



COUNCIL MEETING

22 February 2024

Fees & Charges 2024/25

Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to agree the level of fees and charges across all Council services for 2024/25.
2. The Council reviews its fees and charges annually and proposes revised and new charges from 1 April each year.
3. As part of the annual review, all fees and charges have been considered. The review of fees and charges has been undertaken in the context of guidance indicating a general uplift where appropriate of 6.7% to reflect the inflationary increase for the year (12-month CPI 'Consumer Price Index' rate was 6.7% in September 2023).
4. A summary of the proposed changes to fees and charges for 2024/25 is presented in Appendix 1 and the full listing is presented in Appendix 2.
5. The overall impact of additional income generated as a result of proposed fees and charges increases is currently to increase income base budgets by £0.257m in 2024/25.
6. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

7. It is recommended that Council:
 - (i) Approves the fees and charges as set out for 2024/25 in Appendix 2.
 - (ii) Authorises the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital to make any necessary adjustments to correct any errors in the schedule of Fees and Charges.
 - (iii) Authorises that the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital be delegated to set revised charges for Adult Social Services in consultation with the Strategic Director, Integrated Adults and Social Care Services and the Adult Social Care Portfolio Holder.