

Communities, Environment and Regulatory Services Fees and Charges 2017/18

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Communities, Environment and Regulatory Services Directorate annually review their fees and charges. This is to ensure that they reflect the cost of delivering services, take into account comparator rates for these services within the sector where permitted, ensure that inflationary cost increases are taken into account, and that budget income targets are achieved.
- 1.2 The proposed fees and charges for Communities, Environment and Regulatory Services for 2017/18 are set out at Appendix 2. In those cases where the Council has discretion to set the fees, these have been reviewed. The final column of the table in Appendix 2 sets out a narrative for any changes being proposed.
- 1.3 All prices are shown inclusive of VAT where it is applicable, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To approve the fees and charges for 2017/18 as set out at Appendix 2.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To enable the Communities, Environment and Regulatory Services Directorate to achieve its budgeted income targets for 2017/18.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 As part of the 2017/18 budget preparation, Departments within the Communities and Place Directorate have reviewed their fees and charges. This annual review is necessary to ensure that:
- Inflationary cost increases are incorporated into the charging structure where applicable;
 - Any additional costs (or efficiencies) of providing the service are incorporated;
 - Fees and charges reflect the cost of delivering the service and/or charging levels for that sector.
- 4.2 The proposed fees and charges for 2017/18 for the Communities, Environment and Regulatory Services Department are set out at Appendix 2. Some of the fees are set nationally and cannot be changed by the Council. In those cases where the Council has discretion to set the fees, these have been reviewed. Where relevant, inflation has also been added. The final column of the table in Appendix 2 sets out a narrative for any changes being proposed.
- 4.3 The fees and charges relating to licensing functions are not included in Appendix 2, as these are approved separately by the Council's Licensing Committee.
- 4.4 The Building Consultancy service is due to move imminently to a shared service with a number of other Derbyshire authorities who will set new fees. Until the move is complete, it is proposed that the current fees and charges will continue to be applied.
- 4.5 The Markets service is currently under review which will include any fees and charges associated with it. Until the review is complete, it is also proposed that the current fees and charges will continue to be applied.
- 4.6 Although a non-statutory service, Members have been keen to see the continuation of the Council's pest control service for Derby residents and businesses as an alternative option to private companies. The service receives nearly 2,500 domestic requests for service each year and also maintains a number of local commercial contracts. The service regularly receives complimentary feedback from customers.

There is a need for the service to remain competitive in the local market and yet still offer value for money and a trusted, flexible, high quality service delivered by fully trained, experienced competent staff.

This year sees the introduction of an on-line booking facility that will make the service more flexible and convenient for residents.

- 4.7 A number of new fees and charges have been introduced and these are identified by the information set out in the Comments Column at Appendix 2. These have been introduced following a review of the work being undertaken in the relevant service area. The fees and charges have been set on a cost recovery basis.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 The proposed fees and charges have been set to reflect the 2017/18 income targets for the Directorate.

Legal

- 2.1 Increases to fees and charges have only been applied to those items where the Council has the discretion to set fees and charges for the services it provides.
- 2.2 All other fees for regulatory services can only lawfully be set on a cost recovery basis.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report.

IT

- 4.1 None arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 The proposed changes will apply equally to all groups within the community and no particular group(s) will be disadvantaged.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None arising from this report.

Risk Management

9.1 None arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 The setting of appropriate fees and charges contributes to improving value for money for our customers.

APPENDIX 2

COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES FEES AND CHARGES REVIEW – 2017/18

TEAM	DESCRIPTION OF CHARGES	APPROVED CHARGE (£)	PROPOSED CHARGE 2017-18 (£)	COMMENTS
CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY	Full day training course Half day training course Standard courses arranged in schools Bespoke ADHOC courses	75 48 269 POA	77 49 277 POA	Increase of 3% inflation rounded to the nearest £.
BEREAVEMENT SERVICES Cremation fees	Adult Early slot Premium slot Early Slot (No Service) Child – less than 16 years Child – less than 5 years (including still born) Body parts Additional time slot including memorial service Representation to Medical Referee	632 506 695 433 173 Nil 407 170 72	651 521 716 446 178 Nil 419 175 74	Increase of 3% inflation rounded to the nearest £.
Memorial fees – Garden of Remembrance	Garden vault Pergola plaque – 10 year	834 288	859 297	Increase of 3% inflation rounded to the nearest £.

