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Cabinet Agenda

Monday, 4 December 2023 at 6.00 pm

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Present: Councillors Barnett (Chair), Evans (Vice-Chair), Batsford, Cannan, Rogers, Roark.

In attendance: Jane Hartnell (Chief Executive), Kit Wheeler (Chief Finance Officer), Mary Kilner (Chief Legal Officer), Natasha Tewkesbury (Head of Community and Regulatory Services), Chris Hancock (Head of Housing). Councillors Beaney, Collins, Foster, Jobson, Patmore and Pragnell. In attendance remotely: Victoria Conheady (Deputy Chief Executive – Director of Place), Coral Harding (Continuous Improvement and Democratic Services Officer).

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Willis.

10. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None received.

11. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

<u>RESOLVED</u> – that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2023 be approved as a true record.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (30 MINUTES)

A question was asked regarding water contamination warning signs at Old Roar Gill.

Councillor Barnett replied that the Council had already placed signs where it feels it is able to, warning the public not to swim in the reservoirs and not to let dogs into the water. The Council is waiting for Environment Agency confirmation on the quality of the water at the Gill. In the meantime, there will be no change to the signage. Councillor Roark added that the park by-laws prohibit people and dogs from entering watercourses in the park.

A question was asked regarding the West Hill café, and whether this was part of the Hastings Castle project business case when it was approved. Councillor Barnett confirmed it was. The questioner asked if there will be any consultation with residents about opening the café as part of the project? Councillor Barnett replied that this will be considered.

A written question was received regarding independent water quality tests of the park watercourses. Councillor Roark replied that conversations with the Environment Agency and Southern Water are ongoing. Southern Water have committed to an ecological impact assessment. No testing has been undertaken to date by the Council,

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but that is not say that it won't occur. Councillor Barnett added that he had reminded the Environment Agency that the Council was waiting for them to confirm what best practice local testing would look like.

Councillor Barnett invited Councillors to ask questions about topics not on the agenda.

Councillor Collins asked for an update on the landslip at Marina, St Leonards. Councillor Barnett replied that officers had been looking at this over the weekend and it is their understanding that this is not Council land and therefore the Council has a limited duty.

Councillor Jobson asked Councillor Barnett if he had been in contact with local businesses about the recent town centre flooding. Councillor Barnett replied that he had spoken with the town centre managers every day since the flooding, and has encouraged them to come forward with the views of local businesses to inform the multi-agency response. Generous commitments have been made about the prioritisation of Hastings by many of the agencies involved.

13. HASTINGS TOWN DEAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

In a change to the published agenda this item was called for discussion first.

13.1 Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations

The Continuous Improvement and Democratic Services Officer presented a report on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Town Deal update recommendations.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 18th October 2023 to review the forthcoming Cabinet report Hastings Town Deal Programme Update. As a result of their discussions, they proposed additional recommendations that they believe will enhance ongoing projects and future schemes.

Councillor Patmore, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee welcomed the opportunity to scrutinise the report before consideration by Cabinet. The Committee's proposals generally relate to oversight of the Town Deal programme. A lot of Councillors and residents feel slightly distanced from the programme and the Committee felt the board needed to be more dynamic and make better use of local specialists.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

Cabinet accepts the Overview and Scrutiny Committee report and recommendations.

Reasons:

Overview and Scrutiny recognise the successes and positive impact of the Town Deal Programme has had and would like this to continue. These recommendations are made to enable more future successes.

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13.2 Hastings Town Deal Programme Update

The Deputy Chief Executive presented a report to provide an update on the Hastings Town Deal programme.

The Hastings Town Deal programme has now entered project implementation with all business cases formally approved by the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

The report highlights at paragraph 12 those projects which are now completed and operational. Some projects are having to reset, and the Council is working with those organisations. The Garden Town project is being led by East Sussex County Council in partnership with Hastings Garden Town team. Expressions of interest are being sought for the Hastings Castle project.

The report identifies the reallocation of funds from withdrawn or altered projects and those projects receiving uplifts in funding. The programme team will be incorporating the recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny, as set out in the report, with some already in place.

Councillor Evans proposed approval of the recommendations, seconded by Councillor Rogers.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

- 1. To continue to progress the implementation of all projects making necessary adjustments as may be required in consultation with the Town Deal Board and the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC).
- 2. The Town Deal Board management team to incorporate key recommendations arising from the review of the programme by the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 18th October 2023.

Reasons:

- 1. Through the investment provided by the Towns Fund Programme we will see the revival of Hastings Town Centre with investment in key heritage assets, buildings in the town centre, improvements in the public realm and creation of a 'garden town'. There will also be new 'environmental & green technology' business facilities with employment and training opportunities for local people.
- 2. The Towns Fund projects approved for implementation have all successfully developed full business cases, which have been independently assessed and approved by the Town Deal Investment Panel, the Section 151 Officer and ratified by the Town Deal Board. The Project Summary documents have all been approved by DLUHC.
- 3. All projects should be completed by end of March 2026.

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14. FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

The Chief Finance Officer presented a report to provide a summary of the forecast outturn position for services at the end of Quarter 2 (September 2023).

In February 2023, the Council agreed a revenue budget for 2023/24 with total expenditure of £17,754,575 funded by government grants, Council Tax, Business Rates, and contributions from reserves. Total expenditure is forecast to be £2,508,417 over budget at year end. This is an increase of £78,832 on the overspend reported at the end of period 5 (end of August). The factors leading to this change are detailed in the report.

Councillor Collins asked how 80% of budget savings can be achieved if 7 out of 9 departments show an overspend? The Chief Finance Officer replied that all departments with staff will show an overspend as the pay award was higher than anticipated.

Councillor Foster asked if the financial position has any impact on the Town Deal programme? The Chief Executive replied that the Council has been clear that capacity funding is also needed from government to cover the costs of managing further programmes. Match funding will be difficult unless it links to the Council's priority of reducing temporary accommodation costs.

Councillor Patmore asked if there was any update on when the Council's accounts would be audited, and what risks are associated with further delay to the audit process? The Chief Finance Officer replied that following a meeting with Grant Thornton they have suggested there will be an audit opinion on the 2020/21 accounts in December.

The Head of Housing confirmed that demand for temporary accommodation has been on a downward trend, but this is now stabilising rather than continuing to fall. This is mainly due to Section 21 evictions in the private rented sector and delays in the completion of housing developments in the Borough.

Councillor Barnett noted successes in the report, such as an additional £400,000 in commercial property income and additional income from investments.

Councillor Barnett proposed approval of the recommendations, seconded by Councillor Cannan.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

To note the contents of the report, and the actions within the conclusion and management action section.

Reasons:

To assist the Council in understanding the financial position and particularly areas of over and under spend. Early indications of emerging overspends can allow management action to be targeted to those areas.

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This monitoring assists in identifying areas for review in the production of the 2024/25 budget and the impact of the 2023/24 outturn on the reserves position.

15. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS)

The Chief Finance Officer presented a report outlining the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

Section 151 Officers across the country have asked government for a multi-year settlement. That hasn't been forthcoming so officers have to make a forecast as best they can. The current forecast is not positive, the Council has a large deficit to address which is forecast to continue.

Officers will be bringing forward savings, and management controls on spending have already been implemented. These will be in place until the end of the financial year and then reviewed.

Councillor Barnett proposed approval of the recommendations, seconded by Councillor Roark.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

- 1) Approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy.
- 2) The Council continues to take a proactive and robust approach to delaying or ceasing all Capital programme expenditure not deemed to be of a legal or statutory responsibility or can demonstrate a clear reduction of revenue expenditure.
- 3) The Council continues to evaluate the current asset portfolio and identify any suitable potential disposal options to generate additional Capital receipts to alleviate financial burdens around borrowing costs for the current Capital programme.
- 4) The Council reviews its new Council wide financial restrictions, (brought in from October 2023) for its effectiveness, financial results, and organisational impact.
- 5) Service cost areas are reduced in the current and future financial years, to provide the necessary savings to balance the budget, with a pre-Section 114 approach.
- 6) The Council continues to focus on reducing the temporary housing expenditure, with the requirement of producing a Housing and Homelessness strategy outlining how those costs are to be reduced before 2025/26.
- 7) The Council commits to implementing and co-ordinating its individual strategies to align with one single long term overall Corporate Plan. This

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includes Green Initiatives, Housing and Homelessness, Cultural Regeneration, IT, HR (including Equalities), Capital Financing and Asset Management.

8) Full Council to note the actions to address the Budget deficit and if no conclusive savings identified, that the issue of a Section 114 notice will take place in 2024/25.

Reasons:

Hastings Borough Council, like many other councils, is continuing to face some of the biggest financial challenges and pressures in recent years, possibly ever.

The ability to deliver key services to the most vulnerable is becoming increasingly hard to do. Static funding from Central Government, coupled with high cost of inflation on all services, rising homelessness and temporary accommodation costs, and tighter restrictions on how Councils can fund capital expenditure is providing a perfect storm.

Under the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Localism Act 2011, it is a statutory requirement that Councils set a balanced revenue budget.

A major overhaul of the funding mechanism for local authorities has continuously been postponed and when combined with a regular one-year spending reviews, continues to provide considerable uncertainty on funding in future years.

The Council needs to be able to match its available resources to its priorities across the medium term and to maintain sufficient reserves and capacity to deal with potentially large and unexpected events, in addition to fluctuations in income and expenditure levels.

We have seen in recent years what impact Covid-19 had on our ability to deliver services and the wider economy, so we must be prudent to guard against similar unexpected and impactful local and even global events outside of our control.

In a previous Medium Term Financial Strategy update report to Cabinet back in September 2022, and then reinforced as part of the Budget report agreed by Council in February 2023, it highlighted the need for the council to reduce its direct service expenditure, in particular, the escalating temporary accommodation costs for homelessness.

As outlined as part of the regular financial monitoring reports which include a MTFS update appendix, those same temporary housing costs, (as well as some unavoidable additional costs elsewhere) have worsened the financial position rather than improve it.

This has resulted in further additional savings needing to be identified in order to balance the budget in the current and future financial years and the Council has brought in additional financial restrictions across the organisation from October 2023.

16. INTERIM REVIEW OF POLLING PLACES AD POLLING DISTRICTS 2023

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The Head of Community and Regulatory Services presented a report outlining the findings and evaluation of the recent interim review of Polling Places and the (Acting) Returning Officer's subsequent recommendations.

The Council's last full review was completed and approved in October 2019. Due to the recent completion of the Boundary Commission for England's review of Parliamentary constituencies, it was advised the Council should undertake a short, interim review, with a full review taking place in 2024.

The report outlines two main areas of change. Firstly, in the N2 Tressell Ward district it is proposed that the polling place is changed to Calvert Church Hall, and in West St Leonards it is proposed to use the West St Leonards Community Centre as there are no alternatives available. Officers will continue to look for alternatives.

Councillor Beaney asked if any changes made under delegated authority could involve informing, or consulting with, ward Councillors? The Chief Executive replied that she was happy to do that.

Councillor Rogers proposed approval of the recommendations, seconded by Councillor Batsford.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

- 1. To recommend that Council adopts the (Acting) Returning Officer's recommendations (as appended to this report) and publish the results of the interim review
- 2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to amend any decisions made under this review with regard to polling places or polling stations, should there be an urgent or necessary need.

Resolved:

Due to the recent completion of the Boundary Commission for England's review of parliamentary constituencies, the council were advised to carry out an interim review of its polling districts and places.

The council must regularly review the division of its parliamentary constituency area (within the borough boundary) into polling districts and the places where electors are asked to vote. The council must comply with the requirements of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Section 16, EAA 2006) and complete regular reviews of all polling districts and polling places. The council has a duty to ensure that the most suitable premises are used as polling places with regard to the needs of the electorate, subject to availability.

17. HOME ADAPTATION SUPPORT SERVICE (HASS) CONTRACT TENDER

The Head of Housing presented a report to inform the Cabinet of the requirement to re-tender for a Home Adaptation Support Service (HASS) to support adaptations funded by Disabled Facilities Grants.

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The report seeks delegated authority to go out to tender and award the contract to the successful bidder. This is an externally funded service and of no cost to the Council. It supports residents who receive Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) through the process. Over 90% of DFG funding awards are supported by HASS. The Council awarded over £1 million of DFG funding to residents over the last year.

Councillor Rogers proposed an amendment to recommendation 2 to add 'in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning, Governance, Community Safety and Disabled Access.'

Councillor Rogers proposed approval of the recommendations, subject to the amendment above, seconded by Councillor Barnett.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

- 1. To request agreement from Cabinet, in line with the delegation of authority and procurement rules, to go out to tender to secure a new home adaptation support service.
- 2. To request delegated authority to award the contract to the successful bidding party, following due process, to the Head of Housing, in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning, Governance, Community Safety and Disabled Access.

Reasons:

- The Home Adaptation Support Service (HASS) provides a vital service to the very large majority of residents who receive a Disabled Facilities Grant. It is important that this service operates effectively, efficiently and with a high regard for customer service.
- 2. The contract for the HASS is due to expire at the end of March 2024, and given the value of the contact a full tendering exercise needs to be undertaken.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm)

Agenda Item 5



Report To: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 4 December 2023

Report Title: Budget Savings Proposals and consultation feedback

Report By: Jane Hartnell, Chief Executive and Kit Wheeler, Chief Finance

Officer

Key Decision: Y

Classification: Open

Purpose of Report

To present the draft Budget Savings proposals together with the consultation feedback submitted to date.

NOTE: consultation on the budget savings is on-going until 1 December 2023. The access to information regulations however requires us to publish this agenda before the end of the consultation – further comments submitted, and the completed equality impact assessment, will be tabled at the meeting.

Recommendation(s)

1. That Cabinet recommends that Full Council approve the draft Budget Savings proposals and those that can be are implemented as soon as practicably possible.

Reasons for Recommendations

- Current estimates are that £4m savings are required to cover the council's budget deficit in 2024/25. This deficit has been largely created by cuts in local government funding over the past decade and more recently exacerbated by the housing and homelessness crisis in Hastings.
- 2. Due to the seriousness of the council's budget position, proposals for addressing the funding gap have been brought forward for earlier consideration. This will enable the council to start work on implementing the agreed proposals before the start of the new financial year and will positively impact on our ability to achieve savings in the timescale required.





Introduction

- 1. The council sets its budget each year in February. In previous years savings proposals have been published for consultation in mid-January and are agreed by the Budget Council in mid-February, approximately 6 weeks before the start of the new financial year.
- 2. Because of the seriousness of the council's budget position, proposals for addressing the funding gap have been brought forward for earlier consideration. This will enable the council to start work on implementing the agreed proposals before the start of the new financial year and will positively impact on our ability to achieve savings in the timescale required.
- 3. The budget proposals are made up of a combination of savings and income proposals. They include savings that can be achieved from effective procurement of contracts, changes to the way we operate or fund activities, our on-going programme to reduce service costs and staffing spend, and assumptions about asset sales.
- 4. There is also a list of reviews included that are being or will be undertaken in the next 12 months which will enable the council to consider further proposals for savings, costs reductions or cost avoidance.
- 5. The draft proposals are set out in appendix A.

