

GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL

BOARD:	COUNCIL
DATE OF MEETING:	9 OCTOBER 2019
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 2020 unless stated otherwise.

1.0 Background

1.1 Fees and charges were last reviewed and updated at the Council meeting in October 2018.

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 2020/21. The vast majority of Council charges for 2020 have been maintained at 2019 levels; an assumption made in the Council's 2019/20 Medium Term Financial Strategy. As such there is no impact on the Council's projected revenue position for financial year 2020/21.

2.3 The proposed fees and charges are set out in the appendix to this report. There are some minor additions to the charging schedule for 2020 as detailed below:

- There are new charges associated with the licensing of animal related business as a consequence of the Animal Activity Licensing Regulations 2018. These came into force in November 2018 and have introduced the requirement for new licenses for activities such as setting up Dog Boarding, Catteries, hiring out horses and selling animals as pets etc. These new charges reflect these new Government regulations;
- The schedule also reflects the proposed changes to the Abandoned Shopping Trolley Policy for the collection, storage and / or disposal of shopping trolleys;
- Slight increases to charges relating to the removal of unwanted vehicles and / or caravans, reflecting recent increases in charges from Hampshire County Council; and
- There is a new charge for 2020, that the Council intends to apply to insurance companies that seek to use CCTV footage from the Council's CCTV assets.

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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