

FEES AND CHARGES REVIEW

Appendix D1

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 D2 sets out the proposed fees and charges for 2026/2027 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 4.5% where possible

Below is a summary of deviations from the recommended increase, including the increases in over and above the agreed RPI of 4.5%.

People	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Care fees have been excluded from this process as they are subject to a separate annual fee review which is undertaken when providers issue their new rates. Modelling of the new rates has been reflected in the MTFS and provided for in the services demographics.
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.• Parking has not been inflated to support the key driver of increasing footfall in the borough.• Commercial income fee increases are excluded and will be the subject of individual rent and lease reviews

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Waste has been frozen at 2025/26 prices to retain the Councils customer base
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 25/26 prices in line with other service providers in the local area to maintain competitive prices. • Libraries fees have largely been frozen following benchmarking across London.