Consultation

- 6. Comments and feedback from all stakeholders on the proposals have been invited during the consultation period up to 12noon on 1 December 2023.
- 7. The Leader and Deputy are attending meetings with stakeholders during the consultation period.
- 8. Comments submitted as part of the consultation process will be summarised and tabled at the meeting.
- 9. The following meetings with stakeholders are planned:
 - 27 November Local Strategic Partnership
 - 28 November 'Meet the Council' event at Stade Hall for residents to discuss the proposals with the Leader, Cabinet members and senior officers.
 - 29 November Staff and Management Forum
 - 30 November Chamber of Commerce business representatives

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness

10. As part of the consultation process views will be sought on the equality impacts of the proposals to inform the council's own assessment of impacts. The draft final assessment will be tabled at the meeting.

Economic/Financial Implications and Organisational Consequences

11. Current estimates are that £4m savings are required to cover the council's budget deficit in 2024/25. This deficit has been largely created by cuts in local government funding over the past decade and more recently exacerbated by the housing and homelessness crisis in Hastings.





- 12. Additional financial controls were introduced in October 2023 and savings proposals and reductions have been identified by forensic line by line budget review.
- 13. A whole-council effort is also being undertaken to tackle and reduce the costs of temporary accommodation and to prevent homelessness happening in the first place. Further proposals are being developed that will have an even greater impact, however these will take time to implement.
- 14. In the meantime, the council's overall expenditure has to be reduced to ensure it can balance its budget and avoid the need for the Chief Finance Officer to issue a Section114 notice.
- 15. The proposals are based on the following assumptions:
 - a. That the budget gap is based on the current 'worst case scenario' and does not assume any further assistance from Government.
 - b. That rather than use the general reserve to balance the budget, the council significantly reduces service costs in 2024/25, and aims not to use the general reserve to balance the budget in future years in order to be financially sustainable.
 - c. The proposals will need to be reviewed if the measures taken to reduce the cost of temporary accommodation cannot keep pace with a further increase in demand or costs of temporary accommodation.
- 16. The proposals set out a summary of how the council intends to change its service delivery models and reduce staffing spend over the next 3 years. Whilst these changes are driven by financial necessity, opportunities will be explored in a constructive way to capture the benefits of more collaborative working with others in the public, private, not for profit and voluntary and community sector.
- 17. It must be recognised however that despite the efforts that will be made to re-design services and reduce costs, implementing significant further staffing and cost reductions will have a direct impact on service delivery levels and quality. The council will likely be less responsive and will have less capacity for any activity which is not funded by an external source, is a priority Health and Safety activity or a core statutory duty.
- 18. The council is legally required to demonstrate it can balance its budget, and this requires difficult choices for the Councillors to make.

Timetable of Next Steps

Please include a list of key actions and the scheduled dates for these: 1.

Action	Key milestone	Due date (provisional)	Responsible
Budget Planning Council	Budget proposals considered	13 December 2023	Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer
Budget Cabinet	Corporate Plan and Revenue and	5 February 2024	ш ш



	Capital Budgets		
Budget Council	Corporate Plan Revenue and Capital Budgets Council Tax level set	14 February 2024	u u

Wards Affected

(All Wards);

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Υ
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	Ν
Risk Management	Ν
Environmental Issues & Climate Change	Ν
Economic/Financial Implications	Υ
Human Rights Act	Ν
Organisational Consequences	Υ
Local People's Views	Υ
Anti-Poverty	Υ
Legal	Ν

Additional Information

Appendix A – Budget savings proposals

Appendix B – consultation feedback – to be tabled

Appendix C – Equality impact assessment – to be tabled

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Hastings Borough Council draft Budget Savings Proposals 2024/25 onwards

The council sets its budget for the following year each February. In previous years savings proposals have been published for consultation in mid-January and are agreed by the Budget Council in mid-February, approximately 6 weeks before the start of the new financial year.

This year, because of the seriousness of the budget position, proposals for addressing the funding gap have been brought forward. This will enable us to start work on implementing the changes agreed well before the start of the new financial year and will have more impact on our ability to achieve savings in the timescale required.

Summary:

Current estimates are that £4m savings are required to cover the council's budget deficit in 2024/25. This deficit has been largely created by cuts in local government funding over the past decade and more recently exacerbated by the housing and homelessness crisis in Hastings. The council has a statutory duty to house those who meet the legal criteria. The lack of affordable housing in both the private or social sector means we are having to house large numbers of people and families in very expensive temporary accommodation (TA), whilst they seek a permanent, affordable home in a very challenging environment. The budget figures show that were it not for the higher costs associated with temporary accommodation, inflation and increased energy costs, the council would be operating its other services at a £1m surplus.

A whole-council effort is underway to tackle and reduce the costs of temporary accommodation and to prevent homelessness happening in the first place, and further proposals are being developed that will have an even greater impact, however these will take time to implement.

In the meantime, the council's overall expenditure must be reduced to ensure it can balance its budget and avoid the need for the Chief Finance Officer to issue a Section114 notice.

The council is legally required to demonstrate it can balance its budget, and this requires Councillors to make difficult choices.

The proposals set out below are based on the current 'worst case scenario' and do not assume any assistance from government in the council's 'financial settlement' which we will not receive until late December 2023. The proposals below will also need to be reviewed if the measures taken to reduce the cost of temporary accommodation cannot keep pace with a further increase in demand or increasing costs of temporary accommodation.

The proposals set out assume that rather than use the general reserve to balance the budget, the council significantly reduces service costs and aims not to use the general reserve to balance the budget in future years in order to be financially sustainable. The new reserves policy (to be agreed at Full Council in November 2023) recommends a general reserve of £4m is maintained. These reserves are essential to enable the council to cope with any unforeseen large expenditure and should not be used to fund on-going expenditure.

A further option open to the council is to consider raising council tax above the current cap of 2.99% which is set by government. This option would require a local referendum to take place which would cost c.£100k. Any increases would be built into the council tax base moving forward. The council is not proposing to take this course of action for 2024/25.

Whilst there will very soon become a point where we cannot cut any further and still meet core statutory responsibilities, or earn any more income, the council has been advised that any government support will be predicated on demonstrating that we have taken all possible steps to reduce non-essential spending.

The definition of essential spend is subjective in a town like Hastings which has significant need due to the deep-rooted, intergenerational deprivation that exists in our community. The demand and costs of council services are higher here because of these needs, but the funding available to meet these costs is also significantly lower because of a low council tax base, high development costs, low job density, low inwards investment, high unemployment and health related challenges etc.

In defining what is essential spend, the council must:

• Continue to deliver its statutory duties to at least a minimum level with the infrastructure that supports these activities being as lean as it can possibly be.

In addition, ensure it has capacity to continue to:

- deliver the cross-council activity that will reduce the costs of homelessness and temporary accommodation and support the quicker move on of those to whom we owe a duty to house into permanent affordable housing.
- manage its assets to keep them safe and functioning, as well as continuing to generate income.
- support the regeneration programmes (which need to be fully funded by government) the town needs to ensure a better quality of life for all.

UPDATED: revised version for Cabinet (4 December) and Council (13 December)

Once the size of the minimum legally required activity is determined, any additional funding over and above this is used to support activities that are essential for our town, albeit non-statutory activity. This includes addressing the wider causes of deprivation as well as addressing the climate emergency, culture, tourism, health inequalities, play, sports, leisure, and community engagement.

The challenge is to determine the absolute minimum size of the core team delivering statutory services. There is limited detail in legislation and guidance for most areas, and the council therefore must balance the ability of the organisation to meet its objectives with the risk of intervention by government if standards are deemed to be too low, and with meeting the needs and demands of local people.

The appropriate size of support services is also not easy to determine. The business process mapping of activities shows for services to be delivered effectively they need HR support (to manage staffing issues), legal advice, procurement processes to demonstrate best value, financial support to ensure proper budget management and best value and ICT support to provide and maintain the infrastructure and systems that enables the digital first models of service delivery we have embraced (e.g. where technology has replaced people undertaking front facing customer relationship tasks) etc.

As the council has had to shrink its staff team over the last 13 years due to reducing government grant support, the total staff team has reduced by 194 full time equivalent posts during this time. All service areas have reduced in size either by cutting activity or by making changes and efficiencies to processes (digitalisation and centralisation etc), increasing income generation or simply deleting posts and re-allocating work.

At the same time, a number of previously externalised services have been bought back in-house, bringing in a new cohort of 55 front-line operational staff (new total from Nov 2023). It should however be noted that the size of the support services has not increased proportionately.

The following proposals set out how the council intends to change its service delivery models and staffing spend over the next 3 years. Whilst these changes are driven by financial necessity, opportunities will be explored in a constructive way to capture the benefits of more collaborative working with others in the public, private, not for profit and voluntary and community sector. These opportunities have arisen due to the challenges we all face in terms of capacity, recruitment and retention of staff and should enable continued and improved service delivery for local people. We have already had positive discussions with potential partners.

It must be recognised that despite the efforts that will be made to re-design services and reduce costs, implementing significant further staffing and cost reductions will have a direct impact on service delivery levels and quality. The council will likely be less responsive and will have very little capacity for any activity which is not funded by an external source, is a priority Health and Safety activity or a core statutory duty.

The following proposals are subject to consultation and comments are invited from residents, partners, staff and stakeholders. The consultation feedback will be reported to the Cabinet on 4th December and the Full Council on 13th December will be asked to agree the proposals.

S	avings proposals	Further details	Savings			
	•		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	
1.	On-going programme to review and reduce service costs and staffing expenditure	The council is continuing the programme of service reviews that were commenced last year. The savings proposed for 2024/25 include deletion of the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) posts following either a service review, restructure or by reviewing posts that have become vacant:				
Dago		a) Net savings from phase 2 of restructure Completed a review of management and staff structures following deletion of Marketing and Major Projects Manager post.	£160,000	£160,000	£160,000	
2 4 2		A leaner service and management structure is in place that focuses on provision of essential services covering coastal, tourism, civic, event support, cultural, economic development and leisure services. There is now a reduction in capacity currently around non statutory, non-grant funded and non-income generating activity. This area however retains the ability to grow dependent on income generation and external grant funding levels.				
		 b) Vacant posts Customer Services Officer (CCC) 1 FTE Vacant business support officer post 1 FTE Vacant planning administration officer post 1 FTE Vacant Warden post 1 FTE Delay recruitment to vacant Planning Policy technical officer for 1year 0.6 FTE 	£167,000	£167,000	£167,000	

Page 17	. Service Delivery Model Transformation Programme	The council implemented a digital transformation programme in 2015/16. This further transformation programme will build on that work and will explore opportunities to transform how we work to further reduce costs and to create more capacity and resilience by sharing resources, systems and skills with others. a) Back office operating model re-design The first workstream of this programme will begin in January 2024 and will aim to share resources, streamline functions and maximise capacity and transferable skills to meet demand peaks across all service areas, at a lower cost. • A savings target for this project has been set to achieve a reduction of at least 2 full time equivalent posts, ideally though a process of voluntary severance from 1st April 2024. • In scoping the review, the functions of all administration posts across services, grades 10 – 6 will be considered. • By taking this project review approach individuals and teams will be at the heart of the re-design work and will	£55,000	£55,000	£55,000
		 be able to contribute to and consider proposals before final decisions are made. b) Sharing services The second workstream which has already started is the work to capitalise on new opportunities to improve or sustain service delivery by working with others. A service delivery model transformation team will be established who will work with HBC and our partners throughout this process. This team will be funded by 'invest to save' resources identified to support the project and achieve the targeted savings. 	£386,000	£724,000	£965,000

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- External funding will also be sought to facilitate this work

 this is being made available by various organisations
 because it is an approach many councils are taking to
 address their deficits.
- The project will commence in early 2024.

This two-three-year programme will focus on opportunities for sharing back-office and essential services where others have the same statutory duty and/or savings can be made from management, administration, sharing and rationalising systems etc. or by providing the service for others.

A key part of this work will be business process mapping. This will identify savings that can be achieved by implementing new ways of working even if services are not able to be shared at this time.

Priorities for transformation and sharing depend on the opportunities available with other potential partner councils and public organisations, but over the lifetime of the project will include all services.

Year 1 priorities for exploring potential for sharing are:

- Chief Executive's division (SLT)
- Accountancy and Exchequer services
- Audit
- Communications and graphic design
- Environmental Health and Licensing
- Estates and Building surveyors
- Housing Management and administration
- Human Resources
- Information technology
- Legal Services
- Planning enforcement

Page 10		 Planning services (development management and planning policy Programmes and compliance Revenues and Benefits The potential savings from this programme have been identified as follows: Total staff cost of the areas listed above: £5.7m Total Full Time Equivalent staff is: 139.9FTE A range of savings targets have been considered: 10%, 15% and 20%. The target proposed: is to reduce the costs of these services by 15% i.e. 21 FTE posts, saving £865k, plus £100k of associated supplies and services costs = £965k The profile of the savings is based on recognition that these savings will take time to identify and implement and we need to work to the timescales of partner councils. For financial and strategic planning purposes we have assumed that we will achieve: 40% in 2024/25 75% in 2025/26 100% in 2026/27 			
3	. White Rock Theatre	The council has been successful in identifying a charitable organisation to lease and run the theatre over the medium term.	£25,000	£75,000	£75,000
4	. Community safety	Rather than reducing this priority activity, the work funded by the council's revenue grant to address community safety issues across the town will be funded from the community safety reserve for 3yrs.	£20,000	£20,000	£20,000

5.	Events	Reduce the events budget by £15k. Seek an update by February 2024 from event organisers regarding their progress in becoming self-sufficient (as discussed during 2023/24)	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000
6.	Regeneration activity budget	Major regeneration funding now is accompanied by capacity funding and therefore the levels of support needed from core budgets to develop schemes is reduced. These cost centres supported capacity for developing bids and supporting one of regeneration initiatives such as the Seafront Wi-Fi. 3 Year seafront Wi-Fi contract ceases in March 2024 – proposal to cease due to technology now making this obsolete.	£64,000	£64,000	£64,000
7.	Anti-social behaviour pilot	Seek alternative external funding opportunities and therefore delay introduction of pilot to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour in urban and countryside parks (this was a growth item in the budget agreed in February 2023 to be in place from mid-way through 2024/25 part-year).	£10,500	£21,750	£21,750
8.	Youth council	Cease subsidy from 24/25 and find more effective means of engaging with youth representatives at key strategic and operational decision-making meetings. E.g. invite youth members onto the Local Strategic Partnership and associated bodies, seek input from those engaged with youth projects and via learning through the Connected Futures research work, into how youth voice can be better heard by town leaders and decision-making bodies.	£12,000	£12,000	£12,000
9.	Cashless operations	Introduce cashless services to save costs on cash collection contract.	£25,000	£25,000	£25,000
10	. Food safety inspections	Bring food safety inspections work in-house and avoid costs of contractor – work will transfer to substantive Environmental Health team.	£18,000	£18,000	£18,000

