

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment

DECISION NO:

14/00006

For publication**Subject:**

Fees & Charges for Highways & Transportation 2014/15

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment, I agree to the proposed adjustment of existing fees and charges, and the introduction of a charge for pre-application advice, commencing April 2014.

Reason(s) for decision:

KCC recovers its reasonable costs supplying certain services; this prevents the Authority subsidising external organisations who then re-charge clients.

Service fees & charges are reviewed annually, they were held for three years during the economic downturn. In June 2012 a small increase was approved, this was effective for 18 months.

Officers have undertaken a review of charges to determine whether;

- costs are being recovered
- how they compare with fees charged by other Highway Authorities
- services are charged by other Authorities but not by KCC

The effective date for agreed changes to fees and charges is April 2014; it is proposed to increase fees in line with the 2013 retail price index of 3%, unless fees are not covering reasonable costs. To retain fees and charges at current levels will result in respective services being subsidised to the detriment of core frontline operations.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**Any alternatives considered:**

The only alternative is to hold fees at the detriment of frontline service.

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

.....
signed

.....
date

