

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION FEES AND CHARGES

1. ITEM FOR DECISION

- 1.1 As part of the annual review of budgets, to consider if any increase of discretionary fees and charges are required with effect from 1st April 2016.

2. POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 2.1 The general approach recommended in this decision is that fees and charges are increased by 2% from the current charges except where that would result in an awkward figure arising. The actual percentage change is shown for each category.
- 2.2 Most of the fees within this portfolio are either set by the Government (planning application fees) or must balance expenditure and income (building regulations and land charges) and hence are not covered by this report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The proposed charges are expected to increase income by about £3,500 in the remainder of the 2015/16 financial year.

4. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, CRIME AND DISORDER AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Not increasing the fees was considered and rejected as the income levels would not rise to match the costs of providing the service.

5.2 Increasing the fee levels by a larger amount was considered and rejected as this would increase the burden on applicants at a time when the recovery in the development industry is still not strong.

6. RECOMMENDATION

6.1 That the charges set out in Appendix 1 of this report be introduced from 1st April 2016

7. PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

I have agreed to the recommendations of this report

Signed CLLR E J HERON

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Background Papers: None

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