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	lease Kerb plaque around existing paths, inclusive of vase – 10 year lease Kerb plaque around baby garden – 10 year lease Tower plaque in baby garden – 11 year lease Leather plaque (single): 5 year lease Leather plaque (double): 5 year lease Replacement plaque 10 year renewal fee 10 year lease renewal fee: children's memorials Various keepsakes (Urns, jewellery, etc.)	487 187 187 181 227 109 181 90 POA	502 193 193 186 234 112 186 93 POA	
Memorial fees – Book of Remembrance	2 Lines 5 lines 8 lines Flowers Badges/crests/other illustrations Memorial card copy of entry 2 lines 5 lines 8 lines Flowers: only available with a 5 or more line entry	66 88 105 50 63 34 43 53 50	68 91 108 52 65 35 44 55 52	Increase of 3% inflation rounded to the nearest £.

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	Badges/crests/other illustrations: only available with a 5 or more line entry	66	68	
Miscellaneous fees	Strewing of cremated remains from elsewhere Recording of service Wesley tribute screen holding picture Wesley 15 photos Wesley additional photos (x5)	94 44 10 50 15	997 45 10 52 15	Increase of 3% inflation rounded to the nearest £.
Cemetery fees Exclusive rights of burial: 50 years	Earthen grave Casket/Traditional grave Vaulted grave Mausolea Cremation grave: all cemeteries Childs grave (less than 16 years) 10 year extension to exclusive rights Exclusive Right Premium cremation grave (1.5 grave space) Exclusive Right and memorial for Mini Grave plot (including inscription and 1 st interment)	1030 1230 838 POA 195 71 206 292 937	1061 1267 863 POA 201 73 212 301 843	Increase of 3% inflation rounded to the nearest £. Further review of cemetery fees to be undertaken during year. -10% to encourage sales

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Interment fees	Adult: to a depth of 4'6"	618	637	+3%
	Adult: to a depth of 6'0"	729	751	+3%
	Adult: to a depth of 7'6"	851	877	+3%
	Vaulted grave	1420	1463	+3%
	Child: under 16 years	157	162	+3%
	Child: still-born and under 5 years	No charge	No charge	
	Cremated remains	115	118	+3%
	Cremated remains: Saturday interment additional charge	POA	POA	
	Body parts	112	115	+3%
	Use of cemetery chapel	79	81	+3%
	Wooden shoring	130	134	+3%
	Top soil for backfill	POA	POA	Recharged at cost + 10%
	Adult: woodland	618	637	+3%
	Child: woodland (less than 16 years)	157	162	+3%
	Cremated remains: woodland	115	118	+3%
	Strewing of cremated remains: woodland	POA	POA	
	Saturday funeral surcharge	POA	POA	
	Saturday funeral hourly rate	57	59	+3%
	Sunday funeral surcharge	POA	POA	
	Sunday funeral hourly rate	79	81	+3%
Exhumations	Adult confined remains	POA	POA	
	Child confined remains	POA	POA	
	Cremated remains: casket depth	POA	POA	
	Cremated remains: coffin	POA	POA	

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	depth			
Memorials and inscriptions	Not exceeding 3'6 height/3" width/4"thick	235	242	Increase of 3% inflation rounded to the nearest £.
	Not exceeding 4'6 height/3" width/4"thick	276	284	
	Not exceeding 2'0 height/6" width/4"thick (baby section only)	94	97	
	To purchase and erect a temporary memorial	43	44	
	Memorial vase: not exceeding 12"	47	48	
	Kerb set: full set 7' x 3'	199	205	
	Kerb set: full set 8' x 4'	292	301	
	Kerb set: baby section	44	45	
	Plaque: tablet	44	45	
	Additional inscription	31	32	
	Replacement of existing memorial	43	44	
	Additional work to existing memorial	44	45	
Miscellaneous charges	Change of grave ownership	44	45	Increase of 3% inflation rounded to the nearest £.
	Replacement/updating of deeds	44	45	
	Strewing of cremated remains from Markeaton	48	49	
	Strewing of cremated remains from elsewhere	94	97	