11. CCTV	Cost savings from new contract for transmission and maintenance costs following an upgrade to technology. No change to service delivery.	£20,000	£20,000	£20,000
12. Public Convenience Cleaning	Cleaning contract – actual cost of the new service is less than was budgeted.	£30,000	£30,000	£30,000
13. Stray dogs contract	Savings from re-tendered contract without impacting on service.	£7,000	£7,000	£7,000
14. Asset sales – details TBC	The CIPFA asset management review recommendations will be bought forward by early 2024. Individual business cases will be developed for assets identified for disposal. The estimated savings will be achieved on the revenue budget from reduced interest payments and Minimum Revenue Provision if we use capital receipts instead of borrowing to fund the capital programme. A business case will be bought forward for selling a number of under-utilised 'for hire' beach huts for permanent or long-term lease (sale of 10 beach huts could produce c.£250k capital receipt). Further savings may be also be achieved through implementation of a new Strategic Asset Management plan and in line with transformed service delivery models (see 2 above).	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000
15. Contingency	Instead of retaining budgets for 'just in case' contingency use, centralise budgets and determine strategic priorities.	£100,000	£100,000	£100,000
16. Renewals and Reserves changes	Change the way we fund repairs and renewals reserve. This will enable better oversight of whole costs of assets and planning for future maintenance programmes. All asset maintenance plans are being reviewed and spend will be limited to health and safety priorities or to preserve existing/generate new income.	£300,000	£300,000	£300,000

17. Capital projects costings	The council develops a 'true and whole cost' project / capital programme (buildings etc.) approach that is looking to maximise external funding opportunities and accounting treatment in relation to, but not exclusive to, staffing costs.	£100,000	£100,000	£100,000
18. IT reserve	Changing how spend is managed - an annual revenue budget to be agreed to cover known costs, then all additional spend will require a business case to be agreed. This also ensures that appropriate costs are reflected in the capital programme budget.	£75,000	£75,000	£75,000

New Income proposals		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
19. Fees and charges	Following a review of fees and charges the council has reflected the increased costs of delivery in the fees for services (these are to be agreed at Cabinet on 4 th December)	+ £120,000	+ 300,000	+£300,000
20. Treasury investment	Aim to maximise investment returns and improve performance on the money the council has invested.	+ £400,000	+£400,000	+£400,000
21. New Homes Bonus	102 New Homes identified as part of external review and additional NHB grant expected as a result of the work.	+ £179,400	+£179,000	+£179,000

Total savings/income listed above	£2,788,900	£3,367,750	£3,608,750
Plus: housing savings not listed above in relation to revised targets based on current expectations re: Affordable Housing Supply (including Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme purchases) and the Housing Acquisitions programme.	£1,175,820	£1,175,820	£1,175,820
Total	£3,964,720	£4,543,570	£4,784,570
Adjusted MTFS Budget gap	£4,006,000	£5,300,000	£6,100,000
Further savings to find	(£41,280)	£756,430	£1,315,430
NB If only 80% of savings are achieved then additional savings required of	(£834,224)	£1,665,144)	(£2,272,344)

Other reviews underway/ to be completed that will identify cost savings, new income, cost avoidance or new ways of working over next 6-12 months

- 22. A Single person discount review to be undertaken to identify any potential changes which will bring in additional revenue to fund council services.
- 23. An Empty Homes review is being undertaken to ensure all homes that are eligible for a council tax charge are contributing to the cost of council services and fraudulent activity is reduced.
- 24. A business case is to be developed to introduce a more commercial approach to hiring of council venues and sites as demand foe event space is increasing.
- 25. Commercialisation and new trading opportunities explored following creation of the new Operational Services team street cleansing, grounds maintenance etc.
- 26. Undertake a wide-ranging review, to involve residents in 2024/25 of the costs of public conveniences to include options around charging. NB No changes will be made in 2024/2025.
- 27. Additional proposals to reduce the cost and usage of temporary accommodation costs (over and above what is already planned).
- 28. Invest to save debt collection business case proposal bought forward.
- 29. Review and where necessary re-tender contracts held across HBC facilities e.g. security, confidential waste, photocopiers, mobile phones etc.
- 30. In early 2024/25 implementation of a review of Housing Services staff structure, use of external funding, options for sharing activities.
- 31. Review of parks service and staffing structure once new grounds maintenance service has been operational for 6 months.
- 32. Review of council tax reduction policy and second/holiday homes council tax (summer 2024)
- 33. Development of a business case for invest to save resources to explore a cultural trust model for sustainable future for cultural assets.
- 34. Review out of hours arrangements ensuring council has capacity to respond appropriately in emergencies and out of office hours.
- 35. Review evidence for further housing licensing scheme and depending on outcome develop a business case that is cost-neutral to HBC.

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- 36. Seek opportunities to expand the successful Active Hastings programme across neighbouring areas and via their role in addressing health inequalities within the levelling up programmes.
- 37. Develop proposals to use Levelling Up funding to invest in playgrounds and ensure they are not at risk of closure in future due to lack of funding for maintenance etc.
- 38. Pause applications for Green Flags for the town's Parks whilst we embed our new Grounds Maintenance team and review whether the standards are actually contrary to our climate emergency/ biodiversity net gain aspirations.

Agenda Item 6



Report to: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 4 December 2023

Report Title: Fees and Charges

Report By: Kit Wheeler, Chief Finance Officer

Purpose of Report

This is the annual review of the Council's fees and charges.

Recommendations

- 1. Fees and Charges be increased by a minimum of 10% except where there are clear reasons for not doing so, or where charges are on a statutory basis.
- 2. Fees and charges proposed by services be agreed.

Reasons for Recommendations

The Council relies on income from fees and charges to provide services and supplement Government funding where this does not fully cover the cost of the service, we as a Council provide. Historically costs have continued to increase whilst central funding decreases.





Background

- 1. The Council provides a wide range of services to the local community and visitors for which it can make a charge either under statutory powers (set by the Government) or discretionary (set by the Council).
- 2. The purpose of the Fees and Charges Strategy is to provide a framework and set out the key principles to be adopted in the annual review and setting Fees and Charges.
- 3. It is important for the Strategy to become embedded and linked to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). It should also compliment the Council's key objectives and priorities, i.e., as reflected in specific subsidies and concessions where there is a need to ensure comprehensive participation by the local community.
- 4. The main focus of the Fees and Charges strategy is on discretionary charges, i.e., where the Council can exercise some degree of control. The aim is to ensure that the Council makes optimum use of its charging powers having regard to its core priorities and objectives. This will help to fulfil its place-shaping responsibilities.
- 5. It is imperative that we find an equilibrium between increasing our fees and charges to aid our services to deliver what they need to, whilst recognising that the wider, potentially, negative social and economic impact on our residents will be far greater over the next couple of years and needs to be taken into consideration.
- 6. The Council is recommended, as best practice, to consider its fees and charges in a context that is wider than simply income generation. To that end Councils are encouraged to produce a fees and charges strategy against which annual reviews are considered.

Introduction

- 7. A Fees and Charges strategy has been in place for a number of years. This has been updated for 2024/25 and is included in Appendix A.
- 8. The Council's total fee income budget for 2024/25 amounts to c.£6.8m. To protect the real value of this income the Council needs to review its fees and charges on an annual basis.
- 9. Each service has been asked to review its fees and charges with a suggested increase of 10% increase in mind or to provide justification as to why a lower increase is recommended.
- 10. Ordinarily to maintain the value of fees and charges income, the minimum increase should reflect inflation based on the retail price index.
- 11. Therefore, a comparison between previous years can be found below for reference.

	October	October	October
	2021	2022	2023
RPI (%)	6.0	13.4	6.1





- 12. A decision was taken earlier in the financial year corporately for planning purposes to apply a recommended rate of increase of 10%. This was based on an estimated rate of RPI being around 7% + 3% additional charge.
- 13. The additional charge was designed to mitigate any variations from the October RPI to cover any previous year's negative fluctuations. For example, as part of the previous fees and charges work the RPI rate used has seen mixed success over the previous financial years.
- 14. For example, the rate applicable for fees and charges for 2023/24 financial year have averaged at 9.5% RPI year to date but has been as high as 11.4% in April this financial year.
- 15. Fees and charges in 2022/23 had a base rate set of 3.9% after basing the uplift for the forthcoming year on Julys RPI figure with an actual financial year average of 12.8%.
- 16. The average rate is only a guiding principle in terms of approach, and service areas are encouraged to put forward their views and consult on the actual rate applied in order to set the most appropriate and realistic fee for individual services the Council provides.
- 17. This will allow for other factors to be considered such as the local economy not being as a strong as expected and broader economic stagnation. This could also result in a pricing structure to protect the most vulnerable as well as reviewing what services cost to run.
- 18. Historically the council has tried to keep any increases to a minimum to reduce the impact on residents and visitors to the town. Last year's average increase of 10% did, rightly factor in the anticipated global events that we have experienced over the past financial year.
- 19. The Council can no longer absorb increases due to inflation and needs to be able to recoup any additional costs from its fees and charges.
- 20. The figure being calculated as part of this piece of work is again based on the markets future expectations around cost pressures and inflation rates for the next twelve months.
- 21. Whilst many of the fees and charges become effective from the new financial year, some fees, and charges, for regulatory and consultation purposes, need to be communicated in advance of this report and agreed under delegated authority. An example of this is Beach Huts where communication has already taken place with those impacted.
- 22. The changes made as part of this process are not made without due challenge and consideration to the impact that they will have on our residents and visitors to the Town.
- 23. This rigorous process whereby senior politicians have been involved in scrutinising each charge has been a significant time commitment and seen as a priority over the past few months.





24. However, it is believed that these decisions, no matter how difficult to make, will allow us as a Council to continue to provide the excellent services that our citizens have come to expect from us, whilst helping to maintain our financial resilience which under the current circumstances is more challenging than ever.

Allotments

- 25. Allotment fees are subject to the Allotments Act 1950, which states under Section 10(1) "the minimum increase in rent will reflect inflation based upon the Retail Price Index (RPI) at that time". And the recommendation is that current fees are raised by 7%.
- 26. However, it should be noted that each tenancy agreement has a different level of fees currently charged. There are 651 plots, the cost of each plot depends on the on the number of rods or proportion therein.

Beach Huts & Chalets

27. It is agreed that Beach Huts and Chalets are increased by 12%.

Car Parking

- 28. It is proposed that car parking charges will be increased by the recommended minimum of 10% across the winter and summer tariffs, with the exception of Pelham Place and Rock-a-Nore car parks which will have a 20% increase in the summer tariff. These two car parks are Foreshore Trust owned and this will need to be separately agreed by the Charity Committee.
- 29. In addition, the renewal of the RingGO contract will require a change in the way transaction fees are charged, with the 20p transaction fee passed to the customer when using the RingGo App or automated line. Currently the cost to the council is 8p for every RingGo transaction made. This would be an automatic saving of at least £42K per year to the council based on a similar amount of RingGo transactions as there were in 2022/23.
- 30. It is proposed not to increase the car parking charges for Summerfield's and Falaise and remain at current pricing. Usage has decreased and increase in charges along with the RingGo transaction customer fee will lead to a disproportionate increase and may affect leisure facilities usage.

Cemetery & Crematorium

- 31. Charges to increase mostly by 10% RPI with the exception of the use of Chapel for a memorial service only, without cremation or burial on our premises. which is proposed to be increased by 39.8%.
- 32. Child fees are set at half adult fees. These are to be claimed back from the government's Children's Funeral Fund. This is purely an administration requirement to include as part of the Councils Fees and Charges list and has no impact on the family i.e., the impacted family would not bear any of these costs.





East & West Cliff Railways

- 33. Charges to the East and West Hill Lift are proposed to increase between 11.9% and 42.9%, This has been necessitated due to recent high investment and long-term cost of running the service.
- 34. It is also proposed that the weekly family tickets cease, as the Adult and Child season tickets will afford regular users' better value.

Events

- 35. Having benchmarked our fees and charges against other local authorities it is recommended that most are increased in line with RPI at 10% plus 5% to cover the increase in energy and other associated costs. However, booking fees for local organisations will not be increased.
- 36. For major commercial events, fees should be 25% of the total booking value if that value exceeds the basic proposed fee agreed on application.

Garden and Bulky Waste

37. It is proposed that Garden Waste for the next financial year increase by 12%, and that bulky waste is not increased.

Licensing

38. It is only possible to increase a small number of the fees and charges by the proposed increase of 10% RPI, all others are fixed internally to ensure that the fees and charges do not exceed the cost of providing the service. Others are fixed externally and set by the Secretary of State or are at the Maximum level set by the Government.

Pest Control

39. It is proposed to increase these fees and charges by 10% RPI for domestic premises and general charges and keep the percentage reduction for concession rates the same as previous years.

Miscellaneous Environmental Health Fees

40. For those charges that can be increased, it is proposed to increase by 10% RPI. The majority of fees and charges cannot be increased as they are fixed statutory fees.





Museum & Art Gallery

41. The fees to be increased as follows:

1. Ceremonies	Current	Proposed	Increase
i. Ceremony	£475.00	£525.00	10.5%
ii. Ceremony + Refreshments	£800.00	£880.00	10.0%
iii. Ceremony + Reception	£1,250	£1,250	0%
2. Room (per room/per hour)	Current	Proposed	Increase
2. Room (per room/per hour)i. Charities/Local Groups, 10am-5pm	Current £20.00	Proposed £22.00	Increase 10.0%
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i. Charities/Local Groups, 10am-5pm	£20.00	£22.00	10.0%

Planning Services

- 42. No planned changes to Local Land Charges or Statutory fees and services as this is not permitted where they are statutorily set or exceed the cost of providing the service.
- 43. Other discretionary services such as Street Naming and Numbering has been proposed to be increased by the recommended 10% or more, where there has been in a change in the nature of the service provided or an increase in the resource requirements to deliver the service.

Sports Pitches

44. It is proposed that fees and charges increase at the recommended 10% level except in the case of Football pitches and multi use games areas, where no increase is proposed.

Overview

- 45. All Fees and Charges are listed in Appendix B and C and will vary in their percentage increase for various factors. One example for this variance could be for example, where a service wishes to keep to a 'round' amount for ease and experience of customers as well as making it easier for staff and system changes.
- 46. As a result, some of the changes are higher than the recommended 10% as well as lower, where decisions were made to 'round'.

Financial Implications

47. There are implications for the Council should it choose not to increase fees and charges. The Council is effectively cash limited through the level of government grant it receives and the "cap" on the level of Council Tax it can raise.





- 48. The total proposed increase in Fees and Charges in 2024/25 will potentially lead to an estimated Income budget increase of c.£120k, although actual final amount will be confirmed as part of budget setting.
- 49. If fees and charges are not increased as recommended, then to achieve a balanced budget in future years the Council's options are as follows:
 - Make further efficiencies.
 - Cut services more deeply to meet overall financial demands.
 - ➤ Use up the limited reserves it has, quicker than the current Medium Term Financial Strategy is forecasting.

