

FEES AND CHARGES - 2016-17 Estimates

Environmental Health

Activity	Policy	Proposal
Licensing	The fee will be set locally on cost recovery for the service with the exception of the statutory set fees which are set by central government. The authority will have a duty to have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State which outlines the issues that should be considered by them when setting the fee and what activities the fee can and cannot be covered within the fee setting process.	Fees set to cover costs on fee recovery or are set by legislation
Food Safety/ Health and Safety Training	SHDC has the responsibility of educating the community on food, health & safety matters. Fees set to cover costs and take into account course demand and competitors fees	Fees set to cover costs.
Pollution Control	Statutory fees are set not to make a profit, but to ensure businesses are operating legally	Charges in line with policy
Food Safety	Discretionary fees to cover costs. Voluntary surrender and export fees are statutory. Statutory fees are set not to make a profit, but to ensure businesses are operating legally	Charges in line with policy
Scrap Metal	As per the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013. The fee will be set locally by each local authority on a cost recovery basis, but local authorities will have a duty to have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State which outlines the issues that should be considered by them when setting the fee and what activities the fee can cover	Charges in line with policy
Street Traders	Roadside trading consent	Fees set to cover costs on fee recovery or in line with legislation. Charges for new traders, renewals and ice cream traders in line with policy
Micro Chipping	Discretionary fee set to cover costs and encourage users of the new service	Charges in line with policy.

Environmental Services

Activity	Policy	Proposal
Cemetery Fees (Spalding Special Expenses)	Fees are reviewed annually and set by the Council, taking into account the sensitive nature of this service	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.
Allotments (Spalding Special Expenses)	Charges to be in line with those charged in the neighbouring area	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.
Provision of Markets	Fees to be in-line with those charged in the neighbouring area	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.
Car Parking Charges	Service to breakeven over a 4 year period and make a contribution to the Replacement and Refurbishment Reserve	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.
Bus Departure Charges	Charges to bus operators only	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.
Excess Charges	Fees to be set as a deterrent	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.
Garden Waste Sacks	Maximise income without encouraging fly tipping	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.
Bulky Waste	Maximise income without encouraging fly tipping	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.
Charges for street scene fines	Charges for fines listed for each offence	Set to cover costs. Includes dropping of litter
Garden Waste	One year pilot agreed during 2015-16 Set to cover costs and make a small surplus to be reinvested in the project	Fees agreed as per the cabinet report. An annual charge of £49 for 24 collections and a one off charge initially offered at £15 (for delivery, repairs, loan of bin, newsletters and offers)

Community Development

Activity	Policy	Proposal
Ayscoughfee Gardens (Tennis, Putting and Bowls) (Spalding Special Expenses)	To increase charges in line with inflation and review annually	Fees and charges will be increased by between 4% and 9% for 2016-17.
Ayscoughfee Hall Museum	To cover costs and match competitor prices	Existing fees assessed and revised where appropriate. New public events to be booked on 'price on application' basis.
South Holland Centre	To meet income targets whilst enabling maximum community use of the Centre.	Increase in cinema charges (2D Family Ticket) by 5%. Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.
Halley Stewart Playing Field (Spalding Special Expenses)	To increase charges in line with inflation and review annually	Increased proposed in respect of SUFC.
Castle Field	To increase charges in line with inflation and review annually	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.
Monks House Playing Field (Spalding Special Expenses)	To increase charges in line with inflation and review annually	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.
Castle Sports Complex and Swimming Pool	Review annually with contractor	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.

Assets and Property

Activity	Policy	Proposal
Industrial Units	A phased approach to increasing fees and charges was approved, in two lots of 3 years, spreading over 6 years in total	No change for 2016-17. In line with market conditions

Planning and Building Control

Activity	Policy	Proposal
Land Charges	Charge in line with competitors	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.
Building Control	Charge based on hourly rate to reflect the actual cost of each project.	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.
High Hedges	Charge set by Council	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.
Building Control Consultancy	These are set by Council, at a cost per project as per the new fee regulations which are based on hourly rates, as per CIPFA guidance. Charges based on amount per m2, in line with the market rate activity	Activity & Budgets to be subject to a service specific review in 2016-17.

Housing

Activity	Policy	Proposal
General Fund Housing Rents	National Rent policy due to be mandatory in 2016/17 under the Welfare Reform & Work Act.	Change in rents in line with National rent policy as applicable to the Housing Revenue Account.