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TRADING STANDARDS				
Licence to store explosives Between 250 – 2000kg	1 year 2 year 3 year 4 year 5 year	178 234 292 360 407	185 243 304 374 423	Statutory fees.
Renewal of explosives licence Between 250 – 2000kg	1 Year 2 year 3 year 4 year 5 year	83 141 198 256 313	86 147 206 266 326	Statutory fees.
Registration to store explosives less than 250kg	1 year 2 year 3 year 4 year 5 year	105 136 166 198 229	109 141 173 206 238	Statutory fees.
Renewal of registration to store explosives less than 250kg	1 year 2 year 3 year 4 year 5 year Varying name of licensee or registered person, or address of site Transfer of licence/registration Replacement	52 83 115 146 178 35 35 35	54 86 120 152 185 36 36 36	Statutory fees.

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	licence/registration, if lost	35	36	
Annual license to sell fireworks	Licence to sell fireworks all year round.	500	500	Statutory fees.
Licence to keep petroleum spirit of a quantity not exceeding:	2500 litres pa 2500-50000 litres pa 50000 + litres pa Transfer of petroleum spirit licence	42 58 120 8	44 60 125 -	Statutory fees.
Testing and & verification fees (weights and measures)	All equipment Certificate of accuracy Weighbridge operators: certificate for public weighing	59.60/hr. (Weights and Measures inspector) and 35.87/hr. (Support Officer) 30 30	60/hr. (Weights and Measures Inspector) 36.12/hr. (Support Officer) 30 31	Nationally recognised fees, recommended by the Association of Chief Trading Standards Officers (ACTSO) Increase of 3% inflation rounded to the nearest £.
Hire of weights	For up to one week	100/tonne	103/tonne	Increase of 3% inflation rounded to the nearest £.
Buy with Confidence scheme: Registration and membership fees	One-off, non-refundable registration fees: 0-5 employees 6-20 employees 21-49 employees	150 200 250	125 167 208	The scheme provides support for SME's and encourages economic growth. Prices now show exclusive of VAT to reflect

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	50+ employees Annual membership fees: 0-5 employees 6-20 employees 21-49 employees 50+ employees Legacy rate annual membership fee for scheme members joining prior to April 2016: 0-5 employees 6-20 employees 20+ employees	POA All Prices Inc. VAT 300 450 600 POA All Prices Inc. VAT 150 275 450 All Prices Inc. VAT	POA All Prices Ex. VAT 250 375 500 POA All Prices Ex. VAT 185 290 435 All Prices Ex. VAT	national scheme's pricing structure. Lower legacy rate for existing members who joined pre April 2016 pricing structure. Legacy rates to be matched to above rates by April 2018.
Primary Authority	Fees charged for advice and support to business undertaken as part of a Primary Authority Partnership	50 per hour	50 per hour	Operated at cost recovery.
Trading Standards - environmental searches	Environmental searches carried out on request will be charged on an hourly rate basis.	75 per hour	50 per hour	Fees are calculated on a cost recovery basis using salary charge-out rates.
PEST CONTROL (DOMESTIC CHARGEABLE)	Rats (max 4 visits) Rats (per visit thereafter)	£35 full -£30 reduced £14 each extra visit	£37 full -£32 reduced £15 each extra visit booked over the phone only	Domestic Fees increased by 5%.

