

**Committee: Community Committee**

**Agenda Item**

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**Title: REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES**

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Item for decision

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### Summary

- 1 A review of our fees and charges appropriate to this committee has been undertaken and the proposed revised charges are attached to this report.

### Recommendations

- 2 Members consider and approve the proposed fees and charges for 2007/8.

### Background Papers

5. Last year's fees and charges are noted on the table that follows this report.

### Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Customers will be advised of charge at point of commissioning.
Community Safety	None.
Equalities	None.
Finance	An assumption of a price increase has been built into the budget process.
Human Rights	None.
Legal implications	None.
Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	None

### Situation

7. There have been increases in the cost of providing these services most notably in the cost of fuel this dictates that the charges should rise above the rate of inflation.

### Targets

8. These services operate on a commercial basis (excluding those that offered at a concessionary rate) and the charges need to reflect this.

### Pay-Offs/Penalties

10. Approving these fees and charges will:
  - a) ensure the cost of providing these services is recovered and
  - b) the charges are competitive within the market.

### Risk Analysis

11. The following have been assessed as the potential risks associated with this issue.

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigating actions</b>
That custom may be lost due to a rise in price	Low	Low	Charges remain competitive within the local market.
Costs may be incurred by the local taxpayer if the services are not self supporting.	Low	Low	Officers will monitor the activity through the year and take appropriate action.

	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>
<b>Health Certificate for Export</b>		
Health Certificate for Export	£51.00	£52.00
Food Safety Courses	£48.00	£49.00
<b>Border Inspection Post</b>		
Inspection of products of Animal Origin at Stansted airport (Benchmarking and report attached)	£150.00	£150.00
<b>Animals</b>		
Micro-chipping of pets	£21.00	£22.00
Micro-chipping of pets (Owners aged 65+ or in receipt of means tested benefit)	£16.00	£17.00
Statutory fee for Stray Dog – plus	£25.00	£25.00
a Council fee (includes Micro-chipping) If the animal was taken to the kennels there will also be a kennel fee payable direct to the kennels	£31.00	£32.00

## SW CEMETERY

	2006/07	2007/08
<b>Burials</b>		
Interment (Adult)	£258.00	£268.00
Purchase of Exclusive right of Burial (A)	£340.00	£353.00
Interment (Child 1 month to 12 years)	£0.00	£0.00
Purchase of Exclusive right of Burial (C)	£0.00	£0.00
Purchase of two adjoining grave spaces	£886.00	£921.00
Saturday interment	£93.00	£97.00
Use of Cemetery Chapel	£103.00	£107.00
Traditional interment right of burial	£618.00	£643.00
Additional cost for close to path	£412.00	£428.00
Permit for headstone	£155.00	£161.00
Permit for kerbset	£206.00	£214.00
Use of Chapel organ	£20.00	£20.00
<b>Cremated Ashes</b>		
Purchase of Exclusive Right of Burial in the Garden of Remembrance	£186.00*	£193.00*
Interment of Ashes	£83.00	£86.00
Provision of an Erection of Plaque	£83.00**	£86.00**
Scattering of Cremated Remains	£52.00*	£54.00*
<p>*these charges are doubled if the deceased was resident outside the District There is no charge for the interment of a still born child or child under 1 month **plus the cost of the plaque</p>		
<b>Headstones</b>		
Erection of Memorial	£78.00	£81.00
Additional Inscription	£42.00	£44.00

## PEST CONTROL

	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>
Rats & mice in domestic premises	No charge	Rats no charge
* Mice	No charge	£49.00 (£32.00 for 65+ years and income support)
Rats & mice in commercial premises	£52.00	£54.00
Minimum charge/Abortive visit	£26.00	£27.00
Flies, Fleas, Ants etc	£52.00	£54.00
Wasps per nest	£47.00	£49.00
Wasps per nest in commercial premises	£62.00	£64.50
Wasps (for persons 65+ years and income support)	£31.00	£32.00
Multiple infestations	£31.00	£32.00

\*new category