



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DATE: 6 December 2007
REPORTING OFFICER: John Patten Interim Chief Financial Officer
SUBJECT: Fees and Charges 2008/9 Summary
WARDS AFFECTED: All

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;

Land Charges (Annex 1)
2% increase. plus third party fee. No policy change
Increased income £2,390 total income £121,880.

Room Hire Charges for Meeting Rooms at Ryedale House (Annex 2)
5% increase.No Policy change.
Increased income £80 total income £1,940.

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 £2,470. 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		