

## Neighbourhoods Directorate Fees and Charges 2014/15

### SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Neighbourhoods Directorate annually reviews its fees and charges across its range of services. This is to ensure that the fees and charges reflect the cost of delivering services, take into account comparator rates for these services within the sector, ensure that inflationary cost increases are taken into account, and that budget income targets are achieved.
- 1.2 The proposed fees and charges for Environment and Regulatory Services for 2014/15 are set out in appendix 2. In those cases where the Council has discretion to set the fees the default inflationary increase on the 2013/14 fees and charges is 4%. Where the fee increase notably varies from this the reasons are set out in the report.
- 1.3 All prices are shown inclusive of VAT where it is applicable.

### RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To approve the fees and charges for 2013/14 as set out in appendix 2.

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To enable the Neighbourhoods Directorate to achieve its budgeted income targets for 2014/15.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 As part of the 2014/15 budget preparation Departments within the Neighbourhoods Directorate have reviewed their fees and charges. This annual review is necessary to ensure that:
  - Inflationary cost increases (calculated at 4% for 2014/15) 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 2014/15 for the Environment and Regulatory Services Department are set out in appendix 2. Some of the fees are set nationally and cannot be changed by the Council regardless of inflationary cost increases. Where the Council has the discretion to set fees and charges most will reflect the agreed 4% inflationary increase. However, in some cases greater increases (or decreases) have been proposed or alternative funding solutions found; in these cases the reasons for these variations are cited within the appendix.
- 4.3 The fees and charges relating to licensing functions have been excluded from appendix 2, as these have been considered by the Council's General Licensing and Taxi Licensing Committees.

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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- 5.1 None

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

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**Legal**

2.1

**Personnel**

3.1

**Equalities Impact**

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**Health and Safety**

5.1

**Environmental Sustainability**

6.1

**Property and Asset Management**

7.1

**Risk Management**

8.1

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

9.1

