

FEES AND CHARGES – 2017/18

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report sets out the suggested fees and charges for 2017/18 for Council services forming part of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee. The report forms part of the Council's medium term financial plan and annual budget for 2017/18.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A schedule of the proposed fees and charges for financial year 2017/18 is attached as **Appendix 1**.

- 2.2 The schedule contains the following information:

- Current charges for 2016/17
- Proposed charges for 2017/18
- Year on year percentage increase
- An indication that identifies whether, this year:
 - M** Market comparisons have been made
 - L** Local Authority comparisons have been made
 - S** Charge is statutory based

- 2.3 The proposed increase in fees and charges are based on an increase indicator of 2% to take into account the current rate of inflation where possible. In some cases the proposed increase is greater than the recommended indicator. This has been proposed after consulting Accountancy Services to recover appropriate costs of the service.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The proposed fees and charges, detailed in **Appendix 1** have been set principally in accordance with the Council's charging policy and financial targets for 2017/18. Where possible, opportunities have been taken to maximise income. In some areas charges have not been raised in order to safeguard demand levels or because statutory constraints require the charge to be set at predetermined levels.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None as a direct result of this report but the licensing and regulation of business and events that these fees apply to contributes positively to the general environment.

5. CRIME & DISORDER AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None directly arising from this report.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Fees and charges are proposed for the 2017/18 financial year. Any significant financial implications are reflected in reports to the Committee.

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to approve the proposed fees and charges as set out in **Appendix 1**.

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Background Papers:

None