

Notice of:	Leader of the Council
Decision Number:	PH11/2023
Relevant Officer:	Alan Cavil, Director of Communities and Regeneration
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	3 February 2023

FEES AND CHARGES 2023/2024 – BUILDING CONTROL

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the fees and charges for Building Control for 2023/2024.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the fees and charges for Building Control, attached at Appendix A, with effect from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The fees payable for submission of a Building Regulations application to Blackpool Council are standard charges readily available on the Council website. These fees are reviewed annually and are set to recover the cost of the Building Regulations Service.

The charges represent the costs of providing the service and have been benchmarked with other neighbouring authorities.

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:

4.1 To not provide increases to fees and charges, however this would not reflect the cost of providing the service.

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 Building Regulations fees are set in accordance with The Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 2010. The regulations authorise Local Authorities in England and Wales to charge for carrying out their main Building Control functions relating to the building regulations chargeable service.

6.2 Under the Charges Regulations 2010, Building Regulations fees are for full cost recovery of chargeable element of the service and users only pay for the service they receive.

6.3 Fees are determined by not only reference to CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) but also consideration of neighbouring authority charges to ensure competition.

6.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 Non Domestic New Build, Extensions and Alterations 2023
New Dwellings April 2023
Domestic Extensions and Alterations 2023

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 Involves a fee earning service. Details contained within attached report at Appendix A.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None required.

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? No

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.

19.0 Executive decision:

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

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20.1 3 February 2023

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22.0 Date Decision published:

22.1 3 February 2023

23.0 Executive Members in attendance:

23.1

24.0 Call-in:

24.1

25.0 Notes:

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