

2018-19 FEES & CHARGES – ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

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 financial 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. 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 relevant Service Manager 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.

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

4. OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

The pest control fees for domestic properties have increased by 85% for rodent control and 6% for wasps. This will bring the pest control fees in to line with neighbouring authorities but lower than the private sector for comparable service. Environmental Health has been consulted on the increase to fees.

Further reviews for operational resource are planned for 18/19 along with a planned review in twelve months on the impact of the proposed increases..

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

The Pest control charges will be agreed with the Portfolio Holder on an annual basis to meet the needs of the service to make them competitive in the changing market.

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

That the fees and charges attached be agreed and adopted from the dates shown.

Portfolio Holder's endorsement: I agree the recommendation

SIGNED:	CLLR A J HOARE
Date:	<u>9 MARCH 2018</u>
Date Notice of Decision given:	<u>9 MARCH 2018</u>
Last Day for call-in:	<u>16 MARCH 2018</u>

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ENVIRONMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES

PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2018/19

		Charges 2017/18 £	Proposed Charges 2018/19 £	% Increase
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u>				
<u>Rodent Control (excluding VAT)</u>				
Domestic Premises	Call out/Survey and up to 3 additional visits #	45.83	85.00	85.5
	Single additional visit	12.50	25.00	100.0
Business Premises	Call out and survey	31.45	85.00	170.3
	Treatment via quote for visits or annual contract	<---Subject to quotation--->		
	1 visit (inc. call out)	71.40	n/a	n/a
	2 visits (inc. call out)	111.35	n/a	n/a
	3 visits (inc. call out)	151.30	n/a	n/a
	4 visits (inc. call out)	191.25	n/a	n/a

50% reduction to those on recognised benefits (rodent control)

Insect Control (excluding VAT)

Wasps	37.50	40.00	6.7
Call out	25.00	40.00	60.0
15 mins visit per operative	15.00	n/a	n/a
Fleas - Call Out and single treatment	55.00	60.00	9.1
Bed Bugs - Call Out and Survey	quote	40.00	n/a
Bed Bugs - Treatment	<---Subject to quotation--->		

NOTE: VAT. Charges are exclusive of VAT.

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