

Report to: **Development Management & Licensing Committee**

Date: **23 January 2018**

Title: **Review of Development Management Fees and Charges for 2018/19**

Portfolio Area: **Customer First – Cllr C Mott**

Wards Affected: **All**

Relevant Scrutiny Committee: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y**

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Development Management and Licensing Committee RESOLVES that Council be RECOMMENDED to APPROVE the proposed fees and charges set out in Appendix A.

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for fees and charges for the Development Management Service 2018/19.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council has the power to levy fees and charges for various services and functions it undertakes. Some of these fees are set by statute while for others the Council can make "reasonable" charges for the services it provides. The undertaking of regular reviews of charges allows, where possible, for the Council to recover the cost of officers' time in providing the service.

3. Proposals for Development Management Charges 2018/19

The Government sets planning application fees and the long awaited 20% increase in fees comes into force on 17 January 2018. Although this will increase income from planning applications, it is important to recognise that this increase is ring-fenced for the planning service and is in addition to the existing budget for the planning service.

A review of other Development Management fees has been undertaken and a proposed fee structure is included at Appendix A. This includes new fees covering enforcement compliance and validation checking and changes to the pre-application service charges following consultation with the Agents Forum. Based on the existing demand for these services the estimated additional income from the proposed fee structure is £5,000pa. This amount will not, however, be added to the level of overall projected income for 2018/19 as the level of income from pre-application inquiries received this year is less than projected and the additional income will help to reduce the variance between the projected and actual income for this part of the Service.

4. Proposed Way Forward

The level of fees and charges will continue to be monitored during the year.

5. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance	Y	The Council has the power to introduce, maintain and increase charges under S.19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 or as set out in specific pieces of relevant legislation.
Financial	Y	The estimated additional income that could be generated from the review of fees and charges for 2018/19 if the recommendations are agreed is £5,000.
Risk	Y	Achieving anticipated income targets in the current financial climate – regular monitoring of income streams and revenue budgets ensures early identification of variances.
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		
Equality and Diversity	Y	Charging helps to support the provision of a wide range of public facilities available to all ages and all abilities.
Safeguarding	N	None directly arising from this report

Community Safety, Crime and Disorder	N	None directly arising from this report
Health, Safety and Wellbeing	N	None directly arising from this report
Other implications	N	None directly arising from this report.

Supporting Information

Appendix A – 2018/19 Proposed Charges for Development Management.