

PORTFOLIO HOLDER
SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES
DECISION NOTICE

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At the meeting of the Portfolio Holder – Safer and Stronger Communities, held on the 18th February 2021 the following matters were discussed. The decisions of the Portfolio Holder are set out below in each item along with reasons for the decision and other options considered.

DNPH.SS.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made with regard to any items on the agenda for this meeting.

DNPH.SS.2 REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES IN REGULATORY SERVICES

The Portfolio Holder considered a report that proposed an annual update to these statutory and locally set charges to keep in line with inflation a review of fees and charges to ensure that the Council maintains its income base with rising cost and generates income to support provision of services within the agreed budget envelope.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Fees and Charges, as set out in the report were approved.**
- (2) That the Licensing fees set out in the report be approved by the Licensing Committee.**

REASONS FOR DECISION –

All Fees and Charges within the Regulation and Enforcement Service are reviewed annually to ensure that they reflect inflationary cost increases of providing the service.

The review has been completed using the following principles:

1. Charges previously set to achieve full cost recovery, have been increased by 2% to meet inflationary rise.
2. Fees and charges set by statute will continue at the same level.
3. Charges which previously have not achieved full cost recovery have been reviewed with an aim of increasing the charge to a level where full cost recovery is achieved where appropriate.
4. For traded services, charges have been set to be consistent with the market rate for such services, which may generate income to support the universal offer of other services.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

For those fees and charges set nationally by statute the authority has no ability to deviate. For those locally set, options were considered to i) Increase by 2% inflation only ii) Increase higher than inflation iii) Not increase at all.

It was proposed that the fees be increased by 2% inflation only and be set as detailed within the appendices. However, if charges are based on cost recovery then they will be based on the new 21/22 staffing and service costs.