

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES  
CABINET MEMBER**

**FEES & CHARGES 2010/11**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval for an increase in the charge levied by the council for Trading Standards officers examining, testing, certifying, stamping or reporting on special weighing or measuring equipment.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Fees and charges report for 2010/11 was considered and approved by the Cabinet Member on 26 March 2010.
- 2.2 The schedule of fees and charges previously approved by the Cabinet Member did not include an increase for this item.
- 2.3 The charge for this service is currently £67.57 per hour plus vat, a total of £79.39 per hour. The last increase was applied on 1 April 2009.
- 2.3 In line with other charges levied by the council this charge should have increased to £69.26 per hour plus vat, a total of £81.37 on 1 April 2010.

**3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 To increase the fee for this service to £69.26 per hour plus vat.
- 3.2 To leave the fee for this service unchanged at £67.57 per hour plus vat.

**4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 Option 3.1 brings all the fees and charges in line with the assumptions made that underpin the council's budget set on 24th February 2010.
- 4.2 Option 3.2 would create a small budget pressure of less than £1,000.

**5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

- 5.1 Finance – Fees and charges are set at levels that maximise income against budgetary targets whilst maintaining accessibility, service provision and competitiveness.
- 5.2 There are no other resource implications.

## **6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 – CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)**

6.1 There are no other implications from this report.

## **7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

7.1 Consultation has taken place with service users where appropriate and the charges reflect the feedback received.

7.2 The council's Corporate Charging Policy has been taken into account in assessing the appropriate level of recommended charge.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That the fee for this service is increased to £69.26 per hour plus vat.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:** Budget monitoring reports