Timetable of Next Steps

50. Please include a list of key actions and the scheduled dates for these:

Action	Key milestone	Due date (provisional)	Responsible
Advise service users of increased fees	Date Fees increase	1 January 2024 or 1 April 2024 depending on fee	SLT
Build increased income into budget	2024/25 Budget	February 2024	Chief Finance Officer



Wards Affected

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Policy Implications

Reading Ease Score: 12.2

Have you used relevant project tools: N

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Υ
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	Ν
Risk Management	Ν
Environmental Issues & Climate Change	Υ
Economic/Financial Implications	Υ
Human Rights Act	Ν
Organisational Consequences	Ν
Local People's Views	Υ
Anti-Poverty	Υ

Additional Information

Appendix A - Fees and Charges Strategy

Appendix B – Fees and Charges (Exc. Parking)

Appendix C – Parking Fees and Charges

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FEES AND CHARGES STRATEGY- 2024/25

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council provides a wide range of services to the local community and visitors for which it is able to make a charge either under statutory powers (set by the Government) or discretionary (set by the Council).
- 1.2 Income from fees and charges is an important source of revenue for the Council.
- 1.3 The purpose of this Strategy is to provide a framework and set out the key principles to be adopted in the annual review and setting of General Fund Fees and Charges. A similar strategy was produced in respect of last year. It is important for this Strategy to become embedded and linked to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). It should also compliment the Council's key objectives and priorities, i.e., as reflected in specific subsidies and concessions where there is a need to ensure comprehensive participation by the local community.
- 1.4 The main focus of this strategy is on discretionary charges, i.e., where the Council can exercise some degree of control. The aim is to ensure that the Council makes optimum use of its charging powers having regard to its core priorities and objectives. This will help to fulfil its place-shaping responsibilities.
- 1.5 It is imperative that we find an equilibrium between increasing our fees and charges to aid our services to deliver what they need to, whilst recognising that the wider, potentially, negative social and economic impact on our residents will be far greater over the next couple of years and needs to be taken into consideration.

2 Background and Context

- 2.1 Broadly, fees and charges fall into one of two categories:
 - Non-discretionary (statutory) these are set by the Government and include planning, licensing, etc.
 - Discretionary (there is no legal obligation) these are set by the Council in line with the current policy for services such as Leisure, Arts and Car Parking.
- 2.2 Each year, fees and charges are reviewed as part of the Council's budget setting process usually to reflect an increase in line with RPI inflation.
- 2.3 RPI rates for the past three years are shown for comparison purposes below:

	October	October	October
	2021	2022	2023
RPI (%)	6.0	13.4	6.1

- 2.4 Charges do more, however, than just raise income and lower the burden on the general council taxpayer. They play a significant role in the achievement of a range of Council priorities from social inclusion to the contribution towards the health of the local community. In addition, they play a key role in:
 - service delivery.
 - raising income and helping to deliver a balanced budget.
 - controlling access to services.
 - responding to competition setting prices higher or lower than market rates.
 - funding investment in new/existing services.
 - affecting (and influencing) public behaviour, i.e., to influence the level and timing of use, e.g., use of transport.
- 2.5 Increasingly, there is a need to demonstrate the costs of chargeable services and the extent of any subsidy or concession.

3 Factors to consider when reviewing Fees and Charges

- Charges should be fair and equitable; transparent, easy to understand; and applied consistently. In some circumstances, the Council will offer subsidies to all users or concessions to specific user groups where this is consistent with achieving its core objectives. However, it will not provide subsidy to commercial operators from the council taxpayer.
- Aligned with budget setting, the annual review of fees and charges is a
 focus on delivering service priorities and dealing with potentially sensitive or
 contentious issues. It may also help to close any funding gap.
- The appropriateness of charges should be regularly reviewed as part of a 3year rolling programme (linked to the Medium term Financial Strategy and supporting strategies) in order to consider issues relating to cost recovery, income generation, concessions, etc.
- Where appropriate, specific strategies for significant income streams should be produced, e.g., car parking.
- Where appropriate, relevant partners and stakeholders should be consulted as part of any significant review of charges (e.g., structural review).
- Where necessary charges should undergo an equality and diversity impact assessment to ensure they fully comply with any legislative requirements.

4 Budgetary Principles

- Any fee or charge should look to cover the full cost of the service, including the cost of capital except where Members have agreed otherwise.
- Where less than full cost is being recovered, the justification for the decision is reviewed at least every 3 years to ensure it remains valid and that significant income is not being lost.

- Where there is a policy to provide a subsidy level or concession this should be clearly documented and the level of subsidy/concession calculated, together with the financial implications.
- Where increases to current charges are being proposed then income profiling models should be completed in order to accurately predict future income levels.
- Where leases contain rental profiles, these should be documented and incorporated into the budget setting process.
- Where appropriate, benchmarking data from other providers of the service (including private sector) should be included in the service plan and explanations for significant differences should be provided. However, it should be recognised that local variations in charging is an inevitable consequence of flexibility to use charges in ways that meet local circumstances.
- As a minimum, once the charge has been set, it should be increased annually in line with inflation unless this conflicts with agreed policy.
- Material fluctuations in charges year on year (+/- 5%) will be highlighted as part of the annual review process.
- The setting of fees and charges should be made in accordance with the current VAT regulations.
- Where appropriate, the cost of administering the charge, including debt collection should be proportionate to the income generated.

5 Setting the Right Level and Structure of Charges

5.1 This is crucial because it has a significant effect on how well the Council achieves its financial, service and core objectives.

6 Annual Review

- 6.1 Fees and charges are reviewed annually by lead members.
- 6.2 The Constitution (Para 86, Part 8) allows for the approval of charges to be made by Directors or their nominees in accordance with Council policies and any criteria approved by Cabinet. The charges are thus determined in accordance with this strategy. There have been calls to review charges when setting the annual budget but this can be problematic, some, e.g., beach huts charges need to be determined well in advance of the annual renewal date in January of each year.



ALLOTMENTS FEES AND CHARGES FROM 1 APRIL 2024

	<u>Charges</u> <u>2023-24</u>	Percentage Increase	<u>Charges 2024-</u> <u>25</u>
Rent per rod per year	£10.34	7.0%	£11.06
Water charge per rod per year	£2.08	7.0%	£2.23

CHALETS AND PRIVATE HUTS FEES FROM 1 JANUARY 24

Site Name	Charges	Percentage	Charges
Site Name	2023-24	Increase	2024-25
Marina	£2,440.00	12.0%	£2,733.00
Solarium	£2,440.00	12.0%	£2,733.00
West Marina Front Row	£1,564.00	12.0%	£1,752.00
West Marina Back Row	£1,495.00	12.0%	£1,674.00
West of Haven & Glyne Gap HBC Beach Huts	£2,171.00	12.0%	£2,432.00
White Rock Chalets	£1,715.00	12.0%	£1,921.00
Victoria - Peak	£306.00	12.0%	£343.00
Victoria - off Peak	£193.00	12.0%	£216.00
Full Season	£2,379.00	12.0%	£2,664.00
West of Haven front	£811.00	12.0%	£908.00
West of Haven Middle/Back	£676.00	12.0%	£757.00
Glyne Gap east	£656.00	12.0%	£735.00
Glyne Gap West	£584.00	12.0%	£654.00
Tackle Huts	£246.00	12.0%	£276.00
Tackle Huts Large	£494.00	12.0%	£553.00
Inboard Boats	£187.00	12.0%	£209.00
Rowing/Outboard Boats	£103.00	12.0%	£115.00
Boxes	£85.00	12.0%	£95.00
Winch Hand	£80.00	12.0%	£90.00
Winch Power	£159.00	12.0%	£178.00
Administration fee	£192.00	12.0%	£215.00

Price Information Effective from 1st January 2024

Cremation Fees

The TOTAL Cremation fee includes: medical referee fee, use of the Chapel for 30 Minute service, use of chapel organ or recorded music, all attendances after the coffin has been placed on the catafalque, strewing of ashes in the Cemetery Gardens (unwitnessed), Certificate of Disposal, cremated remains box with paper liner if required.

(No chapel use with direct cremation)

Description	Fee 2023	VAT	TOTAL	Percentage Increase	Charge 2024	VAT	TOTAL 2024
Adult -19 years and over (19 if they have not remained in education or further education). Reduced fee for 9.00/9.15 time slot – Direct cremation only.	£462.00	N/A	£462.00	7.0%	£494.00	N/A	£494.00
Adult $-$ 19 years and over (19 if they have not remained in education or further education). Reduced fee for 9.30 time slot only.	£669.00	N/A	£669.00	7.0%	£716.00	N/A	£716.00
Adult -19 years and over (19 if they have not remained in education or further education).	£827.00	N/A	£827.00	7.0%	£885.00	N/A	£885.00
The Cremation of Body Parts (Regulations 2000) 19 years and over (19 if they have not remained in education or further education).	£181.50	N/A	£181.50	7.0%	£195.00	N/A	£195.00
Body parts (child) up to and including the age of 18 (*or 19 if they remain in education or further education).	(50% adult fee - reclaimed)	N/A	(50% adult fee - reclaimed)		(50% adult fee - reclaimed)	N/A	(50% adult fee - reclaimed)
Environmental Surcharge (APPLICABLE TO ALL CREMATION FEES).	£67.00	N/A	£67.00	0.0%	£67.00	N/A	£67.00

Additional Fees and Charges for cremation

Description	Fee 2023	VAT	TOTAL	Percentage Increase	Charge 2024	VAT	TOTAL 2024
Use of Chapel for additional period.	£259.00	N/A	£259.00	10.0%	£285.00	N/A	£285.00
Use of Chapel for a memorial service only, without cremation or burial on our premises.	£259.00	N/A	£259.00	39.8%	£362.00	N/A	£362.00
Late paper fee-arrival of Statutory Forms after 9:30 2 working days prior).	£71.67	£14.33	£86.00	10.0%	£79.00	£15.80	£94.80
Cancellation of cremation (after 9.30am preceding day).	£385.83	£77.17	£463.00	10.0%	£425.00	£85.00	£510.00

(No chapel use with direct cremation)

Cancellation of MEMORIAL SERVICE or extended service time (after 9.30am the preceding day)**.	£130.83	£26.17	£157.00	10.0%	£144.00	£28.80	£172.80
Funeral service over running agreed time and encroaching into the next time slot, including the 3.15 accounting for 30 minutes for a single time and 75 minutes for a double time.	£259.00	N/A	£259.00	39.8%	£362.00	N/A	£362.00
Temporary Deposit of Cremated Remains (per month), from 28 days after the cremation.	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00	10.0%	£66.00	£13.20	£79.20
Duplicate Cremation Certificate NEW FEE .	N/A	N/A	N/A	NEW FEE	£12.00	£2.40	£14.40

Disposal of cremated remains

	Description	Fee 2023	VAT	TOTAL	Percentage Increase	Charge 2024	VAT	TOTAL 2024
Pag	Unwitnessed General Strew for those cremated at Hastings in the Garden of Remembrance.	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	0.0%	No Charge	N/A	No Charge
e 40	Strewing or Interment in Specific Area*.	£152.00	N/A	£152.00	10.0%	£167.00	N/A	£167.00
	Unwitnessed General Strew to previously used areas.	£91.00	N/A	£91.00	10.0%	£100.00	N/A	£100.00
	Unwitnessed General Strew - Cremated Remains from another Crematorium.	£64.00	N/A	£64.00	10.0%	£70.00	N/A	£70.00
	Strewing or Interment in Specific Area - Cremated Remains from another Crematorium*.	£152.00	N/A	£152.00	10.0%	£167.00	N/A	£167.00
	Witnessed scattering of remains over Garden of Remembrance only.	£64.00	N/A	£64.00	10.0%	£70.00	N/A	£70.00
	Interring cremated remains into a cremated remains plot or grave*.	£152.00	N/A	£152.00	10.0%	£167.00	N/A	£167.00

(No chapel use with direct cremation)

Purchasing Exclusive Right of Burial

Purchase exclusive rights for 50 years. (All fees are double where the deceased was non-residents of the Borough of Hastings at the time of death).

Description	Fee 2023	VAT	TOTAL	Percentage Increase	Charge 2024	VAT	TOTAL 2024
Per Cremated Remains plot	£919.00	N/A	£919.00	10.0%	£1,011.00	N/A	£1,011.00
To extend for further 25 years	£459.50	N/A	£459.50	10.1%	£506.00	N/A	£506.00
Per Lawned Section grave space	£1,130.00	N/A	£1,130.00	10.0%	£1,243.00	N/A	£1,243.00
To extend for further 25 years	£565.00	N/A	£565.00	10.1%	£622.00	N/A	£622.00
Per Natural Burial grave space	£569.00	N/A	£569.00	10.0%	£626.00	N/A	£626.00
To extend for further 25 years	£284.50	N/A	£284.50	10.0%	£313.00	N/A	£313.00
Per Non-Lawned Traditional grave space	£1,821.00	N/A	£1,821.00	10.0%	£2,003.00	N/A	£2,003.00
To extend for further 25 years	£910.50	N/A	£910.50	10.0%	£1,002.00	N/A	£1,002.00
Per Children's section Grave - NON RESIDENT	£204.00	N/A	£204.00	10.0%	£224.00	N/A	£224.00
Child up to and including the age of 18 (*or 19 if they remain in education or further education) – not children's section - NON RESIDENT	£409.00	N/A	£409.00	10.0%	£450.00	N/A	£450.00
Child up to and including the age of 18 (*or 19 if they were in further education)- resident only (Reclaimed)	(50% adult fee - reclaimed)	N/A	(50% adult fee - reclaimed)	10.0%	(50% adult fee - reclaimed)	N/A	(50% adult fee - reclaimed)

Ordinary (non-purchased) grave spaces are only available where the deceased was a resident of the Borough at the time of death

(No chapel use with direct cremation)

Interment Costs

	Description	Fee 2023	VAT	TOTAL	Percentage Increase	Charge 2024	VAT	TOTAL 2024
	Adult $-$ 19 years and over (*subject to above criteria)	£866.00	N/A	£866.00	10.0%	£953.00	N/A	£953.00
	Child up to and including the age of 18 (*or 19 if they remain in further education – single depth)	No Charge (50% adult fee)	N/A	No Charge (50% adult fee)	10.0%	£477.00	N/A	£476.50
	Extra depth to accommodate a future adult(s) Full Earth Burial in a designated child's grave.	£837.00	N/A	£837.00	10.0%	£921.00	N/A	£921.00
	(not possible in baby Section)				10.0%	£0.00	N/A	£0.00
DSGD	Child under 5 years - NON RESIDENT	£130.00	N/A	£130.00	10.0%	£143.00	N/A	£143.00
	Child 5 years and up to and including the age of 18 (*or 19 if they remain in education or further education—single depth) - NON RESIDENT	£780.00	N/A	£780.00	10.0%	£858.00	N/A	£858.00
	Adult (19 years and over – exclusions above) - NON RESIDENT	£1,732.00	N/A	£1,732.00	10.0%	£1,906.00	N/A	£1,906.00

There will be not charge to the cemetery or cremation for children funerals, these cost will be recovered from the Children's Funeral Fund, where possible.

