



# Ryedale District Council

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**REPORT TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES & LICENSING COMMITTEE  
**DATE:** 29 November 2007  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** John Patten Interim Chief Financial Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Fees and Charges 2008/9 Summary  
**WARDS AFFECTED:** All

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## 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To set the non-statutory fees and charges operative from 1 April 2008.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Agree the recommendations for charges increases and policy changes detailed in the report section 6.0.

## 3.0 REASONS SUPPORTING DECISION

Budget Strategy requiring income to be maximised wherever possible.

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

This report summarises the proposed increases to Council fees and charges relating to this committee. The full details of individual charges have been circulated separately to Members.

## 5.0 POLICY CONTEXT

Policy constraints set in the budget strategy agreed by Council.

## 6.0 REPORT

The changes to various fees and charges are recommended as follows. In all cases the maximum increase has been recommended taking into account competition or other market forces;

Lifeline (Annex 1)  
5% increase. No policy change  
Increased income £3,980 total income £183,140.

Pest Control and Licensing (Annex 2)  
5% increase and £20 flat charge to those persons on benefit. Policy change relates to persons on benefit where no charge is made currently.  
Increased income £1,920 total income £30,810.

Septic Tanks (Annex 3)  
5% increase in non-domestic charges. Policy change on domestic emptying, increase to recover the direct costs of the service and still remain competitive. Income level in total to remain the same to show expected level of activity for this service.

Taxi Licensing (Annex 3)  
15% increase in line with policy to make the service break even by 2009/10.  
Increased income £6,580 total income £36,730.

Refuse Collection Charges (Annex 4)  
5% increase in the Council's charges for hire and collection. 30% increase in disposal charges due to NYCC increase in disposal and a move to charging for actual weight. Overall increase to customers between 10 % to 18%.  
Increased income £18,260 total income £383,420.

Car Parking (Annex 5)  
No real increase in short term rates for three years and recommended to remain the same, increases to long stay rates and permits. No policy changes.  
Increased income £41,620 total income £895,520.

## **7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Detailed in the various reports and summarised above. The total budgeted increase in income to the Council for 2008/09 is £72,360. This income is essential to meet the budget strategy targets.

## **8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT**

The above fees and charges have been increased, taking into account both the Council's Budget Strategy for 2008/09 and external competitors where appropriate. This should ensure the Council increases income but does not reduce its customer base.

## **9.0 CONCLUSIONS**

The non-statutory fees and charges have been reviewed in conjunction with the Council's Budget Strategy for 2008/09. Charges have been set at a rate to increase income for 2008/09 budget. It is recommended that these be approved with effect from 1 April 2008

**Background Papers:** Working papers and reports relating to the individual fees and charges

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**CORPORATE POLICY APPRAISAL FORM** *(One for each Option)*

**Annex A**

Policy Context	Impact Assessment	Impact +ve -ve Neutral
Community Plan Themes <i>(Identify any/all that apply)</i>		
Corporate Objectives/Priorities <i>(Identify any/all that apply)</i>		
Service Priorities		
Financial		
Legal Implications		
Procurement Policies		
Asset Management Policies		
LA21 & Environment Charter		
Community Safety		
Equalities		
E-Government		
Risk Assessment		
Estimated Timescale for achievement		