

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE -28 FEBRUARY 2001

REVENUE BUDGET 2001/02 CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request that the Committee approve increased charges for services provided by the department.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 As part of the budget process for 2001/2002 there is a general presumption that charges will be increased in line with inflation and it is felt that the charges proposed in Appendices 1 to 11 to this report will achieve this objective.
- 2.2 In December 1998, the Policy and Resources Committee approved a policy on charging which was based on the Accounts Commission publication 'The Challenge of Charging' (March 1998). The appendices to this report have been developed in accordance with the principles of this policy, taking into account such factors as current markets, comparable costs of other local authorities and the impact on customer demand.
- 2.3 Appendices 1 to 11 outline the existing and proposed charges for services on a service by service basis.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 It is difficult to accurately predict additional income since there are many factors outwith the control of the Council which can influence income levels during the year.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The legislation relating to charges for services where appropriate can be summarised as follows:-
- i) Licensing -Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
 - ii) Waste Management -Environmental Protection Act 1990
 - iii) Pest Control -Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

iv) General- Local Government (Goods and Services) Act

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 As part of the normal base budget process for 2001/2002 a number of income lines which relate to charges were increased. This" report consolidates the position taking into account relevant factors for each charging area.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- i) consider the proposed charges outlined in Appendices 1 to 11 and approve implementation from 1 April 2001; and
- ii) otherwise note this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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AGENDA