

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE : SPECIAL MEETING 6 MARCH 2001

CHARGES FOR COUNCIL SERVICES

Report By Director of Development Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is:

- (a) to inform the Committee of the external services provided by the department for which fees are charged at the discretion of the authority; and
- (b) to seek Committee approval for proposed changes.

2 PROPOSED INCREASES IN CHARGES

2.1 The proposed increase in charges is set out in the attached table. It is proposed to restrict increases in charges normally paid by householders to less than the rate of inflation of 3.3%.

3 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The charges covered in this report are all non-statutory.

3.2 However, in October 1999 the Scottish Executive invited views on whether or not it would be appropriate for local authorities to charge for a range of road related functions. This followed the introduction of the Local Authorities (Transport Charges) Regulations 1998 (SI 1998/948) in England and Wales which gave authorities the powers to impose charges for carrying out certain functions relating to roads and road traffic regulation. To date the results of the consultation have not been circulated.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The requested fee increase reflects the costs incurred in providing services. The income is included in the departmental budget and will cover the overall cost of inflation and other cost increases.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1** The Committee is recommended to approve the fees for 2001/2002 set out in the attached table.

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List of Background Papers

Charges for Roads Services – Development Services Committee 9 March 1999

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Service	Primary Objective of Charge	Charge 2000	2001 Proposed Charge
5 Day Temporary Traffic Order (by Notice)	Recover staff costs plus office overheads	£100 + VAT	£150 + VAT
Emergency Temporary Traffic Order (by Notice)	Recover staff costs plus office overheads	£100 + VAT	£200 + VAT plus additional charge for urgent requests resulting in out-of-hours staff time costs
Temporary Traffic Orders (Advertised in Press)	Recover staff costs plus overheads overtime charges by agreement	£250 + VAT	£300 + VAT plus advertising at cost (an additional charge will be made for advice on matters such as diversion signing)
Supply of Traffic data	Recover costs involved in providing data plus office overheads	£65 +VAT 1 item automatic counter £65 +VAT 1 item manual count £13 +VAT Each additional item	£100 + VAT £100 + VAT £30 + VAT
Neighbourhood watch signs	Recover costs of sign & erection	£19 + VAT per sign	£19 + VAT
Tourist signposting	Recover design, manufacture and erection costs plus overheads	At cost	
Permanent traffic regulation order as result of development	Recover staff costs plus overheads	At cost	

Service	Primary Objective of Charge	Charge 2000	2001 Proposed Charge
Parking	Policy is aimed at achieving turnover in short stay car parks and encouraging local business employees to use long stay car parks.	<p>Long Stay: Up to 1 hr £0.30 inc VAT Up to 2 hrs £0.70 inc VAT Up to 4 hrs £1.40 inc VAT Over 4 hrs £2.00 inc VAT Quarterly season £66.00 inc VAT Annual season £220.00 inc VAT</p> <p>Short stay: Up to 1 hr £0.30 inc VAT Up to 2 hrs £0.70 inc VAT Up to 4 hrs £1.40 inc VAT</p> <p>Taxi: Quarterly season £40.00 + VAT Annual season £150.00 + VAT</p>	See separate Committee Report
Access Crossings(does not include crossings installed for disabled people through Social Work)	Recover installation costs	£300	£350
Road Opening Permits	Recover staff costs plus overhead	£20	£20
Public Utility Inspections	Recover staff costs plus overheads National agreement on charges – allowed to inspect 30% per year.	£14.50 per inspection	
Re-siting lamp columns	Recover cost of labour, plant materials plus staff costs	At cost	
Construction Inspection	Recover staff costs plus overheads	** See table below	

Service	Primary Objective of Charge	Charge 2000	2001 Proposed Charge
Planning Division			
Copies of documents (Building Warrant Completion/Planning Consents)	Recover staff and copying costs	£55	£56
Provide letters of comfort	Recover staff costs	£200	£205
Search of building planning register	Recover staff costs	£55	£56
Location plans	Recover staff costs plus O.S. royalties and printing costs	£28 per 10	£29 per 10
Printing/plots from MAP system	Recover staff and printing costs	At cost	
Publications	Recover cost of production	At cost	
Gold Star planning enquiry service	Recover development costs and staff costs	£60 Gold Star £120 Platinum	Service to be reviewed

Note: Planning application and Building Warrant fees are determined by Scottish Executive

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Estimated Road Construction Cost as determined by the Roads Division	Inspection Charge per £1000 of Roads Construction Cost
Up to £1000	£21
£1,001 to £5,000	£33
£5,001 to £20,000	£30 (minimum charge £165.00)
£20,001 to £100,000	£27 (minimum charge £600.00)
Over £100,000	£20 (minimum charge £2,700.00)

These charges will be reviewed in conjunction with other roads authorities

AGENDA