

FEES AND CHARGES 2022-23

Summary:	This report recommends the fees and charges for 2022-23 that will come into effect from April 2022.
Options considered:	Alternatives for the individual service fees and charges now being proposed will have been considered as part of the process in arriving at the fees presented within the report.
Conclusions:	The fees and charges as recommended have been used to inform the income budgets for the 2022/23 budget.
Recommendations:	That Cabinet agree and recommend to Full Council: a) The fees and charges from 1 April 2022 as included in Appendix A. b) That Delegated Authority be given to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and relevant Heads of Service, to agree those fees and charges not included within Appendix A as required as outlined within the report
Reasons for Recommendations:	To approve the fees and charges as set out in the report that will have been used to support the 2022/23 budget process.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS AS REQUIRED BY LAW

(Papers relied on to write the report, which do not contain exempt information and which are not published elsewhere)

Current fees and charges

Cabinet Member(s)	Ward(s) affected: All
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The setting of the fees and charges for the next financial year forms part of the annual budget setting process. This year, service managers were asked to fundamentally review their fees and charges as part of the Zero Based Budgeting exercise, to determine a suitable level of charging. This was particularly important in services where full cost recovery is to be achieved.

2. Fees and Charges 2022/23

2.1 Fees and charges proposals for 2022/23 have been reviewed by the relevant budget managers so that income budgets can be updated as part of the budget process. Appendix A to this report provides the detail of the proposed charges for 2022/23 from 1 April 2022, these have been discussed by Cabinet.

2.2 Where appropriate, some services will experience an inflationary increase in charges. The exceptions to this are for those fees and charges which are set by central government, for example planning and premises licence fees. Also a number of the Council's fees are calculated on a cost recovery basis and will be excluded for example Land Charges, Building Control and the majority of our locally set licence fees. In addition Council facilities operated by an external contractor will also be excluded as the Council has no discretion on the setting of these fees.

2.3 Some fees are not published as part of this process such as those relating to trade waste collection and garden bin fees. This is due to the fact that some of our costs are not known this early in the year and in order to ensure that the services operate in a financially effective manner, the setting of the associated fees is done separately under delegated powers once we are more certain of future costs.

2.4 As part of the Zero Based Budgeting exercise, service managers were asked to review their fees and charges and, where appropriate, revise these. Gold and Silver options were presented and the relevant option was selected in line with the wider Zero Based Budgeting prioritisation exercise.

3. Conclusion

3.1 The report makes recommendations for the fees and charges that will come into effect from 1 April 2022. These have informed the service income budgets that are included within the detailed 2022/23 budget when it is presented for recommendation and approval in February 2022.

4. Financial Implications and Risks

4.1 For demand led services there is a risk that income will not be received as budgeted. When producing income budgets assumptions will be made around the level of income to be achieved from services, these will be based on service managers best estimates with assistance from Finance.

5. **Sustainability** – none as a direct impact.

6. **Equality and Diversity** – none as a direct impact.

7. **Section 17 Crime and Disorder considerations** - none as a direct impact.