DERBY CITY COUNCIL

PEST CONTROL FEES & CHARGES

RECOMMENDATION

1.   To approve the proposed fees and charges for providing the Council's pest control service.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

2.1   The Council's Pest Control team provides a service for the treatment of rodents, insects and other pests in domestic and commercial premises.

2.2   Treatment for rats in all domestic premises is provided free of charge. Treatments for all other pest species are provided at a reduced cost if the customer is in receipt of a low income benefit or is over 60 and not in full-time employment.

2.3   Commercial treatments are provided at commercial rates for businesses in Derby and surrounding areas.

2.4   Although the fees and charges have risen in line with inflation, they have not been reviewed for sometime. The review exercise examined the costs of the materials used and the other resources required to carry out the work. It also compared costs with other local authority pest control services and commercial operations.

2.5   The proposed fees and charges for 2008/09 are set out at Appendix 2. The current fees and charges have also been included for information.

2.6   The proposed fees and charges are much more comparable with other local authority pest control services and still lower than private company's commercial rates.

2.7   In an effort to increase commercial income, we will be undertaking a marketing drive over the next three months.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1.   The extra income obtained from the increase in fees and charges will help meet the income targets set against the pest control budget.

Legal

2.   None arising directly.

Personnel

3.   None arising directly.

Equalities impact

4.   None arising directly.

Corporate priorities

5.   The review of pest control charges support the priority of **giving excellent services and value for money.**

PROPOSED PEST CONTROL FEES & CHARGES 2008/09

Domestic

Pest Type	Current	Proposed	Reduced Rate Current	Reduced Rate Proposed
Rats	Free	Free	Free	Free
Mice	£31 for full treatment	£50 (max 4 visits) £10 per visit thereafter	£10 total	£20 (max 4 visits) £5 per visit thereafter
Wasps	£39	£45	£10	£20
Wasps (Ladder)	£43	£55	£10	£25
Wasps (Additional Nest)	£6	£10	£3	£5
Fleas	£34	£50	£10	£20
Carpet Beetles	£34	£50	£10	£20
Cockroaches	£40	£60 (max 4 visits) £10 per visit thereafter	£10	£30 (max 4 visits) £5 per visit thereafter
Bedbugs	£40	£60 includes 1 follow up treatment given after 4 weeks.	£10	£30 includes 1 follow up treatment given after 4 weeks.
Other Insects (ULV, Cluster Flies, beetles etc)	£40	£50	£10	£20
Squirrels	No treatment	£80 (max 3 visits) £20 per visit thereafter	No treatment	£40 (Max 3 visits) £10 per visit thereafter

Commercial

	Current	Proposed
Standard Treatments 8.30am – 5pm	£43 / hr plus VAT & materials £21.50 / ½ hr plus VAT & materials	£50 / hr plus VAT & materials £25 / ½ hr plus VAT & materials
Standard Treatments 5pm – 8.30am	£48 / hr plus VAT & materials £24 / ½ hr plus VAT & materials	£60 / hr plus VAT & materials £30 / ½ hr plus VAT & materials
Contract Visits 8.30am – 5pm	£33 / hr plus VAT & materials £16.50 / ½ hr plus VAT & materials	£40 / hr plus VAT & materials £20 / ½ hr plus VAT & materials
Contract Visits 5pm – 8.30am	£38 / hr plus VAT & materials £19 / ½ hr plus VAT & materials	£45 / hr plus VAT & materials £22.50 / ½ hr plus VAT & materials
Wasps Nest	£38 plus VAT	£50 plus VAT
Wasp Nest (Ladder)	£38.50 plus VAT	£60 plus VAT
Wasp Nest (Additional Nest)	£6.50 plus VAT	£20 plus VAT
Charge to pick keys up from site/office to allow access to another property.	n/a	£15 plus VAT
Any other request for commercial service, for example moles, squirrels, bird proofing etc. would be considered but a price would be given based on individual circumstances (complexity, required materials, staff required, time when work to be carried out etc.)		