

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY**

Paul Carter

Leader and Cabinet Member for Traded Services and Health Reform

**DECISION NO:**

17/00123

For publication

**Key decision\***

Yes –

**Subject: To approve fees and charges for discretionary planning and environmental advice and the principles for establishing fees and charges.**

**Decision:**

As Leader and Cabinet Member for Traded Services and Health Reform, I agree to:

- publish revised fees and charges for discretionary planning and environmental advice and DCO activity; and
- delegate authority to the Director of Environment, Planning and Enforcement to review and publish revised fees and charges subject to the application of a number of key principles as set out in paragraph 3.4.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

The Council currently provides professional and technical advice across a range of disciplines that support the planning process. Over recent years, with the rise of constraints on local authority budgets, councils at both county and district level have had to consider how they recover costs from providing such advice in order to ensure that they can continue to provide such advice on a sustainable basis.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The proposal was discussed and endorsed by Members of the Environment and Cabinet Committee on 30 November 2017.

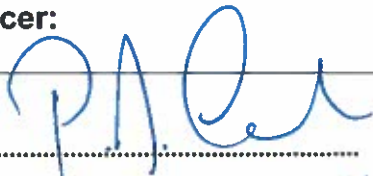
**Any alternatives considered:**

The legal authority to set a charge for discretionary services is provided for in the Local Government Act 2003. The Act allows authorities to set the level of the charge for each discretionary service as they think fit within the restriction, and that the income from charges for each kind of service must not exceed the costs of its provision (i.e. cost recovery).

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**

None

.....  
signed



.....  
date

11 / 01 / 18

Name:

