

REPORT TO:	ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 11
DATE OF MEETING:	5 June 2014	CATEGORY: RECOMMENDED
REPORT FROM:	Director of Community and Planning	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	Scheme for the recovery of Building Regulation Costs	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the proposed fees and charges as detailed in **Appendix 1** for 2014/15 are considered and approved.
- 1.2 That the proposed changes to the Scheme for the Recovery of Building Regulation Costs and Associated Matters (in accordance with The Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 2010 (as amended)) as detailed in the report is approved.
- 1.3 That delegated power is given to the Director of Community and Planning Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and the Chairman of this Committee to alter and adapt the Scheme for the Recovery of Building Regulation Costs and Associated Matters at any time and as deemed necessary, in order that the service can adapt to market conditions and account for changes in the rate of inflation or other indices.
- 1.4 Any changes will be retrospectively reported back to the Committee.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 As part of a periodic review of income from fees and associated matters, authority is sought to increase fees in line with inflation to ensure adequate income is maintained to ensure that the Council's fee-earning Building Control activities are met. This is reviewed in light of fees and charges levied by those Approved Inspectors operating in the private sector in order that the Council's service remains competitive.

3.0 Detail

- 4.1 At its meeting on 9 September 2010, the Committee adopted a new scheme for the recovery of Building Regulation Costs and Associated Matters. Since that time

however some changes are required to bring the scheme up to date and account for rises in the rate of inflation and to better take account of actual activity expended on each fee-earning application.

4.2 A similar request was made to and approved by committee in January 2011.

4.3 Finally, it is also proposed that delegated authority is provided to the Council's Director of Community and Planning Services to alter and adapt the Scheme for the Recovery of Building Regulation Costs and Associated Matters. It is considered that some flexibility is required whenever necessary in order to react quickly to changes in legislation and market conditions.

4.4 This authority would be subject to consultation with and agreement by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and the Chairman of this Committee.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 As detailed in the report

6.0 Corporate Implications

6.1 There are no other direct legal, personnel or other corporate implications apart from those considered in the report.

7.0 Community Implications

7.1 The proposed budgets and spending under the responsibility of the Committee, provides the financial resources to enable many of the on-going services and Council priorities to be delivered to the local community.

8.0 Background Papers

8.1 None