

Notice of:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision Number:	PH20/2018
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	19 February 2018

CUSTOMER FIRST AND BENEFITS FEES AND CHARGES 2018/19

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider fees and charges proposals for 2018/19. The attached schedule as outlined at Appendix A for Blue Badges and Money Management.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the fees and charges for Blue Badges and Money Management as outlined at Appendix A with effect from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, noting that no increase is proposed for Blue Badges or Money Management.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The proposed charges reflect the costs of providing the service and balance the need to ensure the service keeps within the Council's proposed Revenue Budget 2018/19 and the 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 increase the fees and charges by a different rate.

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 outlines proposals for fees and charges for 2018/19 for Customer First and Benefits. These have been compiled based on the statutory regulation, market conditions and the costs of providing such services. It is further proposed that the Director of Resources be delegated authority, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, to make reductions to these fees in order to achieve additional flexibility to adapt to market conditions. There is no proposed increase in the cost of Blue Badges or Money Management.

5.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.3 List of Appendices:

Appendix A: Proposed Fees and Charges for Customer First and Benefits

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The Council is adjusting its charges to reflect the costs of providing the service and market conditions.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 An Equality Analysis has been produced for the fees and charges proposal.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The attached proposals will enable services to meet their cash limited budget targets in 2018/19.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 With appropriate stakeholders.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Equality Analysis

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? No

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number: N/A

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No

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 Leader of the Council agreed the recommendation as outlined above namely:

To approve the fees and charges for Blue Badges and Money Management as outlined at Appendix A with effect from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, noting that no increase is proposed for Blue Badges or Money Management.

18.2 Date of Decision:

19 February 2018

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The proposed increases reflect the costs of providing the service and balance the need to ensure the service keeps within the Council's proposed Revenue Budget 2018/19 and the 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