

<b>Notice of:</b>	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
<b>Decision Number:</b>	PH8/2023
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Alan Cavill, Director of Communications and Regeneration
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Tourism, Arts and Culture
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	1 February 2023

## LOCAL LAND CHARGES SEARCHES AND EUROPEAN INFORMATION REGULATION (LAND CHARGES) FEES AND CHARGES 2023/24

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To set out proposed fees and charges for Local Land Charges Searches and European Information Regulation (EIR Land Charges) for 2023/24.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 To approve the fees and charges for Local Land Charges Searches and Land Charges EIR's as set out in Appendix A for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

2.2 To agree that the fees charged can be reduced from these rates in exceptional circumstances on the published Officer decision of the Director of Communications and Regeneration, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The fees and charges for 2023/24, need to be approved in order to take account of inflation and the costs of providing the service.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

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

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

To set other rates for fees and charges for Land Charges Service, however, such fees might not reflect the costs of providing the service and therefore may be at odds with legislation governing cost recovery in this area.

**5.0 Council Priority:**

5.1 The relevant Council Priority is “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”.

**6.0 Background Information**

6.1 The proposal is to maintain the current charges for the statutory Land Charges Searches and Land Charges EIR service the Council offers. The charges for the financial year are attached as Appendix A.

6.2 It is further proposed that the Director of Communications and Regeneration be delegated authority, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, to make reductions to these fees if necessary.

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information No

7.0 List of Appendices:

Appendix A Land Charges Fees 2023-24

**8.0 Financial considerations:**

8.1 Changes to or loss of fee income could impact on the 2023/24 Revenue Budget.

**9.0 Legal considerations:**

9.1 None.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None.

**11.0 Equalities considerations:**

11.1 The proposals are in line with the General Fund Revenue Budget 2023/24

**12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

12.1 None directly.

**13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

13.1 None.

**14.0 Background papers:**

14.1 None.

**15.0 Key decision information:**

15.1 Is this a key decision? No

15.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

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

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

**16.0 Call-in information:**

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

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

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**17.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):**

Date informed:

Date approved:

**18.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):**

18.1 None.

**18.0 Executive decision:**

18.1 The Leader of the Council agreed the recommendations as outlined above namely:

1. To approve the fees and charges for Local Land Charges Searches and Land Charges EIR's as set out in Appendix A for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
2. To agree that the fees charged can be reduced from these rates in exceptional circumstances on the published Officer decision of the Director of Communications and Regeneration, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.

**19.0 Date of Decision:**

19.1 1 February 2023

**20.0 Reason(s) for decision:**

20.1 The fees and charges for 2023/24, need to be approved in order to take account of inflation and the costs of providing the service.

**21.0 Date Decision published:**

21.1 1 February 2023

**22.0 Executive Members in attendance:**

22.1

**23.0 Call-in:**

21.1

**24.0 Notes:**

22.1