(No chapel use with direct cremation)

Additional Fees and Charges for burial

Description	Fee 2023	VAT	TOTAL	Percentage Increase	Charge 2024	VAT	TOTAL 2024
Use of Chapel (including Organ)	£259.00	N/A	£259.00	10.0%	£285.00	N/A	£285.00
Use of Chapel for additional period (additional 45 minutes)	£259.00	N/A	£259.00	10.0%	£285.00	N/A	£285.00
Use of Chapel for a memorial service only without cremation or burial on our premises	£259.00	N/A	£259.00	39.8%	£362.00	N/A	£362.00
Cancellation of Direct to Grave service (after 9.30am the preceding day) NEW FEE		VATABLE		NEW FEE	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00
Cancellation of Chapel and then to Grave service (after 9.30am the preceding day) NEW FEE*		VATABLE		NEW FEE	£373.00	£74.60	£447.60
Late paper fee-arrival of Statutory Forms after 9:30am (2 working days previous)	£71.67	£14.33	£86.00	10.0%	£79.00	£15.80	£94.80
Adjoining Plot Reservation Charge (10 year period)	£276.00	N/A	£276.00	10.0%	£304.00	N/A	£304.00
Change of Ownership of Burial Rights (Statutory Declaration) AMENDED FEE	£84.00	N/A	£84.00	10.0%	£92.00	N/A	£92.00
Change of Ownership of Burial Rights (Probate) AMENDED FEE	£84.00	N/A	£84.00	10.0%	£92.00	N/A	£92.00
Maintenance of turf for one year only - as an addition to the general cemetery upkeep.	£103.33	£20.67	£124.00	10.0%	£114.00	£22.80	£136.80

(No chapel use with direct cremation)

To Erect an Approved Memorial

	Description	Fee 2023	VAT	TOTAL	Percentage Increase	Charge 2024	VAT	TOTAL 2024
	Headstone/Tablet/Vase not exceeding 2ft (600mm) or an Additional Inscription	£101.67	£20.33	£122.00	10.0%	£112.00	£22.40	£134.40
	A Memorial exceeding 2ft (600mm) in height	£161.67	£32.33	£194.00	10.0%	£178.00	£35.60	£213.60
	A full-size Kerbstone Set (Traditional Sections)	£161.67	£32.33	£194.00	10.0%	£178.00	£35.60	£213.60
	A Memorial with full size Kerbstone Set	£190.00	£38.00	£228.00	10.0%	£209.00	£41.80	£250.80
DSG	A half size Kerbstone Set (Traditional Sections)	£101.67	£20.33	£122.00	10.0%	£112.00	£22.40	£134.40

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Memorialisation Fees

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Description	Fee 2023	VAT	TOTAL	Percentage Increase	Charge 2024	VAT	TOTAL 2024
Metal Plaque at a tree (if available)	£397.50	£79.50	£477.00	10.0%	£438.00	£87.60	£525.60
Rededication cost	£199.17	£39.83	£239.00	10.0%	£220.00	£44.00	£264.00
Metal Plaque at a Shrub (if available)	£379.17	£75.83	£455.00	10.0%	£418.00	£83.60	£501.60
Rededication cost	£190.00	£38.00	£228.00	10.0%	£209.00	£41.80	£250.80
Additional Metal Plaque (at tree or shrub for remainder of existing dedication period)	£155.00	£31.00	£186.00	10.0%	£171.00	£34.20	£205.20
Memorial Plate on a Kerbstone	£295.00	£59.00	£354.00	10.0%	£325.00	£65.00	£390.00
Rededication cost	£145.83	£29.17	£175.00	10.0%	£161.00	£32.20	£193.20
Memorial Bronze Wall Plaque	£371.67	£74.33	£446.00	10.0%	£409.00	£81.80	£490.80
Rededication cost	£186.67	£37.33	£224.00	10.0%	£206.00	£41.20	£247.20
Athenia Wall Plaque Inscription only	£357.50	£71.50	£429.00	10.0%	£394.00	£78.80	£472.80
Athenia wall plaque inscription with motif or picture	£420.00	£84.00	£504.00	10.0%	£462.00	£92.40	£554.40
Rededication cost (New Fee)		VATABLE		NEW FEE	£197.00	£39.40	£236.40
Leather Panel	£293.33	£58.67	£352.00	10.0%	£323.00	£64.60	£387.60

The TOTAL Cremation fee includes: medical referee fee, use of the Chapel for 30 Minute service, use of chapel organ or recorded music, all attendances after the coffin has been placed on the catafalque, strewing of ashes in the Cemetery Gardens (unwitnessed), Certificate of Disposal, cremated remains box with paper liner if required.

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Rededication cost	£146.67	£29.33	£176.00	10.0%	£162.00	£32.30	£193.80
Classic System Plaque	£236.67	£47.33	£284.00	10.0%	£261.00	£52.20	£313.20
Rededication cost	£118.33	£23.67	£142.00	10.0%	£131.00	£26.10	£156.60
Donated Engraved Memorial Seat (secured to base)	£1,095.83	£219.17	£1,315.00	10.0%	£1,206.00	£241.20	£1,447.20
Granite Hexagon Plaque NEW FEE		VATABLE		NEW FEE	£429.00	£85.80	£514.80
Granite Hexagon addition of a photo plaque	£120.83	£24.17	£145.00	10.0%	£133.00	£26.60	£159.60
Spring Bulbs – daffodil or crocus (no plaque displayed, no rededication fee)	£45.83	£9.17	£55.00	10.0%	£51.00	£10.20	£61.20
Marble Kerbstone Vase with Granite Tablet on a 15-year lease.	£551.67	£110.33	£662.00	10.0%	£607.00	£121.40	£728.40
Replacement Tablet for Vase- to run for remainder of term	£190.83	£38.17	£229.00	10.0%	£210.00	£42.00	£252.00
Rededication cost- for a five-year period	£183.89	£36.78	£220.67	10.0%	£203.00	£40.47	£242.80

(No chapel use with direct cremation)

Book of Remembrance

Description	Fee 2023	VAT	TOTAL	Percentage Increase	Charge 2024	VAT	TOTAL 2024
Two Line Entry	£80.83	£16.17	£97.00	10.0%	£89.00	£17.80	£106.80
Each additional line	£17.50	£3.50	£21.00	10.0%	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
Floral Emblem	£140.00	£28.00	£168.00	10.0%	£154.00	£30.80	£184.80
Other Emblems including Badges, Crests & Shields	£165.00	£33.00	£198.00	10.0%	£182.00	£36.40	£218.40
Illuminated Capital Letter	£165.00	£33.00	£198.00	10.0%	£182.00	£36.40	£218.40
Illuminated Capital Letter Full Coat of Arms	£168.33	£33.67	£202.00	10.0%	£186.00	£37.20	£223.20
Remembrance Cards Two Line Entry (Optional Extras Available see above)	£87.50	£17.50	£105.00	10.0%	£97.00	£19.40	£116.40
Each additional line	£17.50	£3.50	£21.00	10.0%	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
Miniature Book of Remembrance Two Line Entry (Optional Extras Available see above)	£98.33	£19.67	£118.00	10.0%	£109.00	£21.80	£130.80
Each additional line	£17.50	£3.50	£21.00	10.0%	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00

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Webcast and Visual Tributes

	Description	Fee 2023	VAT	TOTAL	Percentage Increase	Charge 2024	VAT	TOTAL 2024
	Webcast- Live stream a funeral service (includes 7 days on demand)	£50.83	£10.17	£61.00	10.0%	£56.00	£11.20	£67.20
	Service Recording							
	Downloadable MP4 video file	£27.50	£5.50	£33.00	10.0%	£31.00	£6.20	£37.20
	Downloadable MP4 video file including Visual Tribute	£45.00	£9.00	£54.00	10.0%	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
บ C C	DVD or USB copy	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00	10.0%	£66.00	£13.20	£79.20
D 48	DVD or USB copy including Visual Tribute	£65.00	£13.00	£78.00	10.0%	£72.00	£14.40	£86.40
	Visual Tributes							
	Single still image	£18.00	£3.60	£21.60	10.0%	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
	Slideshow, no music, max 25 images	£38.00	£7.60	£45.60	10.0%	£42.00	£8.40	£50.40
	For every 25 additional images	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20	10.0%	£23.00	£4.60	£27.60
	Slideshow, with music, max 25 images	£75.00	£15.00	£90.00	10.0%	£83.00	£16.60	£99.60
	For every 25 additional images	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20	10.0%	£23.00	£4.60	£27.60
	Family Video File (combined within a slideshow)	£18.00	£3.60	£21.60	10.0%	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00

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Family Video File (without slideshow)	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00	10.0%	£28.00	£5.60	£33.60
Downloadable MP4 Video File	£18.00	£3.60	£21.60	10.0%	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
DVD or USB	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00	10.0%	£28.00	£5.60	£33.60
DVD or USB Postage NEW FEE		N/A		NEW FEE	£3.00		£3.00
Urgent Service (Orders for tributes received after 48hr cut-off period)	£75.00	£15.00	£90.00	10.0%	£83.00	£16.60	£99.60

Appendix B: Fees and Charges (Exc. Parking) LIFT FARES (EAST & WEST) FEES AND CHARGES 2024-25

Category	Charges 2023-24	Percentage Increase	Charges 2024-25
Adult Return	£4.60	19.6%	£5.50
Child Return	£2.80	42.9%	£4.00
Concessions	£2.80	42.9%	£4.00
Adult Group	£3.30	36.4%	£4.50
Child Group	£2.20	36.4%	£3.00
Concession Group	£2.20	36.4%	£3.00
Family - up to 2 adults 3 Children	£13.20	35.0%	£17.80
Adult Season	£60.50	15.7%	£70.00
Child Season	£40.70	22.9%	£50.02
Weekly ticket adult	£14.30	11.9%	£16.00
Weekly ticket child	£7.70	29.9%	£10.00
Weekly ticket family	£37.40	35.0%	£50.50

EVENT FEES AND CHARGES 2024-25

	Charges 2023-24	Percentage Increase	Charges 2024-25
Bandstand Hire (with power per 4hrs)	£85.00	15.0%	£98.00
Bandstand Hire (without power per 4hrs)	£55.00	15.0%	£63.00
Bootfair - Day	£765.00	15.0%	£880.00
Funfairs - Small - Week	£2,997.00	15.0%	£3,447.00
Funfairs, Circuses - Large - Day	£1,395.00	15.0%	£1,604.00
Hire of Land - Small Commercial Event - Day	£1,006.00	15.0%	£1,157.00
Hire of Land - Medium Commercial Event - Day	£1,797.00	15.0%	£2,067.00
Hire of Land - Large Commercial Event - Day	£2,660.00	15.0%	£3,059.00
Hire of open space for major commercial event - Day	POA	N/A	POA
Hire whilst event shut - Day - All commercial	£690.00	15.0%	£794.00
Hire of land for charity/not for profit event	£100.00	0.0%	£100.00
Private Hire	£400.00	15.0%	£460.00
Park Closure Order (For Ticketed Access - East Sussex Act)	£1,000.00	15.0%	£1,150.00
Booking Fee - Commercial - Small	£500.00	15.0%	£575.00
Booking Fee - Commercial - Medium	£1,000.00	15.0%	£1,150.00
Booking Fee - Commercial - Large	£1,500.00	15.0%	£1,725.00
Booking Fee - NFP/Charity - All	£100.00	0.0%	£100.00

(POA - Price on Application)

WASTE MANAGEMENT FEES AND CHARGES FROM 1 JANUARY 2024

	Charges 2023-24	Percentage Increase	Proposed Increase £ (Rounded)	Charges 2024-25
Green Waste annual fee	£73.00	12.00%	£9.00	£82.00
Bulky Waste 3 items	£35.00	0.0%	£0.00	£35.00

LICENCE FEES

All discretionary licence fees are made up of two factors, Part A (Application and issue) and Part B (Ongoing compliance). If the licence application is refused Part b will be refunded.

Full details can be obtained by contacting the licensing department. The fees listed below are a total of both parts.

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Licence Type	FEES (M) Maximum/ (F) Fixed by Stature/ (FI) Fixed Internally	Charges 2023-24	Percentage Increase (RPI)	Charges 2024-25
Animal Welfare ** Plus Vet fee				
Dog Day Care & Home Boarding	FI - Fixed Internally	£323.00	0.0%	£323.00
Commercial Boarding	FI - Fixed Internally	£277.00	0.0%	£277.00
Breeding of Dogs**	FI - Fixed Internally	£289.00	0.0%	£289.00
Keeping/training animals for exhibition	FI - Fixed Internally	£230.00	0.0%	£230.00
Pet Shop	FI - Fixed Internally	£277.00	0.0%	£277.00
Riding Establishment (up to 10 horses) **	FI - Fixed Internally	£277.00	0.0%	£277.00
Dangerous Wild Animals-initial **	FI - Fixed Internally	£1,201.00	0.0%	£1,201.00
Zoo (6 yearly) **	FI - Fixed Internally	£1,201.00	0.0%	£1,201.00
Hackney Carriage/Private Hire				
Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver (1 year)	FI - Fixed Internally	£162.00	0.0%	£162.00
Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver (3 year)	FI - Fixed Internally	£403.00	0.0%	£403.00
Hackney Carriage Vehicle *	FI - Fixed Internally	£249.00	0.0%	£249.00
Hackney Carriage Plate Temporary Plate	FI - Fixed Internally	£117.00	0.0%	£117.00
Plate Loan (refund on return)	FI - Fixed Internally	£38.00	0.0%	£38.00

PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR LICENCE FEE STRUCTURE				
Number of vehicles in each fee band				
1 (1 year)	FI - Fixed Internally	£132.00	0.0%	£132.00
2 to 20 (1 Year)	FI - Fixed Internally	£202.00	0.0%	£202.00
21 to 70 (1 Year)	FI - Fixed Internally	£431.00	0.0%	£431.00
71 & above (1 year)	FI - Fixed Internally	£1,360.00	0.0%	£1,360.00
1 (5 year)	FI - Fixed Internally	£371.00	0.0%	£371.00
2 to 20 (5 year)	FI - Fixed Internally	£678.00	0.0%	£678.00
21 to 70 (5 year)	FI - Fixed Internally	£1,829.00	0.0%	£1,829.00
71 & above (5 year)	FI - Fixed Internally	£6,453.00	0.0%	£6,453.00
Private Hire Vehicles *	FI - Fixed Internally	£249.00	0.0%	£249.00
Private Hire Vehicle Temporary plate	FI - Fixed Internally	£117.00	0.0%	£117.00
Plate Loan (refunded on return of plate)	FI - Fixed Internally	£38.00	0.0%	£38.00
Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence Test Retake (1)	FI - Fixed Internally	£54.00	0.0%	£54.00
Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence Test Retake (2)	FI - Fixed Internally	£80.00	0.0%	£80.00
Replacement Drivers Badge	FI - Fixed Internally	£10.50	0.0%	£10.50
Replacement Door Stickers	FI - Fixed Internally	£17.00	0.0%	£17.00
Replacement Fare Card	FI - Fixed Internally	£5.00	0.0%	£5.00
Add Adhesive Plate Holder	FI - Fixed Internally	£16.00	0.0%	£16.00
Bonnet Crest	FI - Fixed Internally	£21.00	0.0%	£21.00