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	Mice (max of 4 visits) Mice (per visit there after)	£77 full - £67 reduced £16 each extra visit	£81 full - £70 reduced £17 each extra visit booked over the phone only	Full charge is for over the phone booking. Reduced charge is for on line booking.
	Wasps Wasps (with ladder) Wasps (with extra nest)	£60 full -£52 reduced £77 full - £67 reduced £15 each extra visit	£63 full -£55 reduced £81 full - £70 reduced £18 each extra visit (2 nests £81 full £70 online)	5 Bedrooms and above reintroduced for Fleas, Carpet Beetles and bedbugs due to demand and the amount of resources required.
	Fleas – up to 3 bed	£109 full - £95 reduced private landlord £140	£114 full - £100 reduced, private landlord £147	
	Fleas – 4 bed house	£121 full - £105 reduced Private landlord £160	£127 full - £110 reduced, private landlord £168	No longer providing survey only charge, customer pays for treatment and refund made if treatment not subsequently required.
	Fleas – 5 + bed house		£159 full - £142 reduced Private landlord £200	
	Carpet beetles – up to 3 bed house Carpet beetles – 4 bed house Carpet beetles – 5+ bed		Same charges as for fleas	
	Cockroaches (Max of 4 visits) Cockroaches (per visit there after)	£100 full - £87 reduced £20 full - £11 reduced	£105 full - £91 reduced £22 each extra visit, booked over the phone only	

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	Bedbugs – up to 3 bed house	£127 full - £110 reduced private landlord £150	£133 full - £116 reduced, private landlord £158	
	Bedbugs – 4 bed house	£155 full - £135 reduced private landlord £180	£163 full - £142 reduced, private landlord £189	
	Bedbugs – 5+ bed house		£194 full- £173 reduced Private landlord £200	
	Cluster Flies, other insects/mites	£98 full - £85 reduced	£103 full - £89 reduced	
	Squirrels (max of 3 visits) Squirrels (per visit there after)	£154 full - £134 reduced £45 each extra visit	£162 full - £141 reduced £47 each extra visit booked over the phone	
	Survey only – Rodents. Administration fees for cancelling or rearranging booking:	£15	-	
	Appointment cancelled less than one working day's notice,	£15	£16	
	No treatment possible/no active infestation i.e. wasps	£15	£16	
PEST CONTROL COMMERCIAL TREATMENT RATES	Standard treatment – per hour	£79.20	£82.00	Commercial rates increased by 3% and rounded to the nearest £.
	Standard treatment – per half hour	£39.60	£41.00	

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	Standard treatment – (out of hours) per hour	£93.96	£97.00	
	Standard treatment – (out of hours) per half hour	£47.40	£49.00	
	Contract treatments – per hour	£63.60	£66.00	
	Contract treatments – per half hour	£32.40	£34.00	
	Contract treatments – (out of hours) per hour	£72.00	£74.00	
	Contract treatment (out of hours) per half hour	£36.00	£37.00	
	Wasps	£74.40	£77.00	
	Wasps with ladder	£86.40	£89.00	
	Extra nests	£31.20	£32.00	
	Collection of keys from housing officer or other establishment	£25.20	£26.00	
	Technician attendance	£78.00	£80.00	
POLLUTION CONTROL FEES & CHARGES	Air quality data & information – per hour	£75/hour	£50/hour	Fees are calculated on a cost recovery basis using salary charge-out rates.
	Contaminated land enquiries – per hour	£75/hour	£50/hour	
	IPPC environmental permits	POA dependent on process	POA dependent on process	Statutory fees.

TEAM	DESCRIPTION OF CHARGES	APPROVED CHARGE (£)	PROPOSED CHARGE 2017-18 (£)	COMMENTS
	(list of permitted processes)			
FOOD & SAFETY CHARGES	Health/Export Certificate	60	62	Increase of 3% inflation rounded to the nearest £.
	Primary Authority fees charged for advice and support to business undertaken as part of a Primary Authority Partnership	-	£50/hour	New charge calculated on a cost recovery basis using salary charge-out rates.
	Chargeable Advice Visits	-	£50/hour	New charge calculated on a cost recovery basis using salary charge-out rates.
HOUSING STANDARDS CHARGES	Enforcement notice	398	410	Calculated on a cost recovery basis.
	HMO 5 yearly licence – first time	980	946	Calculated on a cost recovery basis.
	HMO 5 yearly licence – renewal	903	865	
	Derby Accredited Property Scheme Approval (5 years)	n/a	237	Charge introduced - calculated on a cost recovery basis.
	Derby Accredited Property Scheme Approval (5 years) for licensed HMO	n/a	133	Charge introduced - calculated on a cost recovery basis.
EMERGENCY PLANNING	Safety Certificates under the Safety at Sports Grounds Act	POA	POA	Calculated on a cost recovery basis.

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