

## FEES & CHARGES SCHEDULE AND CHARGING DIRECTORIES FROM 2022/23 ONWARDS

**Committee:**  
**Service Area:**

### 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 (%)

132.5

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The increase proposed is 1.9% in line with the council's corporate increase regarding fees & charges. This is based on the forecast CPI inflation increase for 22/23

### Justification for revised charge (compared to previous year)

391

36.5

127.5

Increase reflects the increase to costs for supplying the service, Benchmarking has been undertaken and our costs for 2021/22 are similar to our neighbouring authority.

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

Fees have been benchmarked against the Basildon Council, attempts have been made to contact Thurrock & Chelmsford, with no success. The proposed Fees and charges are deemed average within the benchmarking exercise, all costs apart from the LPE1 charge are on par with Basildon. Our LPE1 cost is higher than Basildon but this may be comparable with the market value of our properties due to the borough's higher desirability.

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

None required, proposed increase inline with Council's corporate increase.

### Expected budgeted income

Minimal