

Notice of :	Cabinet Member Report for Environmental Services and Highways
Decision Number:	PH13/2018
Relevant Officer:	John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Fred Jackson, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Highways
Date of Decision:	19 February 2018

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES FEES AND CHARGES 2018/19

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The proposed Community and Environmental Services fees and charges for Highways and Traffic Management for 2018/19.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To agree to the proposed fees and charges for Highways and Traffic Management for 2018/19, which are detailed in Appendix 'A' with effect from the 1 April 2018 to the 31 March 2019.

2.2 To agree that the fees charged can be varied by the Director of Community and Environmental Services, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Highways, as a result of market changes.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The fees and charges from 2018/19 have been reviewed to take account of the costs of providing the service and market conditions.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council?

No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

To set other rates for fees and charges for Highways and Traffic Management Services, however such fees might not reflect the costs of providing the service or market conditions.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

“The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The attached schedule proposes amendments to the fees and charges for Highways and Traffic Management. The proposals are in line with the Council's proposed General Fund Revenue Budget for 2018/2019 and have been compiled taking into account inflation and market conditions.

5.2 It is further proposed that the Director of Community and Environmental Services be delegated authority, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, vary charges as a result of market conditions.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.4 List of Appendices:

Appendix 'A' – Fees and Charges for Highways & Traffic Management.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 Local Government Act 2003 Legislation allows local authorities to charge for provision of discretionary services. Additionally specific charging provisions are set out in other legislation such as the Local Authorities (Transport Charges) Regulations 1998.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 The proposals are in line with the Equalities Impact Assessment.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The proposals are in line with the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/2019.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 To not alter the fees and charges would impact on the 2018/19 revenue budget.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Fees have been benchmarked with other authority charges.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? No

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? N/A

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed:

Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Cabinet Member agreed the recommendations as outlined above namely:

1. To agree to the proposed fees and charges for Highways and Traffic Management for 2018/19, which are detailed in Appendix 'A' with effect from the 1 April 2018 to the 31 March 2019.
2. To agree that the fees charged can be varied by the Director of Community and Environmental Services, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Highways, as a result of market changes.

18.2 Date of Decision:

19 February 2018

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The fees and charges from 2018/19 have been reviewed to take account of the costs of providing the service and market conditions.

19.1 Date Decision published:

19 February 2018

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1