

FEES AND CHARGES PROPOSALS 2018-19

APPENDIX C

Type of Charge	Comment	Detail of Revised / New Fee or Charge
SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING DIRECTORATE		
Adult Social Care	<p>Whilst charges are adjusted annually in light of the anticipated year's costs of providing services, it is a requirement that the charges reflect the actual costs of delivering services. It is therefore not possible to increase costs simply on the basis of an inflationary amount. Irrespective of the calculated charges for services, the amount an individual pays for any services is based on a financial means test, and for non-residential services is capped in line with the Fairer Charges (Wales) regulations. Welsh Government currently imposes a cap of £70 irrespective of the total cost of all services provided to an individual. Potentially this cap may increase in 2018/19.</p>	TBA
COMMUNITIES DIRECTORATE		
Copying or printing of planning application documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A4 plans – £1 per sheet · A3 plans - £2 per sheet · A2 plans - £4 per sheet · A1 plans - £10 per sheet · A0 plans - £20 per sheet 	New Charges
Building Regulation Fees	<p>Building Regulation fees are set locally and have not increased since a 3% increase in 2014. At that time it was proposed to review the fees in 2017 with a view to a further increase. The decision to increase fees in 2017 was delayed as various other collaboration initiatives were being investigated with neighbouring authorities.</p> <p>It is proposed to introduce a 5% increase to charges across the board to take into account inflation increases and changes to the service provision. The increase will result in projected £12,000 additional revenue, which will be used to provide funding towards the Building Control Apprentice post introduced in August 2017.</p> <p>The increase is not out of step with other local authorities both in the region and Wales wide. The majority of Building Regulation income comes from domestic work and the 5% increase will result, in average, around a £27 increase in fees for a householder project.</p> <p>The Building Control service differs from other services such as Planning in that it is in open competition with private companies that offer an “approved inspector” service. The service must remain competitive. Currently Local Authority Building Control (LABC) in Wales has around 77% of the market share and this has remained stable since 2014. Whilst the general loss of market share to the private sector is a risk it must be balanced against the cost of providing a comprehensive service and any additional income will contribute towards a trainee post, which will provide future resilience to the service.</p>	5% increase to all Building Regulation Fees.