Linearing Art 2002 (art by Con of Ctata)				
Licensing Act 2003 (set by Sec of State)				
Premises Licence & Club Premises Certificate				
Initial Fee				
Band A	F - Fixed by Stature	£100.00	NA	£100.00
Band B	F - Fixed by Stature	£190.00	NA	£190.00
Band C	F - Fixed by Stature	£315.00	NA	£315.00
Band D	F - Fixed by Stature	£450.00	NA	£450.00
Band E	F - Fixed by Stature	£635.00	NA	£635.00
Multiplier for Bands D & E for business exclusively or				
primarily selling alcohol.				
Band D (x 2) Application	F - Fixed by Stature	£900.00	NA	£900.00
Band D (x 2) Annual Charge	F - Fixed by Stature	£640.00	NA	£640.00
Band E (x 3) Application	F - Fixed by Stature	£1,905.00	NA	£1,905.00
Band E (x 3) Annual Charge	F - Fixed by Stature	£1,050.00	NA	£1,050.00
Annual Fee				
Band A	F - Fixed by Stature	£70.00	NA	£70.00
Band B Band C	F - Fixed by Stature	£180.00	NA	£180.00
	F - Fixed by Stature	£295.00	NA	£295.00
Band D	F - Fixed by Stature	£320.00	NA	£320.00
Band E	F - Fixed by Stature	£350.00	NA	£350.00
Exceptionally Large Events				
5000 to 9999 persons	F - Fixed by Stature	£1,000.00	NA	£1,000.00
10000 to 14999 persons	F - Fixed by Stature	£2,000.00	NA	£2,000.00
Personal Licences				
Grant	F - Fixed by Stature	£37.00	NA	£37.00
Replacement/Amendment	FI - Fixed Internally	£10.50	0.0%	£10.50
Temporary Event Notices				
Application	F - Fixed by Stature	£21.00	NA	£21.00

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Licensing Act 2003 (Miscellaneous Charges)				
Theft, loss of premises licence or summary	F - Fixed by Stature	£10.50	NA	£10.50
Provisional Statement for new premises being built	F - Fixed by Stature	£315.00	NA	£315.00
Notification of change of name & address	F - Fixed by Stature	£10.50	NA	£10.50
Application to vary person as premises supervisor	F - Fixed by Stature	£23.00	NA	£23.00
Transfer of Premises licence	F - Fixed by Stature	£23.00	NA	£23.00
Interim authority notice following death of licence holder	F - Fixed by Stature	£23.00	NA	£23.00
Notification of change of name or alteration to club rules	F - Fixed by Stature	£10.50	NA	£10.50
Change of registered address of club	F - Fixed by Stature	£10.50	NA	£10.50
Theft, loss etc of personal licence	F - Fixed by Stature	£10.50	NA	£10.50
Theft, loss of temporary event notice	F - Fixed by Stature	£10.50	NA	£10.50
Change of name and address	F - Fixed by Stature	£10.50	NA	£10.50
Freeholder notification of licensing matters(1 year)	F - Fixed by Stature	£21.00	NA	£21.00
™ Miscellaneous				
Acupuncture, Tattooing, Ear Piercing, Electrolysis PREMISES		£184.00	10.0%	£202.00
Acupuncture, Tattooing, Ear Piercing, Electrolysis PERSONS		£91.00	10.0%	£100.00
Amendment of registration documents		£28.00	10.0%	£31.00
Replacement of registration documents		£11.00	10.0%	£12.00
Wastle Oil Burners, renewal	F - Fixed by Stature	£124.00	NA	£124.00
Petrol Vapour recovery	F - Fixed by Stature	£122.00	NA	£122.00
Contaminated Land Enquiries - 1st hour		£92.00	10.0%	£101.00
Contaminated Land Enquiries - Each Subsequent hour		£48.00	10.0%	£53.00
Food Premises Register				
Single Page Copy		£19.00	10.0%	£21.00
Copy Containing Information regarding a particular category by Hand		£152.00	10.0%	£167.00
Copy Containing Information regarding a particular category by post		£231.00	10.0%	£254.00
Full Copy Register By Hand		£444.00	10.0%	£488.00
Full Copy Register By Post		£469.00	10.0%	£516.00
Food Export Certificate		£67.00	10.0%	£74.00
Food Hygiene Rating Scheme re-score visit		£165.00	10.0%	£165.00

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Gambling Act 2005				
Bingo premises Licence New	Maximum	£3,500.00	NA	£3,500.00
Annual Fee	Maximum	£1,000.00	NA	£1,000.00
Variation	Maximum	£1,750.00	NA	£1,750.00
Licence transfer	Maximum	£1,200.00	NA	£1,200.00
Reinstatement of licence	Maximum	£1,200.00	NA	£1,200.00
Provisional Statement	Maximum	£3,500.00	NA	£3,500.00
Adult Gaming Centre New	Maximum	£2,000.00	NA	£2,000.00
Annual Fee	Maximum	£1,000.00	NA	£1,000.00
Variation	Maximum	£1,000.00	NA	£1,000.00
Licence transfer	Maximum	£1,200.00	NA	£1,200.00
Reinstatement of licence	Maximum	£1,200.00	NA	£1,200.00
Provisional Statement	Maximum	£2,000.00	NA	£2,000.00
Notification of change	F - Fixed by Stature	£25.00	NA	£25.00
Family Entertainment Centre. New	Maximum	£2,000.00	NA	£2,000.00
Annual fee	Maximum	£750.00	NA	£750.00
Variation	Maximum	£1,000.00	NA	£1,000.00
Licence Transfer	Maximum	£950.00	NA	£950.00
Reinstatement of licence	Maximum	£950.00	NA	£950.00
Provisional Statement	Maximum	£2,000.00	NA	£2,000.00
Betting Premises Licence. New	Maximum	£3,000.00	NA	£3,000.00
Annual fee	Maximum	£600.00	NA	£600.00
Variation	Maximum	£1,500.00	NA	£1,500.00
Licence Transfer	Maximum	£1,200.00	NA	£1,200.00
Reinstatement of licence	Maximum	£1,200.00	NA	£1,200.00
Provisional Statement	Maximum	£3,000.00	NA	£3,000.00

Gaming & Machine Permits (Prescribed Fees)				
UNLICENSED Family Entertainment Gaming Machines. Application	F - Fixed by Stature	£300.00	NA	£300.00
Renewal	F - Fixed by Stature	£300.00	NA	£300.00
Prize Gaming application	F - Fixed by Stature	£300.00	NA	£300.00
Renewal	F - Fixed by Stature	£300.00	NA	£300.00
Change of name	F - Fixed by Stature	£25.00	NA	£25.00
Copy of permit	F - Fixed by Stature	£15.00	NA	£15.00
Licensed premises machine NOTIFICATION (2 machines or less)	F - Fixed by Stature	£50.00	NA	£50.00
Licensed premises Machine Permit. (MORE THAN 2 MACHINES) new	F - Fixed by Stature	£150.00	NA	£150.00
Licensed premises machine permit. variation	F - Fixed by Stature	£100.00	NA	£100.00
CLUB MACHINE PERMIT				
Application-existing operator	F - Fixed by Stature	£100.00	NA	£100.00
Application (holder of a Club Premises Certificate)	F - Fixed by Stature	£100.00	NA	£100.00
Application (new applicant)	F - Fixed by Stature	£200.00	NA	£200.00
Application (new applicant) Renewal	F - Fixed by Stature	£200.00	NA	£200.00
Renewal for Club Premises Certificate Holder	F - Fixed by Stature	£100.00	NA	£100.00
Variation of Permit	F - Fixed by Stature	£100.00	NA	£100.00
Copy of Permit	F - Fixed by Stature	£15.00	NA	£15.00
Annual Fee	F - Fixed by Stature	£50.00	NA	£50.00
CLUB GAMING PERMIT				
Application (existing operator)	F - Fixed by Stature	£100.00	NA	£100.00
Application (holder of a club premises certificate)	F - Fixed by Stature	£100.00	NA	£100.00
Application (new applicant)	F - Fixed by Stature	£200.00	NA	£200.00
Renewal for Club Premises Certificate holder	F - Fixed by Stature	£100.00	NA	£100.00
Variation of Permit	F - Fixed by Stature	£100.00	NA	£100.00
Copy of Permit	F - Fixed by Stature	£15.00	NA	£15.00
Annual Fee	F - Fixed by Stature	£50.00	NA	£50.00

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LOTTERIES - SMALL SOCIETY LOTTERY				
1 ST JANUARY – 31 ST DECEMBER EACH YEAR				
REGISTRATION - Initial (Stat Fee)	F - Fixed by Stature	£40.00	NA	£40.00
- Renewal (Stat Fee)	F - Fixed by Stature	£20.00	NA	£20.00
Registered Fishermen (annual – set by Deed of Compromise)	F - Fixed by Stature	£0.05	NA	£0.05
BOYS ASHORE TRADING CONSENT	F - Fixed by Stature	£15.00	NA	£15.00
Sex Entertainment Venue		£2,183.00	0.0%	£2,183.00
STREET TRADING				
INC HOT & COLD FOOD & MISCELLANEOUS GOODS, PER day	FI - Fixed Internally	£35.00	0.0%	£35.00
Paid monthly in advance by Standing Order	FI - Fixed Internally	£177.00	0.0%	£177.00
Discounted for traders applying annually and paying by monthly standing order.	FI - Fixed Internally	£1,778.00	0.0%	£1,778.00
Ice Cream Vans (static)		£991.00	10.0%	£1,090.00
Ice Cream Vans (rounds)		£991.00	10.0%	£1,090.00
Approved Markets				
One Market (Hastings Town Centre) annual	FI - Fixed Internally	£206.00	0.0%	£206.00
Monthly event or less (St Leonards) annual	FI - Fixed Internally	£30.00	0.0%	£30.00
Touting, Hawking, Photography - (E. Sussex Act 1981 S.32)	FI - Fixed Internally	£90.00	0.0%	£90.00
Voluntary Surrender Certificate	FI - Fixed Internally	£64.00	0.0%	£64.00
Highways				
Pavement Licence (until Sept 2023)	F - Fixed by Stature	£100.00	N/A	£100.00
Scrap Metal				
Site Licence (3 year licence)	FI - Fixed Internally	£383.00	0.0%	£383.00
Collectors Licence (3 year licence)	FI - Fixed Internally	£299.00	0.0%	£299.00
Miscellaneous Other				
Stage Hypnotism	FI - Fixed Internally	£50.00	0.0%	£50.00

^{*} Subject to advertisement

M - At maximum set by government

F - Fixed by Stature

FI - Fixed Internally by true cost of Service - Can not make a Profit

Pest Control fees 2024-25

All prices include VAT at the standard rate

	Charges 2023-24	Percentage Increase	Charges 2024-25	Concessionary	2024-25
Domestic Premises					
Rats	£46	10.0%	£51	Free	
Mice - Initial	£97	10.0%	£107	£80	25%
Mice - Revisits	£55	10.0%	£61	£46	25%
Wasp Nest	£97	10.0%	£107	£80	25%
Fleas up to 6 rooms	£122	10.0%	£134	£67	50%
Fleas each additional room	£35	10.0%	£39	£20	50%
Other insects up to 6 rooms	£175	10.0%	£193	£125	35%
Other insects each additional room	£31	10.0%	£34	£22	35%
Call out charge where treatment declined	£52	10.0%	£57	No Concession	
	Genera	l Charges			
Invoice fee	£39	10.0%	£43	No Concession	

There is no concessionary charge for Rats.

Community and Regulatory Services

MISCELANEOUS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FEES FROM 1 JANUARY 2024

	Charges 2023-24	Percentage Increase	Charges 2024-25
Acupuncture, Tattooing, Ear Piercing, Electrolysis			
Premises	£184.00	10.0%	£202.00
Persons	£91.00	10.0%	£100.00
Environmental Protection Authorisations (Statutory Fees)			
Renewal	£812.00	Fixed	£812.00
Waste Oil Burners, new	£124.00	Fixed	£124.00
Waste Oil Burners, renewal	£124.00	Fixed	£124.00
Petrol Vapour Recovery	£122.00	Fixed	£122.00
Contaminated Land Enquiries - 1st hour	£92.00	10.0%	£101.00
Contaminated Land Enquiries - Each Subsequent hour	£48.00	10.0%	£53.00
Single Page Copy	£19.00	10.0%	£21.00
By Hand	£152.00	10.0%	£167.00
By Post	£231.00	10.0%	£254.00
By Hand	£444.00	10.0%	£488.00
By Post	£469.00	10.0%	£516.00
Food Export Certificate	£67.00	10.0%	£74.00
Statements for Solicitors - fee recommended by HSE	£100.00	Fixed	£100.00
Voluntary Surrender Certificate	£70.00	10.0%	£77.00

All prices include VAT at the standard rate

Appendix B: Fees and Charges (Exc. Parking) MUSEUM FEES AND CHARGES 2023-24

MUSEUM FEES AND CHARGES 2023-24 Charges Percentage Charge				
Venue Hire	2023-24	Increase	2024-25	
Ceremonies		ı		
Ceremony	£475.00	10.5%	£525.00	
Ceremony + Refreshments	£800.00	10.0%	£880.00	
Ceremony + Reception	£1,250.00	0.0%	£1,250.00	
Room	<u> </u>		,	
Charities/Local Groups, 10am-5pm (per room, per hour)	£20.00	10.0%	£22.00	
Charities/Local Groups, from 5pm (per room, per hour)	£60.00	10.0%	£66.00	
Commercial, 10am-5pm (per room, per hour)	£30.00	10.0%	£33.00	
Commercial, from 5pm (per room, per hour)	£100.00	10.0%	£110.00	
Exhibition				
The Walkway (per day in 4, 6 or 8 week blocks)	£15.00	10.0%	£17.00	
Extras				
Tea and coffee (per person)	£1.75	14.3%	£2.00	
Tea, coffee and biscuits (per person)	£2.25	11.1%	£2.50	
Projector, screen, flipchart	£10.00	10.0%	£11.00	
Learning/Schools & Groups				
Self-guided	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	
Facilitated visits for Hastings Borough Council schools	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	
Facilitated visits for children's groups, pre-schools, non-borough,				
language and independent schools (per child)	£1.50	10.0%	£1.65	
Outreach [2] (10am-12noon or 1pm-3pm)	£55.00	18.2%	£65.00	
Loans Box (per month)	£10.00	10.0%	£11.00	
Late return of loan box (per day)	£10.00	10.0%	£11.00	
LEGO Innovation Studio (per child)	£3.00	16.7%	£3.50	
Collections/Archaeological Archives				
Archaeological Archives (per deposit)	£104.00	10.6%	£115.00	
Archaeological Archives (per additional finds box)	£85.00	11.8%	£95.00	
Archaeological Archives (per additional archive box)	£40.00	10.0%	£44.00	
Images				
Photocopy A4 (per page)	£0.55	9.1%	£0.60	
Photocopy A3 (per page)	£0.85	11.8%	£0.95	
High Resolution Image Digital[1] (per image)	£10.00	10.0%	£11.00	
Reproduction Rights				
Non-commercial uses - CC BY-NC-ND Licence	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	
Books, newspaper editorial, magazines and journals (for first image and +	505.00	11.00/	605.06	
£10 per additional image)	£85.00	11.8%	£95.00	
Books, newspaper editorial, magazines and journals (multiple	£3E0 00	10.0%	£275.00	
countries/languages) (for first image and + £20 per additional image)	£250.00	10.0%	£2/3.UU	
Digital	£85.00	11.8%	£95.00	

Venue Hire	Charges 2023-24	Percentage Increase	Charges 2024-25
Staff Time	2023 24	mercuse	2024 23
Research, first 30 mins free (per hour)	£55.00	9.1%	£60.00
Requested Talks[2] (per hour)	£55.00	9.1%	£60.00
Externally funded projects:			
o Museum and Cultural Development Manager (per day)	£300.00	10.0%	£330.00
o Collections and Engagement Curator (per day)	£250.00	10.0%	£275.00
o Museum and Schools Programme Officer (per day)	£250.00	10.0%	£275.00
o Other officers (per day)	£200.00	10.0%	£220.00
o Museum Visitor Service Assistants (per day)	£150.00	10.0%	£165.00

^[1] Where we do not have a high resolution digital image the cost of the professional photographer fees will also be recharged.

