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REVIEW OF CHARGES WITHIN COMMUNITIES DIRECTORATE

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ABSTRACT

This report sets out proposals for the charges to be levied by service areas in Communities for the financial year 2017-18

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) Notes that that this report has been prepared on the basis that the percentage increases for charges have, in the main, been applied at a rate of an average 2.5% rounded where appropriate;
- (ii) Approves the pricing structures as contained within appendices 1 to 4;
- (iii) Agrees that the charges are effective from 1 April 2017, or the start of any seasonal operations;

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to all of the local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The charges covered by this report are reviewed continuously by each business unit throughout the financial year. All amendments to charges are reported to Committee on an annual basis as part of the budget setting process. The last annual review of charges was reported to Angus Council Committee on 18 February 2016. (Report 54/16 refers)
- 3.2 The review of Commercial Waste charges has been reported to Communities Committee on 17 January 2017 to allow implementation of charges from 1 January 2017. (Report 26/17 refers)
- 3.3 The review of Council House rents was carried out by the Housing Division with the rent setting meeting is taking place on 14 February 2017. (Report 70/17 refers)
- 3.4 The Communities Committee of 17 January agreed to the proposed Schedule of Charges for Arbroath Harbour for financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19.
- 3.5 The review of charges for 2017/18 has been carried out as part of the budget setting process and the percentage increase, has in the main, been standardised across the divisions in Communities to 2.5%, before accounting for VAT and Landfill Tax, where applicable. The charging structure attached at **Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4** has been prepared on the basis of this average percentage increase, rounded up to the nearest 10p after the application of VAT and Landfill Tax, where applicable.

4. PROPOSED CHARGES

The proposals summarised in the table below would come into force on 1 April 2017 or at commencement of any seasonal operation. Service	Specific Division	Summary of Change
Appendix 1 – RPPS	Environmental and Consumer Protection Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pest control treatment charges • Fees for testing • Training Courses (E-learning) • Special Uplift Charges • Landfill/disposal charges
Appendix 2 - RPPS	Parks Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in burial charges • Proposed new burial charges • Increase in lets for fairground/circus • commercial charges
Appendix 3 - TAPS	Roads Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in permits and permission charges
Appendix 4 – Directorate	Business Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Badge Scheme applications • Pitch rentals for South Links Holiday Park

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is estimated that the increased charges for Environmental and Consumer Protection, as detailed in **Appendix 1**, will generate additional income of £1k.
- 5.2 It is estimated that the increased charges for Waste Management, as detailed in **Appendix 1**, will generate additional income of £24k.
- 5.3 It is estimated that the increased charges for Parks Division, as detailed in **Appendix 2**, will generate additional income of £15k.
- 5.4 It is estimated that new burial charges for Parks Division, as detailed in Appendix 2, will generate additional income of £200k.
- 5.5 It is estimated that the increased charges for Roads Division, as detailed in **Appendix 3**, will generate additional income of £100k.
- 5.6 The charges for Blue Badge Applications, as detailed in **Appendix 4**, are being retained at the same level for 2017/18. It is anticipated the level of applications will remain constant giving no change to income levels.
- 5.7 The charges for the pitch rentals at South Links Holiday Park, as detailed in **Appendix 4**, are being retained at the same level for 2017/18 and will generate income to meet the operating budget.
- 5.8 The additional income at 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5, totalling £340k has been accounted for within the Communities Directorate 2017/18 revenue budget proposals.

