

APPENDIX H

FEES AND CHARGES - Proposals 2013-14

Environmental Health

Activity	Policy	Proposal
Licensing	In general RPI + 1%, but with exceptions. Policy set by Licensing Committee	No change to fees
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	No changes to fees proposed.
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

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	Fees increased by 5% for 2012-13. No change for 2013-14.
Allotments (Spalding Special Expenses)	Charges to be in line with those charged in the neighbouring area	No change from 2012-13 to 2013-14.
Provision of Markets	Fees to be in-line with those charged in the neighbouring area	No change from 2012-13 to 2013-14.
Car Parking Charges	Service to breakeven over a 4 year period and make a	No change from 2012-13 to 2013-14.

	contribution to the Replacement and Refurbishment Reserve	
Bus Departure Charges	Charges to bus operators only	Fee levels have been increased from 17p to 24p per departure.
Excess Charges	Fees to be set as a deterrent	No change to fees proposed, in line with car park charges.
Garden Waste Sacks	Maximise income without encouraging fly tipping	No change to fees.
Bulky Waste	Maximise income without encouraging fly tipping	Increased from £15 to £25 for up to 3 items
Charges for street scene fines	Charges for fines listed for each offence	Set to cover costs. Includes dropping of litter

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 5% for 2013-14.
Ayscoughfee Hall Museum	To cover costs and match competitor prices	No change to fees for 2013-14.
South Holland Centre	5% reduction in annual deficit (excluding capital charges and support services)	It is proposed most ticket prices stay the same for 2013-14, after benchmarking with nearest competitors. New day delegate and package rates applicable for 2013-14.
Halley Stewart Playing Field (Spalding Special Expenses)	To increase charges in line with inflation and review annually	Fees and charges will be increased by 10% for 2013-14.
Castle Field	To increase charges in line with inflation and review annually	Fees and charges were increased for 2012-13 by 3.5%, in line with the other pitch charge increases. No change for 2013-14.
Monks House Playing Field (Spalding Special Expenses)	To increase charges in line with inflation and review annually	Fees and charges were for increased in 2012-13 by 3.5%, in line with the other pitch charge increases. No change for 2013-14.
Castle Sports Complex and Swimming Pool	Review annually with contractor	Fees and charges have been reviewed per activity, by the contractor. They propose the majority are increased between 2% and 4%

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 2013-14. In line with market competitors

Planning and Building Control

Activity	Policy	Proposal
Land Charges	Charge in line with competitors	No change to fees and charges
Building Control	Charge based on hourly rate to reflect the actual cost of each project.	Charges based on hourly rate, to cover costs incurred by the Council.
High Hedges	Charge set by ourselves	Proposal to maintain our charge to encourage submissions.
Building Control Consultancy	These are set by us, 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	Fees are set by SHDC. Service to maintain charges based on a market rate.

Housing

Activity	Policy	Proposal
General Fund Housing Rents		Increase in rents in line with Government Guidelines