^[2] When outside of Hastings Borough Council boundary travel

at £0.50 per mile will be added to the cost

Application for Permission in Principle - Dwellings Houses Site area charge (for each 0.1 hectare or part thereof)

Charges Planning 2024 - 25 Note Stat Charges based on Draft Fee Regulations and may be subject to change Charges 2023-24 Fee Name Charges 2024 to 25 **Outline Applications** Site area less than 0.5ha, £578 per 0.1 ha (or part thereof) of £578 per 0.1 ha (or part thereof) of the site area Sites areas between 0.5ha and not exceeding 2.5 hectares £462 per 0.1 hectare £624 per 0.1ha (or part thereof) of the site area (price per 0.1 hectare) £15, 433 and an additional £186 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof) in Sites in excess 2.5 hectares to a maximum of £150,000 £11,432 + £138 per 0.1 hectare excess of 2.5 hectares, subject to a maximum in total of £202,500. **New Buildings - Outline** The erection of buildings (other than buildings in categories 1, £578 per 0.1ha (or part thereof) of the site area 3, 4, 5 or 7) (outline) where site area is less than 1ha The erection of buildings (other than buildings in categories 1, 3, 4, 5 or 7) (outline) where site area is between 1ha and does £624 per 0.1ha (or part thereof) of the site area not exceed 2.5ha The erection of buildings (other than buildings in categories 1, £15,433 and an additional £186 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof) in excess of 2.5 hectares, subject to a maximum in total of £202,500 3, 4, 5 or 7) (outline) where site area exceeds 2.5ha New Buildings, on agriculture land, for agricultural purposes (other than buildings in category 4) £578 per 0.1ha (or part thereof) of the site area Where site area is less than 1 hectare Where site area is at least 1 hectare but does not exceed 2.5 £624 per 0.1ha (or part thereof) of the site area hectares £15,433 and an additional £186 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof) in site area exceeds 2.5 hectares excess of 2.5 hectares, subject to a maximum in total of £202,500. **New Buildings - Permission in Principle** £503 per 0.1ha (or part thereof) of the site area New building Erection of new building of agricultural land for agricultural £503 per 0.1ha (or part thereof) of the site area purposes New Buildings - (other than buildings in categories 1, 3, 4, 5 or 7) where no floor space is to be created by the development, £293.00 where the area of gross floor space to be created by the £293.00 development does not exceed 40 square metres where the area of gross floor space created by the development exceeds 40 square metres but is less than 1000 £578 for each 75sqm or part thereof (or part thereof) of the site area square metres where the area of gross floor space created by the development is at least 1000 square metres but does not £624 for each 75sqm (or part thereof) of the site area exceed 3750 square metres £30,680 and an additional £186 for each 75 square metres (or part where the area of gross floor space created by the thereof) in excess of 3750 square metres, subject to a maximum in total development exceeds 3750 square metres of £405,000 **Householder Applications** Alterations/extensions to a single dwellinghouse, including £206 £258.00 works within boundary Alterations/extensions to two or more dwellinghouses, £407 £509.00 including works within boundaries The carrying out of operations (including the erection of a building) within the curtilage of an existing dwellinghouse, for purposes ancillary to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse as £206 £258.00 such, or the erection or construction of gates, fences, walls or other means of enclosure along a boundary of the curtilage of an existing dwellinghouse Full Applications (and First Submissions of Reserved Matters; or Technical Details Consent) - Dwelling Houses New Dwellinghouses (less than 10 dwellings) £578.00 £624.00 New dwellinghouses (between 10 and 50 dwellings) £462 per dwelling house £22,859 + £138 per additional £30,860 and an additional £186 for each dwellinghouse in excess of 50, New dwellinghouses (for more than 50) dwelling house subject to a maximum in total of £405,000

£402

£503.00

Fee Name	Charges 2023-24	Charges 2024 to 25
		Charges 2024 to 25
Full Applications - land used for agriculture or agricultural pur	poses	
Gross floor space to be created by the development: Not more than 465 Sq. m	£96	£120.00
More than 465 but not more than 540 sq. m	£462	£578.00
More than 540 but not more than 1000 sq. m	462 for first 540 sq. m + 462 for each 75 sq. m (or part thereof) in excess of 540 sq. m	£578 and an additional £578 for each 75 square metres (or part thereof) in excess of 540 square metres
Between 1000sq m but does not exceed 4215 Sq. m	22859 + 138 for each 75 sq. m (or part thereof) in excess of 4,124 sq. m up to a maximum of £300,000	£624 and an additional £624 for each 75 square metres (or part thereof) in excess of 1000 square metres
Exceeds 4215 square metres		£30,860 and an additional £186 for each 75 square metres (or part thereof) in excess of 4215 square metres, subject to a maximum in total of £405,000
Full Applications - erection of glasshouses on land used for th	e purposes of agriculture	
Gross floor space to be created by the development:	T	2122.22
Not more than 465 sq. m	£96	£120.00
Exceeds 465 sq. m and not more than 1000 sq. m 1000 sq. m or more	£2,580	£3,225.00 £3,483.00
Full Applications - erection, alteration or replacement of plan	l t or machinery.	13,463.00
Gross floor space to be created by the development:		
Less than 1ha		£578 for each 0.1ha (or part thereof) of the site area
At least 1ha but not more than 5 hectares	£462	£624 for each 0.1ha (or part thereof) of the site area
More than 5 hectares	£22,859 + £138 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof) in excess of 5 hectares to a maximum of £300,000	£30,860 and an additional £186 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof) in excess of 5 hectares, subject to a maximum in total of £405,000
Applications other than Building Works		
Construction of car parks, service roads or other accesses for existing uses	£234.00	£293.00
Waste - (use of land for disposal of refuse or waste material of	r deposit or material remaining after e	extraction or storage of materials)
Site area not more than 15 hectares	£234 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof)	£316 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof) of the site area
Site area more than 15 hectares	£34,934 + £138 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof) in excess of 15 hectares up to a maximum of £78,000	£47,161 and an additional £186 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof) of the site area in excess of 15 hectares, subject to a maximum in total of £105,300
Operations connected with exploratory drilling for oil or natu	l ral gas	
Site area not more than 7.5 hectares	£508 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof)	£686 for each 0.1ha (or part thereof) of the site area
Site area more than 7.5 hectares	£38,070 + additional £151 for each hectare (or part thereof) in excess of 7.5 hectares up to a maximum of £300,000	£51,395 and an additional £204 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof) of the site area in excess of 7.5 hectares, subject to a maximum in total of £405,000
Operations (other than exploratory drilling) for the winning a	nd woring of oil or natural gas	
Site area not more than 15 hectares	£257 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof)	£347 for each 0.1ha (or part thereof) of the site area
Site area more than 15 hectares	£38,520 + additional £151 for each 0.1 hectare in excess of 15 hectares up to a maximum of £78,000	£52,002 and an additional £204 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof) in excess of 15 hectares, subject to a maximum in total of £105,300
Other operations (winning and working of minerals) excluding	g oil and natural gas	
Site area not more than 15 hectares	£234 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof)	£316 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof) of the site
Site area more than 15 hectares	£34,934 + additional 138 for each 0.1 hectare in excess of 15 hectares up to a maximum of £78,000	where the site area exceeds 15 hectares, £47,161 and an additional £186 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof) in excess of 15 hectares, subject to a maximum in total of £105,300
The carrying out of any operations not coming within any of the above categories.	£234 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof) up to a maximum of £2,028	£293 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof) of the site area, subject to a maximum in total of £2,535

Fee Name	Charges 2023-24	Charges 2024 to 25
The change of use of a building to use as one or more separat	e dwellinghouses, or other cases	
From single dwelling to:		2770 ()
Less than 10 dwellinghouses At least 10 bu no more than 50 dwellinghouses	CACO per dualling	£578 for each additional dwellinghouse £624 for each additional dwellinghouse
More than 50 dwellinghouses	£462 per dwelling £22,859 + £138 for each in excess of 50 up to a maximum of £300,000	£30,860 and an additional £186 for each dwellinghouse in excess of 50 dwellinghouses, subject to a maximum in total of £405,000
From other changes of use of a building or land to:		
Where the change of use is to use as fewer than 10		£578 for each dwellinghouse
dwellinghouses Where the change of use is to use as at least 10 but no more		£624 for each dwellinghouse
than 50 dwellinghouses		±624 for each dwellinghouse
Where the change of use is to use as more than 50 dwellinghouses		£30,860 and an additional £186 for each dwellinghouse in excess of 50 dwellinghouses, subject to a maximum in total of £405,000
The making of a material change in use of a building or land (other than a material change of use in	category 12 or 13(a), (b) or (c))
Other change of use		£578.00
Advertisements Relating to the business on the promises	£132.00	£165.00
Relating to the business on the premises Advance signs which are not situated on or visible from the		
site, directing the public to a business Other advertisements.	£132.00 £462.00	£165.00 £578.00
Lawful Development Certificate - NOTE Free goes deleted	£462.00	£5/8.00
Certificate of Existing use or Operation, lawful not to comply		
with any condition or limitation	£234	£293.00
Certificate of Existing Use - dwelling(s) up to and including 9 dwellings	variable	£578.00
Certificate of Proposed Use - between 10 and 50 dwellings	variable	£624.00
Certificate of Proposed Use - MORE THAN 50 dwellings	variable	£30,860 PLUS £186 FOR EACH DWELLINHOUSE IN EXCESS OF 50. Capped at £405,000
Prior Approval		
Unless detailed below	£96.00	£120.00
Telecommunications Code Systems Operators	£462.00	£578.00
Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a		
Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3), and Associated Building Operations.	£206.00	£258.00
Proposed Change of Use of a building from a Retails (Use Class A1 or A2) Use or Mixed Retail and Residential Use to a use falling within Use Class C3 (Dwellinghouse), and Associated Building Operations	£206.00	£258.00
For a Change of Use from Amusement Arcades/Centres and Casinos (Sui Generis Uses) and any land within its curtilage to Dwellinghouses (Class C3) and Associated Building Operations	£206.00	£258.00
For a Change of Use from Shops (Class A1), Financial and Professional Services (Class A2), Betting Offices, Pay Day Loan Shops and Casinos (Sui Generis Uses) to Restaurants and Cafes (Class A3), and Associated Building Operations	£206.00	£258.00
Construction of New Dwelling House - fewer than 10	new	£418.00
Construction of New Dwelling Houses between 10 and 50 dwellinghouses	£334.00	£451.00
Construction of New Dwelling Houses where more than 50 new dwellinghouses are proposed	£16525 plus £100 for each dwellinghouse in excess of 50 subject to a maximum fee of £300,000	£22,309, and an additional £135 for each dwellinghouse in excess of 50, subject to a maximum in total of £405,000
Reserved Matters		
Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval	£462.00	£578.00

Fee Name	Charges 2023-24	Charges 2024 to 25
Conditions		
Application for removal or variation of a condition following		
grant of planning permission	£234.00	£293.00
Request for confirmation that one or more planning		
conditions have been complied with - householder	£34.00	£43.00
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Request for confirmation that one or more planning	£116.00	£145.00
conditions have been complied with - non householder	1110.00	1145.00
Application for a Non-Material Amendment Following a Grant	of Planning Permission	
Applications in respect of householder developments	£34.00	£43.00
Applications in respect of other developments	£234.00	£293.00
Applications for provision of sport facilities/recreation made		1233.00
Approacions for provision of operation incopyredication induce		
Application made by club, society or other organisation		
(including any persons administering a trust) which is not	£462.00	£578.00
established or conducted for profit and whose objects are the	1402.00	1376.00
provision of facilities for sport or recreation,		
No fee incurred - this is subject to changes introduced by the	 	net to change
For alterations, extensions, etc. to a dwelling house for the	ree Regulations 2023 and may be subju	ect to change
benefit of a registered disabled person	£0	
benefit of a registered disabled person		
An application solely for the carrying out of the operations for		
the purpose of providing a means of access for disabled	£0	
persons to or within a building or premises to which members	10	
of the public are admitted.		
Listed Building Consent	50	
Listed Building Consent Prior Approval for demolition of unlisted buildings within	£0	
	£0	
conservation areas.		
Works to Trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order or in a	£0	
Conservation Area Hedgerow Removal If the proposal is the first revision of an application for		
development of the same character or description on the		
same site by the same applicant within 12 months of making		
the earlier application if withdrawn or the date of decision if		
granted or refused (including signs only if withdrawn or		
refused) and NOT a duplicate application made by the same	£0	
applicant within 28 days		
An application for a Free Go needs to be received by 5pm on		
the working day it expires (e.g. if a Decision Notice is dated 12		
March 2015 the Free Go can be submitted up to and including		
5pm on 12 March 2016).		
If the proposal relates to works that require planning		
permission only by virtue of an Article 4 Direction of the Town		
& Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order	£0	
1995. I.e. where the application is required only because of a		
direction or planning condition removing permitted		
development rights.		
If the application is for a lawful development certificate, for		
existing use, where an application for		
planning permission for the same development would be	£0	
exempt from the need to pay a planning		
fee under any other planning fee regulation		
There is no fee for a prior approval application where a		
planning application for the same site is		
submitted at the same time by or on behalf of the same	£0	
person.		

