

Review of Fees and Charges

Annex B

Other than where statutory or contractual obligations apply, the budget assumes inflationary price increases of 2.6%.

Basis of Charge	Service	Service Activity	Detail	2011/12 Latest Budget £	2012/13 Estimate £	Decision Making	Additional Comments
There is no discretion to change fees where they are set statutorily, other than for Gambling Act 2005 fees where the Government sets a maximum amount and discretion is allowed up to that level.							
Statutory	Governance Services	Gambling Act 2005	Licence Fees	-28,700	-26,600	Licensing Act Cttee	
	Governance Services	Licensing Act 2003	Personal & Premises Licences	-148,500	-152,400	Licensing Act Cttee	Income down 4% in current year
	Health and Housing	Environmental Protection	EPA Authorisation Fees	-19,600	-20,100	Officer Delegation	
	Property Services	Off Street Car Parks	Fines	-132,600	-139,600	Officer Delegation	Income down 5% in current year
	Regeneration & Policy	Development Control Function	Planning Application Fees	-375,000	-400,000	Officer Delegation	Income down 17% due to fall in demand
Fees in these areas have been increased by inflation and adjusted to reflect changes in demand. They are not set to maximise income but to ensure, wherever possible, that they recover the cost of the service provision and as such are limited by this. Specific statutory provisions can apply, which prevent a surplus (or deficit) being made. As such, there is no discretion to increase charges, (but in some areas there could be discretion to reduce them).							
Cost Recovery / Statutory	Community Engagement	Lancaster & Morecambe V.I.C.s	Sales and Commission	-53,200	-53,200	Officer Delegation	
	Environmental Services	Grounds Maintenance	General Fees & Charges	-240,000	-240,000	Officer Delegated	
	Financial Services	Legal Costs Recovered	General Fees & Charges	-353,500	-361,800	Officer Delegated	Income down 29% in current year due to less summonses
	Governance Services	Hackney Carriage Licences	Licence and Inspection Fees	-160,200	-164,200	Licensing Reg. Cttee	Income in line with original projections
	Governance Services	Legal Services Mgt & Admin	Professional Fees	-39,800	-38,800	Officer Delegation	
	Governance Services / Health & Housing	Miscellaneous Licences	Various Licence Fees	-16,100	-13,600	Licensing Reg. Cttee	
	Governance Services	Searches Administration	Search Fees	-182,300	-169,600	Cabinet	Income up 10% in current year but projected to reduce
	Health and Housing	Mellishaw Park	Rents & Service Charges	-60,300	-60,600	Officer Delegation	
	Health and Housing	Enforcement Activity	HMO License Fees	-17,800	-71,800	Officer Delegation	
	Health and Housing	Homelessness	General Fees & Charges	-14,300	-14,700	Officer Delegation	
	Regeneration & Policy	Building Regulations	Application & Enquiry Fees	-118,100	-207,800	Officer Delegation	To be reviewed in order to recover current deficit
	Property Services	Commercial Land & Buildings	Service Charges Recovered	-266,700	-266,900	Officer Delegation	Fixed by the terms of the individual leases
	Property Services	Morecambe Market	Service Charges Recovered	-14,500	-14,500	Cabinet	Income down 9% in current year

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These charges seek to maximise revenue or minimise a loss and are based on a commercial rate. Some will have been increased by inflation and some are tied in with the terms of individual lease agreements. Where the charges are not tied in with a formal agreement there is discretion to increase fee by more than inflation but this must be weighed against the impact it may have on demand.

