

Report to: Executive Cabinet Member
Environmental Services

Date: 21st March 2016

Report of: Director of Place
Borough Treasurer

Report No: ECMES/23/16

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Report Title: **Environmental Services – Fees & Charges Report for 2016/17**

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Purpose:

This report sets out proposals for fees and charges for 2016/17 which do not conform with guidance agreed by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 10 November 2014.

Recommendations:

The Executive Member is asked to approve the proposals relating to fees and charges to take effect from Friday 1st April 2016.

Decision:

Background Doc(s):

(for use on Exec Rep)

Signed:

Leader / Executive Member

Monitoring Officer

Date:

This report does not require an equality impact assessment to be carried out due to being outside the high and medium relevance review requirements

1 INTRODUCTION

This report seeks Executive Cabinet Member approval for increases in fees & charges above or below the 2% inflationary target in respect of a number of services within Environmental Services.

2 BACKGROUND & PROPOSALS

As part of the corporate financial guidance, there is an assumption that all external fees and charges are increased by 2%. Due to cash handling purposes, the exact inflationary increase may be up slightly more.

However, there are a number of charges where no increase or a percentage increase above the guidance figure of 2% is proposed.

2.1 Highways – Parking Services

It is proposed that there be no increase to the current levels of parking charges for stays above an hour. Charges for short stay of 30 minutes and up to one hour are proposed to be increased by ten pence which is in line with charges for alternative off street parking provided by NCP. A new outer band all day tariff of £2.00 is also proposed. Full details of proposed tariffs are shown in appendix A(i).

There are also proposed banding changes which will increase the availability of all day parking. Details of proposed changes to bandings are given in appendix A(ii).

2.2 Community Services – Bereavement Services

2.2.1 Cremation Charges

Bolton's current cremation fee is £635. Due to increased operating costs and a recent benchmarking exercise it is proposed that the fee is increased to **£675** (6.3% increase). The fee for a Saturday cremation will increase from £890 to **£930**.

In determining the level of price increase, the issues to consider are as follows:

- Increase in operating costs.
- The costs charged by neighbouring crematoria for an Adult Cremation:

Radcliffe & Chorley	£861 - from 12/9/15 weekdays £1,292 Saturdays
Howe Bridge	£735 - from 1/1/16 weekdays £935 - 9:00 - 11:30 Saturdays £1,035 - 12 noon - 15:00 Saturdays

2.2.2 Burial Charges

Bolton's current fee for exclusive right of burial (new grave) is £789. It is proposed to increase this to **£805** (2%). Interment fees will also be increased e.g. burial to depth of 6'0" will increase from £650 to **£663** (2%).

The cost charged by neighbouring authorities from 1st April 2015:

	New Grave - resident	New Grave - non-resident	Interment - resident	Interment - non- resident
Wigan	£800		£809	
Salford	£1,005	£1,575	£945	£1,455
Bury	£900	Add charge	£740	Add charge

*Wigan & Salford (from 13th April) charges could be subject to further increases from 1st April 2016.

2.3 Waste Services

Waste Services are proposing to increase their fees & charges in line with guidance with the following two exceptions:

In recognition of the changeover to slimmer bins in 2016/17 it is proposed that the £30 bulky waste collection for residents remains at the same price.

It is also proposed that the £10 administration and delivery charge for 140l grey bins be suspended from May 2016 during rollout of the smaller bins and then be increased to £20.

2.4 Regulatory Services

Licensing fees are reviewed and set annually on 1st October on a cost recovery basis and so no change is proposed on 1 April 2016.

2.5 Depot Garage

It is proposed to maintain MOT prices with no increases as they are in line with competitors. Increases may result in reduced volume and would incur costs of updating signs and published literature.

3 CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion it is proposed that increases in fees and charges relating to the services highlighted within this report should differ from 2% guidance included within the budget.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services is asked to approve the proposals relating to fees and charges to take effect from 1st April 2016

Bolton Town Centre On Street Parking**Pay and Display charges**

	Current in place from 12/9/11	Proposed	Increase	% increase
Inner band - Short Stay				
Up to 30 minutes	£1.00	£1.10	£0.10	10%
Up to 1 hour	£1.50	£1.60	£0.10	7%
Outer band - Short Stay				
Up to 30 minutes	£0.60	£0.70	£0.10	17%
Up to 1 hour	£0.90	£1.00	£0.10	11%
Up to 2 hours	£1.50	£1.50	£0.00	0%
Outer band - Long Stay				
Up to 30 minutes	£0.60	£0.70	£0.10	17%
Up to 1 hour	£0.90	£1.00	£0.10	11%
Up to 2 hours	£1.50	£1.50	£0.00	0%
Up to 3 hours	£2.10	£2.10	£0.00	0%
Up to 10 hours	£2.60	£2.60	£0.00	0%
Saturday	£2.20	£2.20	£0.00	0%
Outer Band 2 - All Day				
Up to 30 minutes		£0.70		
Up to 1 hour		£1.00		
Up to 10 hours (new tariff)	n/a	£2.00		

Dispensation costs

Dispensation to park for 1 day	£7.00	£7.15	£0.15	2%
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Bolton Town Centre On Street Parking - Pay and Display charges - Proposed 2016/17

<u>Tariff Band</u>	<u>In place from 12/9/11 Charge</u>	<u>Streets in band</u>
Inner band - Short Stay		
Up to 30 minutes	£1.00	Back Spring Gardens
Up to 1 hour	£1.50	Barn Street
		Cheadle Square
		Great Moor Street
		Howell Croft North
		Howell Croft South
		Institute Street
		Le Mans Crescent
		Mawdesley Street
		Queen Street
		Silverwell Street

Outer band - Short Stay		
Up to 30 minutes	£0.60	Bark Street
Up to 1 hour	£0.90	Bollings Yard
Up to 2 hours	£1.50	Brightmet Street
		Churchbank
		Clarence Street
		Clive Street
		Garside Street
		Gas Street
		Marsden Road
		Palace Street
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		Soho Street

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Tariff Band

Streets in band

Outer band - Long Stay

Up to 30 minutes	£0.60	Crook Street
Up to 1 hour	£0.90	Dawson Lane
Up to 2 hours	£1.50	River Street
Up to 3 hours	£2.10	Station Street
Up to 10 hours	£2.60	
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