

## **2022-23 FEES AND CHARGES – PEST CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATION**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

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

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The decisions over fees and charges must be within the constraints of the overall financial framework and the medium-term financial plan. At the same time, decision making regarding the fees and charges must reflect a 'commercial' environment where there is a need to react swiftly and proactively to changing conditions. 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. PROPOSED CHANGES**

- 3.1 Pest Control charges have been reviewed more to reflect the additional costs of service provision including, where appropriate, changes in materials and methodologies to control pests as a requirement to changes in legislation. The larger increase in fees for Wasps and hornets reflects changes in product approvals and associated changes in methodologies to deal with nests and their disposal. Where increases are above inflation, a comparison has been undertaken with neighbouring local authorities. The fees in relation to food hygiene and water sampling have been increased in line with inflation.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The increase in charges is designed to cover service costs. Any financial implications will have been or will be reported as part of ongoing budgetary control.

### **5. CRIME & DISORDER, ENVIRONMENTAL, EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None.

### **6. RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 That the fees and charges attached as Appendix 1 be agreed and adopted from the dates shown.

### **7. PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S ENDORSEMENT**

**I agree to the recommendation in this report.**

**Sign: Cllr Geoffrey Blunden**

**Date: 11 March 2022**

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Last date for call in – 18 March 2022

**PARTNERING & WELLBEING PORTFOLIO****PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2022/23**

		Charges 2021/22 £	Proposed Charges 2022/23 £	£ Increase	% Increase
<b><u>HEALTH SERVICE</u></b>					
<b><u>Rodent Control</u></b>					
Domestic Premises	Call out/Survey and up to 3 additional visits #	116.67	125.00	8.33	7.1
	Single additional visit	33.33	33.33	-	-
Business Premises	Call out and survey	116.67	125.00	8.33	7.1
	Treatment via quote for visits or annual contract	<---Subject to quotation---	>		
#	50% reduction to those on recognised benefits (rodent control)				
<b><u>Insect Control</u></b>					
	Wasps and Hornets - complete treatment	54.58	70.83	16.25	29.8
	Fleas, carpet moths and carpet beetles - Call out and single treatment	83.33	91.67	8.34	10.0
	Bed Bugs - Call out and survey	65.00	66.67	1.67	2.6
	Bed Bugs - Treatment	<---Subject to quotation---	>		
	15 mins visit per operative (fleas, wasps, carpet moths and carpet)	17.60	18.33	0.73	4.1
<b><u>Food Hygiene*</u></b>					
	Food safety re-inspections	185.00	195.00	10.00	5.4
	Food export certificates - initial visit	88.00	93.00	5.00	5.7
	Food export certificates - per certificate	40.00	42.00	2.00	5.0

**PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES\***

Sampling	per hour	39.50	41.00	1.50	3.8
<i>Analysis Costs</i>					
Small Domestic Supply			<--Actual Cost-->		
Check monitoring of large/commercial supplies			<--Actual Cost-->		
Audit Monitoring of large/commercial supplies			<--Actual Cost-->		
Risk Assessment	per hour	39.50	41.00	1.50	3.8
Investigation of water quality failure	per hour	39.50	41.00	1.50	3.8
Granting of an authorisation	per hour	39.50	41.00	1.50	3.8

**NOTE:** VAT. Charges are exclusive of VAT.  
Charges which are zero rated or not subject to VAT  
are marked \* either individually or by service.