

GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL

BOARD:	P+O
DATE OF MEETING:	29 SEPTEMBER 2021
TITLE:	FEES AND CHARGES
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STATUS:	FOR APPROVAL

Purpose

To consider and approve the amended fees & charges contained in this report and appendix.

Recommendation

That the Council approve the fees and charges referred to in the report and appendix for implementation from 1 January 2022 unless stated otherwise.

1.0 Background

1.1 Fees and charges were last reviewed and updated at the Council meeting in October 2020.

2.0 Report

2.1 Fees and charges are an important source of revenue that are largely within the Council's control and reduce the burden falling on the general fund and council tax payers.

2.2 A fees and charges review has been undertaken as part of the budget process for 2022/23. The vast majority of Council charges for 2022 have been maintained at 2021 levels (except where charges are statutory); an assumption made in the Council's 2021/22 Medium Term Financial Strategy.

2.3 The proposed fees and charges are set out in the appendix to this report. There are minor additions to the charging schedule for 2022 mainly to move from a set fee specifically to removal of vehicles (previously £90) and caravans and trailers (previously £160) to an "at cost" to the Council charge. If vehicles, caravans and trailers can

realise a scrap value then the cost to the council is less, so moving to an at (net) cost to the Council charge is reasonable for both parties.

- 2.4 The Council continues to face the impact of COVID on the level of demand for services that generate Fees and Charges. While there has been a financial impact due to a reduction in demand for council services, and in particular car parking, this has been offset by Government grants for Sales Fees and Charges. The council is moving to re-able individuals and businesses as part of a return to normality and as a result is not applying an inflationary increase to any non-statutory fees and charges. “During 2022 the impact of demand especially on car park income will continue to be monitored.”

3.0 Risk Assessment

- 3.1 There is a risk to future service provision and the delivery of capital programme projects if the Council does not seek to maintain an appropriate level of income by reviewing its fees and charges.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 Fees and Charges have been reviewed and the draft amended schedule is appended to this report.

Financial Implications	As set out in the report
Legal Implications	The Council has power to charge for the services set out in this report.
Crime and Disorder	N/A
Equality and Diversity	N/A
Service Improvement Plan	N/A
Corporate Plan:	N/A
Risk Assessment:	Section 3 of the report
Background papers:	N/A
Appendix	Draft Fees and Charges booklet
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