

REPORT TO PENNINE LANCASHIRE BUILDING CONTROL COMMITTEE



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Building Regulation Charges – 2018/19

PURPOSE

1. To annually review the current 2017/18 published Scheme of Building Regulation charges in accordance with each Partner Authorities timetable for reviewing their respective Corporate Fees and Charges.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Joint Committee adopts the Scheme of Building Regulation Charges set out in Appendix A, with an effective commencement date of 1st January 2018.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To meet the Joint Committee's statutory responsibility under the Scheme of Building Regulation charges.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. Major points of note contained within Appendix A proposed fee charge schedules are;
 - A generic increase of 3% has been factored into all the charging schedules;
 - Existing customers who are currently active and are signed up to the Local Authority Building Control Partnership Scheme will have their charges individually assessed;

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

5. Local Authorities elsewhere within Lancashire to review or have recently reviewed their own Building Regulation charges include Chorley, South Ribble and Ribble Valley Borough Councils.

The proposed 3% increase in 2018/19 Building Regulation charges is in line with the Governments recently announced inflation figures for September 2017 i.e. 3% CPI (Consumer Price Index) and 3.9% RPI (Retail Price Index)

The proposed increase in 2018/19 Building Regulation Charges is expected to potentially generate a further £15k Fee earning income resulting in an Original Budget 2018/19 figure of £450k.

The Fee income is calculated as follows:

	£'000
Original budget 2017/18	412
Revised budget 2017/18	420
Draft budget 2018/19	440
<u>Original budget 2018/19</u>	
Revised budget 2017/18	420 – as above
Additional Fee work in Non-Fee work	<u>15</u> – based on new IT system and consequential reduction
	435
3% increase (say)	<u>15</u>
	450

The above forecast Fee earning income figures will be incorporated into the PLBC 2018/19 budget report to be submitted to the next Joint Committee scheduled for 23rd January 2018.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6. None.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

7. Simon Ross, Finance Unit - Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
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BACKGROUND PAPERS

8. None.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ALSO: