

FEES & CHARGES SCHEDULE AND CHARGING DIRECTORIES FROM 2020/21 ONWARDS

Committee: Planning & Licensin
Service Area: Land charges

Objectives/rationale of the fee/charge (e.g. Full cost recovery)

The primary objective of the charge is cost recovery. The level of charge also helps maintain the high level of service provision for the Borough.

Proposed change in fee/charge from previous year (%)

The increase proposed is more than the 2% corporate increase regarding fees & charges. Land charges have not increased our fees for over 5 years, ECC pass on costs to brentwood for queries that they answer. ECC costs have risen annually and these have not been reflected in Brentwood's charges. The department has increased by one FTE and there is potential to install a new system to streamline services, therefore the increase in the Fees & Charges reflect the additional costs in the service.

Justification for revised charge (compared to previous year)

Increase reflects the increase to costs for supplying the service through staff and the increased fee Essex charge.

What benchmarking has been undertaken to inform level of fee/charge (when and frequency)?

Fees have been benchmarked against the following local authorities Barking, Castlepoint, Thurrock, Southend, Epping, Maldon, Uttlesford, Basildon (Also 7 more within South East). The proposed Fees and charges are deemed average within the benchmarking exercise

If significant change in charge, what consultation was undertaken with the general public?

We do not believe the change is significant enough to warrant consultation. However if agreed will update those effected well in advance of 1st April.

Expected budgeted income

£135,000 New fees expected to generate £30k for service.

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DESCRIPTION OF CHARGE	VAT	FEE	CHARGES April 2019-March 2020		CHARGES April 2020-March 2021	
			Excl VAT	Inc VAT	Excl VAT	Inc VAT

SERVICE AREA: Land Charges

CHARGING AREA: Land charges

A Brentwood resident is anyone currently living in the Borough or someone who spent 75% of their life in the Borough.

LLC1 Only	£20	£20	£20	£20
Con29 Only	£82.29	£98.75	£100	£120
Con29 including LLC1	102.29	118.75	£130	£140
Con29 'O' optional enquiries, except Q.22	11.75	14.10	£12.50	£15
Con29 'O' optional enquiries, Q.22 only	14.00	16.80	£14.00	£16.80
Any other additional enquiries	28.75	28.75	£30	£30
Additonal parcels of land	35.80	42.96	£35.80	£42.96
Personal Searches - Self Service	Free	Free	Free	Free
New Assisted Personal Search - Upon application with the Thurrock Council Land Charges Department	POA	POA	poa	POA