Fee Name	Charges 2023-24	Charges 2024 to 25
DISCRETIONARY CHARGES FOR NON STATUTORY SERVICES wit	hout VAT	
Self-Assessment Do I need permission – redirect to self-		co oo
assessment form on web	£0	£0.00
Checking of Self-Assessment form Do I need permission where no self assessment form is	£94	£120.00
available	£94	£120.00
Query for information that is publicly accessible – redirect to		
relevant part of web site e.g. Is my site is a conservation area?		
This does not provide an assessment or professional opinion in respect of those facts. Is my tree covered by a Tree	£0	£0.00
Preservation Order?		
List of Planning applications for site - redirect to web (full not	£0	£0.00
history not available on web) FOI		
Complaint Letter	£0 £0	£0.00 £0.00
List of Planning applications for site (no assessment or advice	£53	£78.00
provided)		
Permitted Development rights removed check Additional charge if site visit required to check if Permitted	£94	£120.00
Development rights removed	£186	£168.00
Lawful Use Check - to confirm the planning use of a premises		
(informal advice). A lawful determination can be made	2425	2424.00
through the submission of Certificate of Lawful Use. NB If building is subdivided one fee is payable for the whole	£186	£181.00
building		
In respect of the Lawful Use Check - each site visit	£186	£139.00
General query regarding procedure or policy - Householder/Minor apps and any other query not dealing	£94	£103.00
with majors	£54	£105.00
General query regarding procedure or policy - Major apps	£187	£134.00
	1107	L134.00
Request for EIR information - hourly rate of staff - not subject to inflation)	£40	£104.00
Pre app household letter	£94	£186.00
Pre app household letter and meeting	£186	£255.00
Any additional Householder pre app meeting (per meeting)	£186	£143.00
Pre application advice – letter (non householder –minor/		
residential development (1 to 3 units)/ change of use / for	£472	£585.00
commercial extensions)		
Pre application advice - letter and meeting (non householder - minor residential development (1 to 3 units)/ change of use /	£561	£760.00
for commercial extensions)	1301	27.00.00
Pre application advice - letter – minor / other / residential		
development (4 to 9 units) or other minor applications	£605	£943.00
Pre application advice - meeting and letter –minor / other /		
residential development (4 to 9 units) or other minor	£954	£1,118.00
applications		
Pre application advice - letter for business premises where	£103	£182.00
there is no increase in floorspace and no change of use		
Pre application advice - letter and meeting for business		
premises where there is no increase in floorspace and no change of use	£254	£275.00
Pre app advice – letter for major schemes (over 10 dwellings		27.22.22
or 1000sq m)	£760	£1,438.00
Pre app advice – meeting and letter for major schemes (over	£1,429	£1,624.00
10 dwellings or 1000sq m) Pre-application advice - Householder in Conservation Area -		
Letter only	£141	£307.50
Pre-application advice - Householder in Conservation Area -	£186	£408.00
Letter and Meeting		
Pre-application advise for Listed Buildings (Householder) letter	£283	£511.00
Pre-application advise for Listed Buildings (Householder) letter	£422	£612.00
and meeting	L744	2012.00
Pre application advise for Listed Building Applications - letter only (all other)	£560	£553.00
Pre application advise for Listed Building Applications - letter	COOC	5669.00
and meeting (all other)	£886	£668.00
An additional cost for each specialist attending any pre	£217	£250.00
application meeting Pre–application forums (for 30 dwellings or more)	£2,345	£2,525.00
Pre- application queries submitted as part of enforcement	,	,
work, will be subject to the above noted fees		
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Fee Name	Charges 2023-24	Charges 2024 to 25
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Advice and queries in relation to previously approved		
applications not falling within rows 88 to 91 (under column A)	£186	£381.00
above		
Validation Meetings – for checking of applications prior to	£103	£157.00
submission	C102	C24C 00
Confirmation of closure of enforcement case	£103	£246.00
Confirmation of compliance with enforcement notices, where		
the answer is publicly available but customer still requires	£85	£102.68
written confirmation. The fee needs to be paid in advance.		
Confirmation of compliance with listed building consent for		
those who seek confirmation of compliance with Listed	£281	£411.00
Building Consent. The fee needs to be paid in advance.		
Confirmation of compliance with section 106 planning		
obligations for those who seek confirmation of compliance	£465	£707.00
with legal agreements. The fee needs to be paid in advance		
High Hedge Dispute Mediation	£847	£932.00
Fee for refunds for applications that are withdrawn or	£35	£49.00
returned before validation - householders	155	149.00
Fee for refunds for applications that are withdrawn or	£47	£63.00
returned before validation - non majors	L-1/	103.00
Fee for refunds for applications that are withdrawn or	£58	£127.00
returned before validation - majors		
Fee for refunds for pre-applications that are withdrawn or	£23	£41.00
returned before validation - householders		
Fee for refunds for pre-applications that are withdrawn or returned before validation - non majors	£47	£69.00
Fee for refunds for pre-applications that are withdrawn or		
returned before validation - majors	£58	£83.00
Fee refund for general planning enquiries , e.g. self certs,	-	
planning history enquiry or other fee paying enquiry	£23	£58.00
Regulation 75 Application		
Check whether permitted development or prior approval		
would not significantly affect a European site, alone or in	£231	£321.00
combination with other plans and projects. Pursuant to The		
Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017		
Monitoring Fee for S106 Agreements	£550	£1,031.00

Appendix B: Fees and Charges (Exc. Parking) Street Naming and Local Land Charges 2024-25

Street Naming and Numbering	Charges 2023-24	Charges 2024-25
Naming of a new street (the fee is for the registration and notification of the new street (per street), not the naming itself)	£201.50	£221.50
Naming and numbering a new development or redevelopment(per address)	£100.30	£110.30
Naming or numbering a new individual property	£100.30	£110.30
Renaming or renumbering once the new development has been agreed	£100.30	£110.30
Renaming or renumbering existing properties	£100.30	£110.30
Confirmation of property postal address	£51.15	£56.15
Street renaming/renumbering at resident request (Per street) (the fee is for the registration and notification of the new street, not the naming itself)	£201.50	£221.50
Street renaming/renumbering at resident request (per address) (the fee is for the registration and notification of the new street, not the naming itself)	£100.30	£110.30

Local Land Charges	Charges 2023-24	Charges 2024-25
CON 29R Search	£254.23	£175.00
CON 29R Additional parcels of land	£17.55	£6.54
CON 290 Enquiries Q's 5 (all), 6, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 20	£22.82	£9.17
CON 290 Enquiries Q's 7, 8, 12 and 13	£22.82	£13.26
CON 290 Enquiries Q's 10, 18 and 19	£22.82	£24.17
CON 290 Enquiries Q4	£22.82	£18.94
CON 290 Enquiries Q21	£22.82	£28.44
CON 290 Enquiries Q22	£22.82	£31.44
CON 290 Additional Enquiries	£39.95	£35.43
Q1.1 (a-i) Planning Decisions	£10.20	£17.34
Q1.1 (j-l) Building Regulations	£7.60	£24.17
Q1.2 Planning Designations and Proposals	£10.20	£17.34
Q3.1 Land Required for Public Purposes	£10.20	£9.17
Q3.3 Drainage Matters	£10.20	£17.34
Q3.7 (a-d, f) Outstanding Notices	£45.22	£61.47
Q3.8 Contravention of Building Regulations	£7.60	£24.17
Q3.9 Notices, Orders, Directions and proceedings under planning Acts	£10.20	£21.43
Q3.10 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	£10.20	£9.17
Q3.11(a) Conservation Area	£5.10	£13.26
Q3.11 (b) Conservation area	£5.10	£9.17
Q3.12 Compulsory Purchase	£12.90	£30.96
Q3.13 (a, b(ii)) Contaminated land	£10.20	£24.17
Q3.13 (b(i), c) Contaminated Land	£10.20	£24.17
Q3.14 Radon Gas	£21.40	£24.17
Q3.15 Assets of Community Value	£10.20	£17.34
Additional Parcels of Land	£1.53	£4.27
LLC1 Search - Official search of the Register	£56.00	£33.90
LLC1 Search - Single part of Register	£7.95	£27.37
LLC1 Additional Parcels of Land	£6.00	£3.27
Personal Search of the Local Land Charges Register	Free	FREE

Appendix B: Fees and Charges (Exc. Parking) SPORTS AND RECREATION FEES AND CHARGES 2023-24

Site Name	Charge 2023-24	Percentage Increase	Proposed Increase £ (Rounded)	Charge 2024-25		
Football						
Adult Pitch - one off game	£88.50	0.0%	£0.00	£88.50		
Junior Pitch - one off game	£59.00	0.0%	£0.00	£59.00		
Under 8/9 pitch - one off game	£53.50	0.0%	£0.00	£53.50		
Adult Pitch - for the season (biweekly)	£718.00	0.0%	£0.00	£718.00		
Junior Pitch - for the season (biweekly)	£377.00	0.0%	£0.00	£377.00		
Under 8/9 pitch - for the season (biweekly)	£235.00	0.0%	£0.00	£235.00		
Cricket						
All day game	£156.00	10.0%	£15.60	£171.60		
Afternoon game	£84.00	10.0%	£8.40	£92.40		
Evening games	£71.00	10.0%	£7.10	£78.10		
Bowls						
Adult - per session	£8.60	10.0%	£0.90	£9.50		
Senior citizens - per session	£5.00	10.0%	£0.50	£5.50		
Adults - per hour	£5.00	10.0%	£0.50	£5.50		
Senior citizens - per hour	£3.80	10.0%	£0.40	£4.20		
Season Ticket	£147.00	10.0%	£14.70	£161.70		
Season Ticket 2 instalments total	£163.00	10.0%	£16.30	£179.30		
Wood Hire	£3.60	10.0%	£0.40	£4.00		
Locker Rental	£17.00	10.0%	£1.70	£18.70		
Tennis						
Household (Annual)	£36.00	10.0%	£3.60	£39.60		
Pay and Play (Per court)	£5.00	10.0%	£0.50	£5.50		
Putting						
Adult	£5.00	10.0%	£0.50	£5.50		
Junior	£3.80	10.0%	£0.40	£4.20		
Senior	£3.80	10.0%	£0.40	£4.20		
Multi use games areas						
Multi use games areas	£40.00	0.0%	£0.00	£40.00		



Off Street Pay & Display Parking Charges – Proposal 2024/ 2025

	Current Charges				Proposed Charges			
Location 1 N		- 31 Mar	1 April – 31 Oct.		1 Nov - 31 Mar		1 April – 31 Oct.	
	Hrs	Charge	Hrs	Charge	Hrs	Charge	Hrs	Charge
	1	£2.10	1	£2.20	1	£2.30	1	£2.60
Pelham Place	2	£3.90	2	£4.00	2	£4.30	2	£4.80
Rock a Nore	3	£5.10	3	£5.30	3	£5.60	3	£6.40
	5	£7.60	5	£7.90	5	£8.40	5	£9.50
7am to 9pm	10	£9.00	10	£9.40	10	£9.90	10	£11.30
	24	£10.50	24	£10.90	24	£11.60	24	£13.10
	1	£2.10	1	£2.20	1	£2.30	1	£2.40
Castle Hill Rd	2	£3.90	2	£4.00	2	£4.30	2	£4.40
The Bourne	3	£5.10	3	£5.30	3	£5.60	3	£5.80
	5	£7.60	5	£7.90	5	£8.40	5	£8.70
7am to 9pm	10	£9.00	10	£9.40	10	£9.90	10	£10.30
	24	£10.50	24	£10.90	24	£11.60	24	£12.00
Carlisle Parade	1	£1.70	1	£1.80	1	£1.90	1	£2.00
The Pier	2	£2.40	2	£2.50	2	£2.60	2	£2.80
St. Margaret's	3	£3.40	3	£3.60	3	£3.70	3	£4.00
Priory Street Multi Storey	5	£4.60	5	£4.80	5	£5.10	5	£5.30
7am to 9pm	10	£7.80	10	£8.20	10	£8.60	10	£9.00
·	24	£9.20	24	£9.70	24	£10.10	24	£10.70
Marina Car Park	1	£1.40	1	£1.50	1	£1.50	1	£1.70
7am to 8pm	2	£2.00	2	£2.10	2	£2.20	2	£2.30
· ·	3	£2.90	3	£3.00	3	£3.20	3	£3.30
	5	£3.70	5	£3.90	5	£4.10	5	£4.30
	10	£5.80	10	£6.10	10	£6.40	10	£6.70
	24	£6.60	24	£7.00	24	£7.30	24	£7.70
Grosvenor Gardens	1	£1.60	1	£1.60		£1.80	1	£1.80
8am to 6pm	2	£2.40	2	£2.40	2	£2.60	2	£2.60
·	3	£3.20		£3.20		£3.50	3	£3.50
	4	£4.60		£4.60		£5.10		£5.10
Crystal Square	1	£1.00		£1.00		£1.10		£1.10
8am to 6pm	2	£1.60		£1.60		£1.80		£1.80
·	3	£2.20		£2.20		£2.40		£2.40
	4	£2.80		£2.80		£3.10		£3.10
Summerfield's Falaise Road	2	£0.60		£0.60		£0.60		£0.60
Falaise Hall	3	£1.10	3	£1.10	3	£1.10	3	£1.10
8am to 8pm	4	£2.10		£2.10		£2.10		£2.10
Hastings Country Park	2	£3.00		£3.00		£3.30		£3.30
8am to 4pm	8	£4.30		£4.30		£4.70		£4.70

Off Street Pay & Display Parking Charges Proposal – 2024 / 2025

Hastings Borough Council Season Permits

Туре	Current Charge	Percentage Increase	Proposed Charge
Annual Season	£840	10.1%	£925
Quarterly Season	£235	10.6%	£260
Monthly Season	£95	10.5%	£105
Weekly Season	£40	12.5%	£45
Reserved Space - Annual Only	£945	10.1%	£1,040
Russell Street Reserved Spaces - Annual Only	£780	10.3%	£860
Restricted Zone - Annual	£580	10.3%	£640
Restricted Zone - Quarterly	£190	10.5%	£210
Restricted Zone - Monthly	£70	14.3%	£80
Bourne, High Street and Grand Parade Residents - Annual	£580	10.3%	£640
Bourne, High Street and Grand Parade Residents - Quarterly	£180	11.1%	£200
Grand Parade - Annual	£525	10.5%	£580
Grand Parade - Quarterly	£160	12.5%	£180
Grand Parade Motorcycle Permit	50% of car permit rate		50% of car permit rate
Priory Street Restricted Zone Motorcycle Permit	25% of car permit rate		25% of car permit rate
Hastings Country Park - Annual	£60.00	16.7%	£70