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

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Regulatory, Protective and Prevention Services - ECP			
No.	Service for which charges are currently levied	2016-2017 Charge	2017-2018 Charge
	(Charges are VAT inclusive unless marked)		
1	Pest control - Rats and mice treatment	38.90	39.90
2	Pest control – Insect treatment	33.30	34.10
3	Pest control – Wasp treatment	33.30	34.10
4	Administration charge for pest control (per treatment) new charge	10.00	10.30
5	Poisons – Initial registration	47.50	48.70
6	Poisons – Re-registration	24.30	24.90
7	Poisons – Change in registration details	12.50	12.80
8	Special weighing and measuring equipment – hourly rate	97.10	99.50
9	Weights exceeding 5kg or not exceeding 500mg, 2cm - each	11.10	11.40
10	Other weights - each	8.40	8.60
11	Linear measures not exceeding 3m - each	12.20	12.50
12	Capacity measures, without divisions, not exceeding 1 litre - each	9.40	9.60
13	Cubic ballast measures (other than brim measures) - each	213.20	218.50
14	Liquid capacity measures for making up and checking average quantity packages - each	34.10	35.00
15	Per scale – first item	58.80	60.30
16	Second and subsequent items	22.80	23.40
17	Non NAW1 not exceeding 1 tonne	76.50	78.40
18	Non NAW1 exceeding 1 tonne, up to 10 tonne	124.10	127.20
19	Non NAW1 exceeding 10 tonne	259.10	265.60
20	NAW1 not exceeding 1 tonne	127.40	130.60
21	NAW1 exceeding 1 tonne, up to 10 tonne	197.40	202.30
22	NAW1 exceeding 10 tonne	431.40	442.20
23	Intoxicating liquor - not exceeding 150ml	21.20	21.70
24	Intoxicating liquor - other	24.50	25.10
25	Liquid fuel and lubricants - container type (not subdivided)	88.20	90.40
26	Liquid fuel and lubricants - first nozzle tested, per site	143.70	147.30
27	Liquid fuel and lubricants - each additional nozzle tested	88.40	90.60
28	Liquid fuel and lubricants testing of peripheral electronic equipment on a separate visit (per site)	97.10	99.50
29	Liquid fuel and lubricants testing of credit card accepted (per unit, regardless of no. of slots/ nozzles/pumps)	97.10	99.50
30	Road tanker fuel measuring – wet hose with two testing liquids	332.00	340.30
31	Road tanker fuel measuring – wet hose with three testing liquids	359.50	368.50
32	Road tanker fuel measuring – dry hose with two testing liquids	342.30	350.90
33	Road tanker fuel measuring – dry hose with three testing liquids	393.80	403.70
34	Wet/dry hose with two testing liquids	479.10	491.10
35	Wet/dry hose with three testing liquids	513.20	526.00
36	Up to 7,600 litres (for calibration of each compartment) and production of chart	209.90	215.20
37	Over 7,600 litres, basic fee, plus additional charge	94.60	97.00
38	Initial dipstick	24.50	25.10
39	Spare dipstick	24.50	25.10
40	Health certificate (1st)	34.30	35.20
41	Health certificate (additional)	7.00	7.20

New charges as detail in the proposal in the budget papers.

Regulatory, Protective and Prevention Services Parks			
No.	Service for which charges are currently levied	2016-2017 Charge	2017-2018 Charge
	(Charges are VAT inclusive unless marked)		
	Interments – coffins - VAT Exempt		
1	14 years and under	0.00	0.00
2	Over 14 years	616.00	631.80
3	Over 14 years (outwith Angus)	924.00	947.10
4	NVF/Stillborn children	0.00	0.00
	Interments – cremation caskets - VAT Exempt		
5	14 years and under	0.00	0.00
6	Interment at four feet	197.00	201.90
7	Interment in coffin lair over four feet	399.50	409.50
8	Interment at four feet (outwith Angus)	295.50	302.90
9	Interment in coffin lair over four feet (outwith Angus)	599.30	614.30
10	Scattering of Ashes	50.00	51.30
	Exhumation fees - VAT Exempt		
11	Exhumation fee for coffin	Various	Various
12	Exhumation fee for cremation casket	301.10	308.60
	Lair charges - VAT Exempt		
13	Coffin lair	574.00	588.40
14	Coffin lair (outwith Angus)	861.00	882.50
15	Cremated remains lair for interment of NVF or SBC only	0.00	0.00
16	Cremated remains lair	326.50	334.70
17	Cremated remains lair (outwith Angus)	489.80	502.00
18	Lair registration certificate - per lair	21.40	50.00
19	Replacement lair registration certificate - per lair	21.40	21.90
20	Transfer of right of burial - per lair	21.40	50.00
	Erection of memorials (excluding VAT)		
21	Up to 3 feet high and 3 feet wide (including base)	57.90	59.30
22	Additional foot in height or width (including base)	29.70	30.40
23	Anchor fixing method (no foundation required)	34.00	34.90
24	Markers/Plaques etc	34.00	34.90
25	Replacement memorials (no additional foundation required)	34.00	34.90
	Fairground/Circus/Commercial Events (VAT Exempt)		
26	Operational days – per day	82.00	84.10
27	Non-operational days – per day	41.00	42.00

