



PART B:	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL
REPORT TO:	POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DATE:	30 SEPTEMBER 2010
REPORT OF THE:	HEAD OF PLANNING GARY HOUSDEN
TITLE OF REPORT:	CHARGING FOR STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report proposes that the Council charges for the street naming and numbering service with effect from 1 January 2011 and sets fees and charges for the remainder of this financial year and 2011/2012.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Council is recommended to approve the fees and charges as set out in attached sheet, Annex A for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 March 2012.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Officers have reviewed potential areas for further income generation to assist in the preparation of the Council's budget. Other authorities already charge for this service and those districts within North Yorkshire not presently charging are planning to do so for 2011/2012.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 4.1 There are no significant risks in considering this report.

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5.0 BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 5.1 The Council currently provides the service for street naming of new properties and developments plus re-naming of a property without charge.

- 5.2 Hambleton District Council charged for this service in 2009/2010. Officers, in planning for the 2011/2012 budget, have considered areas for additional income.

Charging for Street Naming and numbering service has been highlighted as a potential area.

6.0 POLICY CONTEXT

6.1 Council policy is that this service is not charged for at present, the proposals are therefore a change to existing policy.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation with the other North Yorkshire districts has taken place in considering the fee levels for 2011/2012.

8.0 REPORT DETAILS

8.1 Street Naming and Numbering is a statutory duty delivered through the Development Management Unit at the Council. To date, the service has been provided free of charge by the Council.

8.2 The charges for numbering and provision of road names (for larger developments) would be met by the relevant developer. In the scale of development such charges are an incidental cost which it is envisaged will not impact on developments being brought forward.

8.3 The charging for re-naming of existing properties will be primarily to individual property owners. It is a voluntary decision of the owners to request a property name change. Individual property owners in many cases presently are surprised when a charge for the re-naming is not made.

8.4 Annex A to this report sets out the proposed charges for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 March 2012. The setting of charges would then be considered in future years as part of the budget strategy process. The proposed charges are based on the Hambleton District Council charge for 2010/2011 with some indexation. Discussions have taken place with all North Yorkshire Districts with a view to standardising the charges across the County at the levels proposed in Annex A. Officer agreement in principle has been given to this concept, however the charges will be set individually by the relevant Authorities members taking into account their own budget requirements.

8.5 Based on the charges in Annex A the full year financial benefit to the Authority is estimated between £20k - £30k. There will clearly be some additional benefit in the current financial year. The final income budget for 2011/2012 financial year will be set as part of the 2011/2012 budget preparations. There are no material additional costs from charging for this service.

9.0 IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The following implications have been identified:

a) Financial

The proposals will provide unbudgeted income in 2010/2011 and assist in setting the 2011/2012 budget.

b) Legal

There are no legal implications regarding this report.

c) Other

There are no other implications from the proposals within this report.

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Background Papers:

None.

Background Papers are available for inspection at:

None.