

THE BUILDING (LOCAL AUTHORITY CHARGES) REGULATIONS 1998
COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL SCHEME OF CHARGES 2007/08

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Recommendation: That Copeland Borough Council Scheme of Charges under the Building Regulations 1998 is amended in accordance with the Local Government Association Model Scheme of Charges.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 1998, which came into force on 1 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.
- 1.2. 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

- 2.2. The proposed changes have been increased by 3% overall.

2.2.1. Schedule 3

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

- installation of oil/LPG installation charges have doubled plus 3% to cover out costs of engaging an engineer.

2.3 A copy of the proposed Scheme of Charges will be circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

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.

4. Financial and Human Resources Implications (Including Sources of Finance)

4.1 The Scheme will ensure the recovery of the Council's proper costs involved in the provision of the building regulations service.

5. Project & Risk Management

5.1 None

6. Impact on Copeland Plan

6.1 Providing an effective Building Control service and assist in the provision and Maintenance

List of Appendices

Appendix A - C.B.C. proposed Scheme of Charges 2007/8.

List of Background Documents:

Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 1998.

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

List of Consultees:

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CHECKLIST FOR DEALING WITH KEY ISSUES

Impact on Crime and Disorder	NO
Impact on Sustainability	NO
Impact on Rural Proofing	NO
Health and Safety Implications	NO
Project and Risk Management	NO
Impact on Equality and Diversity Issues	NO
Children and Young Persons Implications	NO
Human Rights Act Implications	NO