

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE****7TH JANUARY 2011****Increase in Fees and Charges for Licensing the Council's Regulatory Service Function for 2011/2012**

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APPENDICES:	Appendix 1 – Income Service Options

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the proposed increases in the fees and charges in respect of the Council's Regulatory Service Function for 2011/2012.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND to Council:

- 2.1 **That the proposals for fees and charges within the Council's Licensing, Food and Health and Safety and Pollution Control functions for 2011/2012, as detailed in the report, be included in the 2011/2012 budget strategy.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council's current financial strategy in respect of fees and charges is to increase them in line with inflation or slightly above, with Heads of Service expected to maximise the potential for income generation. The target increase proposed for 2011/2012 is 2.5%.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 A review of licensing fees and charges, for the period 2011/2012, dictates a fee structure based on full recovery of costs.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is proposed that fees should be increased by 2.5 per cent rounded up, where appropriate (*see Appendix 1 attached*).

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The proposed increase is in line with current policy on fee income.

7. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

7.1 There are no risk management issues arising from this report.

8. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

8.1 There are no equality impact assessment issues arising from this report.

9. **CONCLUSION**

9.1 The fees and charges are non-profit making and Cost Centres will reflect the operation of the service.

10. **CONSULTEES**

10.1 Director of Resources.

10.2 Director of Legal and Corporate Services.

11. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1 None.