit recovery of increased costs.

3.4 Trading standards

The petroleum search fee has been increased by £4 as dictated by statute.

3.5 Streetcare Services

The service has increased the specified fees by 3% to reflect inflation and permit the recovery of increased cost.

3.6 Emergency Planning

The fee for emergency planning service to schools has increased by 5% to better reflect market rates, following benchmarking and consideration of cost.

3.7 Libraries

The service has frozen the majority of fees to encourage continued use of the service but has increased the charge for copying periodical articles by £1 to recover the cost of service provision.

3.8 Environmental Protection

Controllable fees (those not set by statute) have been increased by 3% to ensure that they permit the recovery of costs.

3.9 Planning

The service has increased all discretionary fees by approximately 10% following consideration of market rates and to recover costs associated with service provision.

3.10 Parks

The parks service has introduced a new fee of £4 for a stay of up to 4 hrs at each of the Council's formal mooring sites. Currently boat owners have to pay a fee of £9.50 regardless of length of stay. The fee is collected by the Council's mooring agent (District Enforcement) as payment for their management of the Council's moorings.