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NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION(S)

On 4 April 2012, Cllr Edward Heron, the Environment Portfolio Holder, made the following decision(s). Any member of the Council, who is not a Portfolio Holder, who considers that this decision should be reviewed should give notice to the Monitoring Officer (Grainne O'Rourke) (in writing or by e-mail) to be received **ON OR BY FRIDAY 13 APRIL 2012**.

Details of the documents the Portfolio Holder considered are attached.

DECISION:

To agree the scale of fees and charges for Health services for 2012/13, as attached as Appendix 1 to the report considered by the Portfolio Holder.

REASON(S):

As set out in the report considered by the Portfolio Holder.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

As set out in the report considered by the Portfolio Holder.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

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FEES & CHARGES – PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICE

1. ITEM FOR DECISION

As part of the annual review of budgets, decisions are required to agree any non-statutory fees and charges for the forthcoming year.

2. POLICY FRAMEWORK

The decisions over fees and charges have to be within the constraints of the overall financial framework and the medium term financial plan. At the same time decision making regarding these needs to reflect a 'commercial' environment where there is a need to react swiftly and proactively to changing conditions. In addition the decision includes any changes to statutory fees. As a result power to agree fees and charges or to make formal arrangements for the setting of fees and charges within a Portfolio is delegated to the Portfolio Holder.

3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

The Head of Service has implemented consultation procedures as appropriate for the various fees and charges applicable and the Portfolio Holder has been involved in the process or been notified of the outcome. This consultation involves looking at the charging regime in other Authorities and within the Private Sector Market where appropriate.

The Portfolio Holder decision has due regard to any issues which have emerged from consultation.

4. OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

New duties have been placed on the Local Authority with regard to testing of Private Water supplies, as a result a new set of fees is included relating to this work. In addition a review has been undertaken on the type of food export that takes place within this district. This has resulted in an alteration in the export fees and charges to cover this aspect of world wide trade. All fees that are not subject to VAT have been clarified and are marked accordingly.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Any financial implications will have been or will be reported as part of the ongoing Portfolio Plan and budgetary control.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME & DISORDER AND EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no implications arising directly as a result of this decision. Any impacts as a result of altered service delivery outcomes would have been reflected as part of the Portfolio Plan and budget setting processes.

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED: None

8. RECOMMENDATION

8.1 That the fees and charges attached be agreed and adopted from the 1st April 2012.

Portfolio Holder's endorsement: I agree the recommendation

SIGNED:

Date: CLLR E J HERON

4th April 2012.

Date Notice of Decision given:

4 April 2012.

Last Day for call-in:

13 April 2012.

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PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2012/13

| | Charges 2011/12 £ | Proposed Charges 2012/13 £ | % | Review Indicator | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|----|
| | | | Increase | | |
| HEALTH SERVICES | | | | | |
| Rodent Control | | | | | |
| #>Domestic Premises (includes £25 call out charge) | 45.00 | 45.00 | - | M | L |
| Business Premises call out | 36.00 | 36.00 | - | M | L |
| 1 visit (inc. call out) | 82.00 | 82.00 | - | M | L |
| 2 visits (inc. call out) | 128.00 | 128.00 | - | M | L |
| 3 visits (inc. call out) | 174.00 | 174.00 | - | M | L |
| 4 visits (inc. call out) | 220.00 | 220.00 | - | M | L |
| # Reduced to £10 to those on recognised benefits | | | | | |
| > Note: Additional charge of £15/visit after Initial 4 visits | | | | | |
| Insect Control | | | | | |
| ^ Wasps | 42.00 | 42.00 | - | M | L |
| Other Insects | | | | | |
| Call out | 25.00 | 25.00 | - | M | L |
| 15 mins visit per operative | 17.00 | 17.00 | - | M | L |
| Typical examples : | | | | | |
| < Fleas (based on 30 min visit Inc call out) | 59.00 | 59.00 | - | M | L |
| (Price based on level of infestation which is determined from initial survey charged at call out rate, which will be deducted from cost of treatment) | N/A subject to quotation | N/A subject to quotation | | M | L |
| ~ Bed Bugs | | | | | |
| ^ Multiple wasp nests further £17 per extra 15 minutes or part thereof on site | | | | | |
| < Reduced fee at discretion of CEHO | | | | | |
| ~ Bed bugs - minimum of 2 visits required | | | | | |
| Contracts | | | | | |
| High risk per visit | | | | <---Subject to negotiation--- | |
| Medium risk per visit | | | | <---Subject to negotiation--- | |
| Low risk per visit | | | | <---Subject to negotiation--- | |
| Stray Dogs | | | | | |
| Stray dogs - statutory fee including admin charge* | 40.00 | 40.00 | - | / | S/ |
| Stray dogs - daily kennelling charge | 16.00 | 16.00 | - | / | M/ |
| Dog fouling - fixed penalty fee* | 50.00 | 50.00 | - | / | S/ |
| Dog Microchipping # | 16.00 | 17.00 | 6.3 | / | M |
| # Reduced fee at the discretion of CEHO to coincide with responsible dog ownership initiatives. | | | | | |
| Food Safety | | | | | |
| Export Certificates for Fish & Fish Products and Meat & Meat Products | | | | | |
| Normal working hours - per hour and minimum charge | 65.00 | 67.00 | 3.1 | / | L |
| Outside working hours - per hour and minimum charge | 100.00 | 103.00 | 3.0 | / | L |
| Training for Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering | 50.00 | 50.00 | - | / | L |
| Contaminated Land | | | | | |
| CL Enquiry - Residential premises - per hour | 60.00 | 61.50 | 2.5 | / | L |
| CL Enquiry -Business premises - per hour | 95.00 | 97.50 | 2.6 | / | L |
| Additional research fee charge - per hour | 22.00 | 22.50 | 2.3 | / | L |

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| | Charges 2011/12 £ | Proposed Charges 2012/13 £ | % Increase | Review Indicator |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Part B' Air Pollution Consent Information | | | | |
| Part B/Part A list of addresses | 16.00 | 16.50 | 3.1 | / / |
| Additional research fee charge - per hour | 22.00 | 22.50 | 2.3 | / / |
| | + 15p per photocopy | | | |

IMPOUNDING OF LIVESTOCK

Fixed penalty per animal

<-----Actual Cost----->

Feeding charge per animal per day

<-----Actual Cost----->

DRAIN CLEARANCE/REPAIR

Drain clearance/repair (default work)*

<-----Actual Cost----->

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES*

Sampling

£35/hr up to max of £100 + analysis cost:

Analysis Costs

Small Domestic Supply

Actual cost up to max of £25

Check monitoring of large/commercial supplies

Actual cost up to max of £100

Audit Monitoring of large/commercial supplies

Actual cost up to max of £500

Risk Assessment

£35/hr up to max of £500

Investigation of water quality failure

£35/hr up to max of £100 + analysis cost:

Granting of an authorisation

£35/hr up to a max of £100

Review Indicator Key

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| <i>M</i> | = Market Comparisons undertaken |
| <i>L</i> | = Local Authority Comparisons undertaken |
| <i>S</i> | = Statutory Charge Level |

NOTE: VAT. Charges are inclusive of 17.5% VAT unless otherwise shown.

Charges which are zero rated or not subject to VAT are marked * either individually or by service.