

SPECIAL ANGUS COUNCIL

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REVIEW OF CHARGES WITHIN THE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICE

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE

ABSTRACT

This report sets out proposals for the charges to be levied by service areas in Infrastructure for the financial year 2020/21.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) Notes 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 3.0% rounded up where appropriate;
- (ii) Approves the pricing structures as contained within Appendix 1;
- (iii) Agrees that the charges are effective from 1 April 2020, or the start of any seasonal operations.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

The proposal contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

ECONOMY

- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- Attractive employment opportunities

PLACE

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment

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 Members on an annual basis as part of the budget setting process. The last annual review of charges was reported to Angus Council on 21 February 2019 (Report No. 52/19 refers).
- 3.2 The Communities Committee of 15 January 2019 (reference Item 3(2)) approved the agreed Biennial Schedule of Charges for Arbroath Harbour for financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21.
- 3.3 The review of charges for 2020/21 has been carried out as part of the budget setting process and the percentage increase, has been standardised across the council to the May 2019 RPI indicator - 3.0%, before accounting for VAT, where applicable. The charging structure attached at **Appendix 1**, has been prepared on the basis of this percentage increase, rounded up to the nearest 10p.

4. PROPOSED CHARGES

- 4.1 The proposals summarised in the table below would come into force on 1 April 2020 or at commencement of any seasonal operation.
- 4.2 There are no material changes for charges within the Infrastructure services
- 4.3 No changes to the cost of off-street parking in Angus Council car parks are proposed for 2020/21.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is estimated that the increased charges for Roads & Transportation, as detailed in **Appendix 1**, will generate additional income of £3,000.

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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Roads & Transportation				
No.	Service for which charges are currently levied	2019/20 Charge	2020/21 Charge	BENCHMARKING/RATIONALE
	(Charges are VAT inclusive unless marked)	£	£ (+3%)	
1	Road construction consent fees – based on hourly rate	77.10	79.40	Under Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 can only charge for inspections. We charge based on Clerk of Works salary costs.
2	Street naming and house numbering	1 property £100; 2 - 5 properties £125; 6 - 10 properties £150; 11 - 25 properties £175; 26 - 50 properties £250; 51 - 100 properties £400; 101 - 150 properties £600; 151 - 200 properties £750; 200+ properties £1000; New street names £150/street.	1 property £103; 2 - 5 properties £128.75; 6 - 10 properties £154.50; 11 - 25 properties £180.25; 26 - 50 properties £257.50; 51 - 100 properties £412; 101 - 150 properties £618; 151 - 200 properties £772.50; 200+ properties £1030; New street names £154.50/street.	Charging regime as per Report 52/19.
3	Tables and chair permits	150.40	154.90	No recent benchmarking
4	Road opening permits (vehicular access)	134.50	138.50	Comparable with neighbouring authorities.
5	Road opening permits (excavations)	262.40	270.30	Unable to compare with neighbouring authority which makes daily charge.
6	Road closures for roadworks < 5 days	262.40	270.30	Comparable with neighbouring authorities.
7	Roads closures > 5 days, and for all non roadworks needs (parades, events, charities)	384.90 plus advert costs	396.50 plus advert costs	Comparable with neighbouring authorities.
8	Design services for street lighting	92.40	95.20	Dundee City varies depending on scheme size/complexity. Minimum £300.
9	Charging for street lighting inspections for adoptions	61.00	62.80	Minimum charge per visit.
10	Occupation of a road for skip/building materials etc. permission:			
	Traffic sensitive location - per month	101.60	104.70	Unable to compare with neighbouring authority which makes weekly/daily charge.
Non-traffic sensitive location - per month	52.60	54.20		
11	Scaffolding permits:			Unable to compare with neighbouring authority which makes weekly/daily charge.
	Traffic sensitive location – per month	250.80	258.30	
	Non-traffic sensitive location – per month	125.50	129.25	
12	Tourist signage (brown signs), staff costs and manufacturing/installation costs	Recharged at costs, including staff time	Recharged at costs, including staff time	

13	Switch off traffic lights for utilities etc.	97.90 or 146.80 on overtime	100.85 or 151.20 on overtime	Comparable with neighbouring authorities.
14	On-street parking dispensation	£50 per application for up to 5 days, plus £25 per month or part month thereafter. PLUS Free for up to 5 days then £5/week/parking place occupied or part occupied thereafter.	£51.50 per application for up to 5 days, plus £25.75 per month or part month thereafter. PLUS Free for up to 5 days then £5.15/week/ parking place occupied or part occupied thereafter.	Charging regime as per Report 52/19.
15	Off-street parking suspension	Part of car park, from 1 parking bay up to 50% occupancy, £25 per application for up to 5 days, plus £12.50 per month or part month thereafter; OR Part of car park, more than 50% occupancy, £50 per application for up to 5 days, plus £25 per month or part month thereafter; OR Entire car park (regardless of number of parking bays), £50 per application for up to 5 days, plus £50 per month or part month thereafter; PLUS For free car parks, no charge for up to 5 days then £5/week or part-week/bay or part bay thereafter; OR For charging car parks, charge of £4/per day or part day/bay or part bay thereafter.	Part of car park, from 1 parking bay up to 50% occupancy, £25.75 per application for up to 5 days, plus £12.90 per month or part month thereafter; OR Part of car park, more than 50% occupancy, £51.50 per application for up to 5 days, plus £25.75 per month or part month thereafter; OR Entire car park (regardless of number of parking bays), £51.50 per application for up to 5 days, plus £51.50 per month or part month thereafter; PLUS For free car parks, no charge for up to 5 days then £5.15/week or part-week/bay or part bay thereafter; OR For charging car parks, charge of £4.12/per day or part day/bay or part bay thereafter.	Charging regime as per Report 52/19.