

FEES AND CHARGES REVIEW

Appendix Di

Process/Parameters

The Council annually reviews its fees and charges to customers in line with the Corporate Charging Policy (see link below).

https://www.havering.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/373/corporate_charging_policy.pdf

In setting the fees and charges the Council takes account of:

- Statutory and Nationally set fee rates
- Non-Statutory fee rates
- Current Inflation levels
- Full cost recovery where appropriate
- Current market conditions for an increase

Appendix D sets out the proposed fees and charges for 2024/2025 and the fees are denoted by the following basis of increases. In principle, the Council has applied changes to Fees & Charges with a view of recovering the cost of delivery the service.

Denoted by	Basis of Increase
(A)	Statutory/Nationally
(B)	To be agreed by Cabinet and/or subject to corporate savings plan
(C)	Inflationary and rounding increases
(D)	A local charging policy that deviates from the Corporate Charging Policy

Officers have applied the corporate charging policy of 6.1% where possible

Below is a summary of deviations from the recommended increase, including the increases in over and above the agreed RPI of 6.1%.

People	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music School have increased fees by 3.5% to remain competitive in the market• Traded services in Education and Catering have recommended a 3.5% increase to maintain competitive fees.
Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some fees have a maximum value set by central government. Where applicable, Havering charges the maximum chargeable amount• Trading standards have frozen some fees on the basis of the service fully recovering costs• Where the proposals are subject to a separate savings process

Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registrars have increased charges in excess of inflation based on comparable rates elsewhere.• Bereavement services have fixed rates at 23/24 prices in line with other service providers in the local area.• Libraries fees have largely been frozen following benchmarking across London.
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