Full Commercial	Community Engagement	Parks, Open Spaces & Rec Grounds	Rents, Service Charges, Fees and Charges	-65,000	-58,900	Cabinet	
	Community Engagement	Promenade Management	Rents & Passes	-42,900	-29,300	Officer Delegation	
	Community Engagement	Platform	Admission Fees	-93,200	-95,600	Cabinet	Income in line with original projections
	Community Engagement	Platform	Bar & Cafe	-41,500	-42,600	Cabinet	Income in line with original projections
	Community Engagement	Platform	Premises Hire	-62,000	-63,600	Cabinet	Income in line with original projections
	Environmental Services	Nurseries	General Fees & Charges	-182,600	-187,400	Officer Delegated	
	Environmental Services	Street Cleaning	General Fees & Charges, Fines	-31,100	-31,900	Officer Delegated	
	Environmental Services	Trade Refuse	Trade Refuse Collections	-947,800	-1,163,300	Officer Delegated	Review of service following increased landfill costs
	Environmental Services	White Lund Depot	Rents - General	-13,800	-14,200	Officer Delegated	
	Property Services	Commercial Land & Buildings	Hire Of Premises	-4,000	-4,100	Officer Delegation	
	Property Services	Commercial Land & Buildings	Rents - General	-703,200	-708,600	Officer Delegation	Fixed by the terms of the individual leases
	Property Services	Morecambe Market	Storage	-13,400	-13,400	Cabinet	
	Property Services	Morecambe Market	Rents - Market Stalls	-313,700	-313,700	Cabinet	Income down 9% in current year
	Property Services	Assembly Rooms Market	Rents - Market Stalls	-23,600	-23,600	Cabinet	
	Property Services	Church Street Market	Market Tolls	-63,900	-63,900	Cabinet	Income in line with original projections
	Property Services	Municipal Buildings	Hire Of Premises	-35,000	-35,900	Cabinet	Income up 21% in current year
	Property Services	Municipal Buildings	Rents - General	-100,700	-101,000	Cabinet	Fixed by the terms of the individual leases
	Property Services	Off Street Car Parks	Rents - General	-32,300	-32,300	Officer Delegation	
Property Services	Other Land & Buildings	Rents & Service Charges	-3,900	-3,900	Officer Delegation	Fixed by the terms of the individual leases	

These fee earning areas are based on full commercial charges but with discounted concessions being given in certain circumstances.

Full Commercial with Discounts	Environmental Services	Bulky Waste Collection	Domestic Collections & Sales	-92,700	-95,100	Officer Delegated	
	Property Services	Lancaster Market	Service Charges Recovered	-97,800	-92,300	Cabinet	Future of market determined at Council 16 Nov
	Property Services	Lancaster Market	Rents - Market Stalls	-133,200	-122,600	Cabinet	Future of market determined at Council 16 Nov

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<p>Fees in these areas seek to maximise income as far as possible, whilst meeting other policy objectives. At present, they have been increased by inflation and adjusted to reflect changes in demand. Whilst fees can be increased by more than inflation this must be weighed against the impact it may have on demand.</p>							
Fair Charging	Health and Housing	Cemeteries	Fees, Charges & Sales	-246,600	-251,900	Cabinet	Income in line with original projections
	Health and Housing	Pest Control	Insect, Pest & Rodent Control Charges	-104,800	-106,100	Cabinet	Income in line with original projections
	Health and Housing	Private Housing	Administration Charges	-72,200	-69,700	Officer Delegation	
	Property Services	Off Street Car Parks	Car Parking Fees	-2,073,500	-2,127,400	Cabinet	Income down 4.5% due to reduced demand
	Property Services	Off Street Car Parks	Car Parking Permits	-161,500	-165,700	Cabinet	Income down 33% due to reduced demand
	Property Services	Residents On-Street Parking	Car Parking Contracts	-52,000	-60,000	Officer Delegation	
<p>Each area of income has been increased for inflation and also adjusted to reflect levels in demand. Whilst fees can be increased by more than inflation this must be weighed against the impact it may have on demand. These areas are classed as subsidised as they do not recover the cost of the service provision and are intended to make the service widely accessible.</p>							
Subsidised	Community Engagement	Williamson Park	Sales, Fees and Charges	-367,700	-360,700	Cabinet	Income up 7% this year but net cost up 20%
	Community Engagement	Salt Ayre Sports Centre	Fees and Charges	-928,100	-957,400	Cabinet	Income down 5% in current year
	Community Engagement	Community Pools	Fees and Charges	-338,500	-340,000	Cabinet	Income up 2% in current year
	Environmental Services	Public Conveniences	General Fees & Charges	-18,200	-18,700	Officer Delegated	
<p>Nominal fee charges have been increased for inflation and also adjusted to reflect levels in demand. Whilst fees can be increased by more than inflation this must be weighed against the impact it may have on demand. These fees are classed as nominal as they are for services that the Council wishes to be fully available but sets a charge to discourage frivolous usage.</p>							
Nominal	Community Engagement	Playschemes	Admission Fees	-9,800	-7,700	Officer Delegation	
	Community Engagement	Holiday Activities Programme	Admission Fees	-9,300	-9,500	Officer Delegation	
	Various Services	Various minor activities	Fees & Charges	-58,400	-65,200		
		Various minor activities	Sales	-15,200	-15,900		
TOTAL				-9,794,300	-10,269,300		