

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 24TH MARCH 2004

REVENUE BUDGET 2004/05

NEW CHARGES FOR REGISTRATION SERVICES

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request that the Committee approve charges for new Registration Services which were contained in the consultation document “Civil Registration in the 21st Century”.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 Appendix 1 outlines the proposed charges for new services available through the Registration Services. The charges have been developed in accordance with the Accounts Commission publication the Challenge of Charging and take into account factors such as current markets, comparable charges being introduced by other Local Authorities and potential demand. These are new charges for new services that have not previously been available.

- 2.2 The new services proposed are:-

- (i) Renewal of Marriage Vows - this ceremony is for any married couple that wish to celebrate renewing their marriage vows in a unique and personal ceremony.
- (ii) Naming Ceremony - is an alternative option for parents to celebrate and welcome a child into the family.

- 2.3 The response to the consultation document “Civil Registration in the 21st Century” was approved by Committee on 7th February 2000.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 These services will not result in significant expenditure and will produce an income stream.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council is now in a position to offer additional services relating to Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Marriage Vows and Commitment Ceremonies. Some of the proposed changes to Registration outlined in the consultation document will require legislation. Recent discussions with the General Register Office for Scotland indicated that the new services relating to this report may not require legislation and therefore it is left to Councils to decide whether they should be offered.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This review of charges has been carried out in line with the Council policy on charging for services.

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 These new services extend the range of customer choices and have operated successfully in England for a number of years.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-
- (i) approve the charges outlined in Appendix 1 to be implemented from 1 April 2004; and
 - (ii) otherwise note the content of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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Naming Ceremonies	
Monday to Friday in office	£100.00
Saturday in office	£200.00
Sunday / Public Holiday in office	£250.00
Monday to Friday outwith office	£135.00
Saturday outwith office	£235.00
Sunday / Public Holiday outwith office	£285.00
Naming ceremony during Civil Marriage	£75.00
Renewal of Marriage Vows	
Monday to Friday in office	£100.00
Saturday in office	£200.00
Sunday / Public Holiday in office	£250.00
Monday to Friday outwith office	£135.00
Saturday outwith office	£235.00
Sunday / Public Holiday outwith office	£285.00