

Notice of:	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Economic Development
Decision Number:	PH30/2019
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Economic Development
Date of Decision:	4 March 2019

ESTATES AND VALUATIONS FEES AND CHARGES 2019/20

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider fees and charges proposals for 2019/20 for the Estates and Valuations service.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the fees and charges for Estates and Valuations as outlined at Appendix A with effect from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

2.2 To agree that the fees charged can be reduced from these rates on the published Officer decision of the Director for Resources, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 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 2019/20 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:

Not to increase the fees and charges.

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 revised fees and charges for 2019/20 for Estates and Valuations. 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. Where there has been a significant change to fees this is necessary to address a situation where the previous fee no longer reflected the costs of providing the service.

5.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.3 List of Appendices:

Appendix A: Proposed Fees and Charges for Estates and Valuations

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 2019/20.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Informally external consultation has taken place with appropriate stakeholders.

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? 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 Cabinet Member agreed the recommendations as outlined above namely:

1. To approve the fees and charges for Estates and Valuations as outlined at Appendix A with effect from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.
2. To agree that the fees charged can be reduced from these rates on the published Officer decision of the Director for Resources, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.

18.2 Date of Decision:

4 March 2019

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 2019/20 and the market conditions.

19.1 Date Decision published:

4 March 2019

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1