

Proposed charges scheme for Street Naming and Numbering

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Title:	Proposed charges scheme for Street Naming and Numbering	
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Summary

It is proposed to introduce a scheme of charges to cover the reasonable costs of providing the street naming and numbering function carried out by the Building Surveying Division. This will provide an additional income stream to the Council and will be levied on developers creating new properties either by new build or conversion and on individuals wishing to change the name of a property. This is projected to create an income stream of approximately £3,500.00 per annum.

Recommendations

That Members approve a scheme of charging for Street Naming and Numbering to be introduced to provide an income stream to cover costs incurred in providing the service.

Background Papers

This is part of a business re-appraisal to raise additional income for the authority. Attached proposed schedule of charges.

Impact

Communication/Consultation	None – Charges will be published prior to introduction.
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Finance	Creates additional income stream
Human Rights	None

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Legal implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

- 1 The Council operates its street naming and numbering function by virtue of Sections 18 and 19 of the Public Health Act 1925 which was adopted by the Council on 31 March 1997.
- 2 This Act confers discretionary powers and under provisions in the Local Government Act 2003 the Council can charge fees for this service on a cost recovery basis.
3. The charges would be levied as per the schedule on developers of new housing either by new build or conversion and on individuals wishing to change the name of a property.
4. With the Council's current financial situation it is considered appropriate to introduce a scheme of charges for this service in order to create an income stream commensurate with the costs of providing the service.
5. This procedure is in accordance with charges made for this service by other authorities. Following adoption, the scale of charges will be published on the website and in the local press.
6. Projected income from this scheme of charges will be approximately £3500.00 per annum.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Scheme is not adopted	Low	Cost of service is not recovered and burden falls on all council tax payers regardless of whether they use the service.	Scheme has been devised to ensure reasonable cost of provision is borne by those persons using the service.