Regulatory, Protective and Prevention Services - Parks			
No.	Service for which new charges will be levied	2016-2017 Charge	2017-2018 Charge
	(Charges are VAT inclusive unless marked)		
1	Park lets – administration fee	0.00	50.00
	Perpetuities (upkeep of ground – new lairs)		
2	New sales of coffin lairs	0.00	250.00
3	Re-open of coffin lairs	0.00	250.00
4	New sales of casket lairs	0.00	125.00
5	Re-open of casket lairs	0.00	125.00
6	Research fee (per hour)	0.00	25.00
7	Monumental Registration Fee	0.00	150.00
8	Foundation & Inspection Fee	0.00	150.00

Technical and Property Services - Roads			
No.	Service for which charges are currently levied	2016-2017 Charge	2017-2018 Charge
	(Charges are VAT inclusive unless marked)		
1	Road construction consent fees – based on hourly rate	55.00	56.40
2	Street naming and house numbering	105.00	107.6
3	Tables and chair permits	135.00	138.4
4	Road opening permits (vehicular access)	115.00	117.9
5	Road opening permits (excavations)	225.00	230.6
6	Road closures for roadworks < 5 days	225.00	230.6
7	Roads closures > 5 days, and for all non roadworks needs (parades, events, charities)	330.00 plus advert costs	338.30 plus advert costs
8	Design services for street lighting	85.00	87.10
9	Charging for street lighting inspections for adoptions	56.00	57.40
10	Occupation of a road for skip/building materials etc. permission – Traffic sensitive location - per month Non-traffic sensitive location - per month	87.00 45.00	89.20 46.10
11	Scaffolding permits – Traffic sensitive location - per month Non-traffic sensitive location - per month	215.00 107.50	220.40 110.20
12	Inspection fees for new roads and Street Works Act (set by statute)	TBC	TBC
13	Tourist signage (brown signs), staff costs and manufacturing/installation costs	Recharged at costs, including staff time	Recharged at costs, including staff time

Appendix 4 - Directorate and Business Support			
	Service for which charges are currently levied	2016-2017 Charge	2017-2018 Charge
1	Application fee for Blue Badge Scheme (VAT inclusive)	20.00	20.00
South Links Holiday Park (All VAT Inclusive)			
2	Static Van/Mobile Home – pitch rental on 11 month basis	2,340.00	2,340.00
3	Touring Caravan/motorhome – pitch rental (including electricity) – per night	25.00	25.00
4	Backpacker tent (for 1) – no car – pitch rental per night	9.50	9.50
5	Up to 2-man tent pitch rental (no electricity) – per night	11.50	11.50
6	Large Tent – Pitch rental (excluding electricity)- per night	16.00	16.00
7	Large Tent – Pitch rental (including electricity) – per night	18.00	18.00
8	Camping Pod – per night	25.00	25.00
9	For items 3,5,6,7 & 8 one car is permitted, any additional car will be charged at £3 per night	3.00	3.00