

REPORT TO: Cabinet Member - Environmental
Cabinet
DATE: 06 April 2011
14 April 2011
SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PORTFOLIO FEES AND CHARGES
WARDS AFFECTED: All
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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

For Cabinet to agree revised fees and charges for the Environmental Portfolio for 2011/12.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

Changes to fees and charges requires a Cabinet decision

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Cabinet Member – Environmental notes the report.

That Cabinet agree the fees and charges for the Environmental portfolio for 2011/12 as attached in annex A

KEY DECISION: No.

FORWARD PLAN: No

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: N/A

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

Fees remain unchanged

IMPLICATIONS: N/A**Budget/Policy Framework:** N/A

Financial:

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-
Funded by:	-	-	-	-
Sefton Capital Resources	-	-	-	-
Specific Capital Resources	-	-	-	-
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure	-	-	-	-
Funded by:	-	-	-	-
Sefton funded Resources	-	-	-	-
Funded from External Resources	-	-	-	-
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N				
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: None**Risk Assessment:** None**Asset Management:** Not relevant**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

The Head of Corporate Finance & ICT has been consulted and her comments have been incorporated into this report.

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CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Creating Safe Communities		√	
3	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Environmental Sustainability		√	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy		√	
8	Children and Young People		√	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

LGA Guidance

Background

1. Cabinet will be aware that each year those fees and charges relating to the Councils functions are reviewed and increased (where appropriate) to reflect service changes, current service costs, national guidance or inflation.
2. In 2004, Cabinet requested that any amendment to fees and charges be referred to Cabinet for approval prior to implementation.
3. A number of previously charged services have now ceased as a result of the Councils prioritisation and budget setting exercise and no longer appear on the list.
4. Annex A attached to this report provides a list of those fees and charges relevant to the Environmental Portfolio proposed for 2011/12.
5. Fees have been increased either on the basis of increased direct cost to the Council, in line with national guidance, or where national guidance does not exist in line with the Retail Price Index (of approx 4.5%).

Dog warden Services

6. The proposed fees for the release of dogs held at RSPCA kennels, directly reflects the amount charged by the RSPCA for housing captured stray dogs.

Pest Control

7. The formerly charged services of pest control for the treatment of wasps, ants and commercial premises will no longer be provided and no fee is therefore to be set. Treatment for public health pests in domestic premises (being rats, mice, cockroaches, bedbugs and fleas) will continue without charge.