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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER DECISION – STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP, CULTURE,  
TOURISM AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Report of the Executive Director - Place**

**Place Fees and Charges Review 2022-23**

**1. Divisions Affected**

1.1 County-wide.

**2. Key Decision**

2.1 This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or savings which are significant having regard to the budget for the service or function concerned (this is currently defined as £500,000.)

**3. Purpose**

3.1 To seek approval of the revised fees and charges for the Place Department for 2022-23.

**4. Information and Analysis**

4.1 Place Department reviews its fees and charges annually. Due to COVID and the impact that this had on the economy, these have not been reviewed since 2019.

4.2 A full review of all fees and charges has now been carried out by each department to ensure the Council is recovering all applicable costs.

4.3 A full list of all proposed fees and charges for 2022-23 are included in Appendix 2.

## **5. Consultation**

- 5.1 Proposed changes to the existing car parking charges must be introduced and then enforced by the Council via a new Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). However, the TRO must be completed once the proposed changes have been advertised publicly for a 21-day period. During this time, comments and objections to the proposals can be made and will be considered by the Council.

## **6. Alternative Options Considered**

- 6.1 The Council could continue to leave its fees and charges at the current 2019 level, however, due to inflationary increases and budget pressures, sections would find it difficult to continue to provide non-statutory services.

## **7. Implications**

- 7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

## **8. Background Papers**

- 8.1 None identified.

## **9. Appendices**

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Implications
- 9.2 Appendix 2 – List of Proposed Fees and Charges.
- 9.3 Appendix 3 – Equality Impact Assessment.

## **10. Recommendation**

That the Cabinet Member:

- a) Approves the Fees and Charges for 2022-23 for the Place Department attached to this report at Appendix 2.

## **11. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 11.1 To ensure that the Council is recovering all costs in relation to services that it provides.

## **12. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?**

- 12.1 Yes, it is necessary to waive the call-in period as the decision is urgent and any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interest. Councillor Bull, Chair of Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places has approved the waiver of the call-in period and agreed both the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and that it should be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

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## **Implications**

### **Financial**

- 1.1 Fees and charges have been reviewed and checked to ensure that service areas are securing full cost recovery in accordance with the Council's Corporate Charging Policy.
- 1.2 Income targets have been set for Countryside Services to assist the department in meeting its savings targets. These have been set on the basis of these revised fees and charges. Failure to increase these would mean that this income target could not be met.

### **Legal**

- 2.1 None associated with this report.

### **Human Resources**

- 3.1 None.

### **Information Technology**

- 4.1 None.

### **Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and attached at Appendix 3.

### **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 6.1 The Council is faced with severe financial pressures as funding from more established sources fails to meet the cost of delivering services. As a consequence, maximising alternative sources of income is crucial if Council Tax is to remain at an acceptable level and service reductions are to be minimised.

### **Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)**

- 7.1 None.