

THE BUILDING (LOCAL AUTHORITY CHARGES) REGULATIONS 1998
COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL SCHEME OF CHARGES 2006/07

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Summary: To consider amending Copeland Borough Council Scheme of Charges under the Building Regulations 1998 in accordance with the Local Government Association Model Scheme of Charges.

<p>Recommendation: That Copeland Borough Council Scheme of Charges under the Building Regulations 1998 be amended in accordance with the Local Government Association Model Scheme of Charges.</p>

Impact on Delivering the Corporate Plan: Providing an effective Building Control service and assist in the provision and maintenance

Impact on other Statutory Objectives (e.g. crime & Disorder, LA21): None

Financial and Human Resources Implications: The Scheme will ensure the recovery of the Council's proper costs involved in the provision of the building regulation service. The proposed average price increase is 3%. The effect will increase income by an estimated £6,600 per annum. For 2006/07 budget the increased income is estimated at £4,400 based on an August implementation.

Project and Risk Management: None

Key Decision Status

- Financial	N/A
- Ward	N/A

Other Ward Implications: None

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 1998, which came in force on April 1999 authorises local authorities to recover their proper costs, involved in the provision of the Building Regulatory service, by means of the adoption of a Scheme of Charges governed by the principles within the regulations. 1
- 1.2. The Local Government Association (LGA) produced a Model Scheme with a strong recommendation that member authorities fix their charges within 10% above or below the levels advised. The LGA provides advice on reviewing the Scheme on an annual basis.
- 1.3. Consultation with fellow authorities at both County and Regional level confirmed that, in accordance with the principles it would be beneficial to our customers to adopt the Model Scheme. The Model Scheme was subsequently adopted as the basis for the CBC Charges Scheme, which came into force on 1 April 1999 and also for all subsequent revisions.
- 1.4. Income is constantly monitored and compared to the cost of the service. To date the levels of charges have achieved full cost recovery.

2. REVISIONS TO THE SCHEME

- 2.1. The proposed changes are designed to follow the established principles of the Model Scheme that the charges reflect the workload involved for each type of application. They have been produced in consultation with colleagues within the County Association and fall within the parameters laid down in the Model Scheme.
- 2.2.1. Schedule 3

The adjustment of existing or the introduction of additional standard charges for applications relating to:

- Un-vented hot water systems installed by a Certified Body.
- Replacement ~Waste Treatment Installations for more than 1 dwelling.
- Where electrical work is to be carried out to a dwelling and the work is under the control of the Council the addition of sockets/lights.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1. The Council is required to produce and formally adopt a Scheme of Charges and the guidance given by the LGA Model Scheme has demonstrated a level of charging which has resulted in a recovery of our proper costs.
- 3.2. Adoption of the new scheme will continue to achieve cost recovery and provide a fair reflection of the level of service given to the applicants.

List of Appendices

Appendix A

C.B.C. proposed Scheme of Charges 2006/7.

Background Documents:

Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 1998.

Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 1998 – LGA Model Scheme.

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