

Decision Record – Approval to Establish a Chargeable Service for Advice on Surface Water Drainage

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Jeff Clarke Transport and Environment
Date of Decision	22 February 2018

Decision Taken
<p>1) That the Portfolio Holder for Transport & Environment approves the establishment of a chargeable service for pre-application advice on surface water drainage, and other non-statutory functions.</p> <p>2) That approval of the final documentation and charging structure, and changes to the level and structure of charges following monitoring and review of the service, is delegated to the Joint Managing Director (Communities).</p>

Reasons for Decisions
The Council's Constitution delegates authority to introducing the charging for services to Portfolio Holders.

Background Information
<p>The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA) created the role of Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for county councils and unitary authorities.</p> <p>A Statutory Instrument was laid before Parliament in March 2015 which gave LLFAs the role of statutory consultee on major development with surface water drainage.</p> <p>Additional funding was not allocated to LLFAs to carry out this new duty, and to date the cost to fulfil this role has been met by the County Council.</p> <p>As part of the One Organisational Plan 2020, proposal CG-TE-18 recommended the introduction of pre-application charges in Flood Risk, with an income target of £20,000 from 2018/19.</p> <p>In addition to this income target, we have recognised that the earlier we are able to be involved in the planning process for a new development, the more likely we are to be able to influence the scheme design, and there is a greatly improved opportunity for us to secure betterment.</p> <p>As a result of this new duty, there has been an increased demand for other non-statutory work streams such as: model reviews; design checks; compliance checking; and other advice.</p> <p>Completing such tasks will give additional Flood Risk benefits and increased confidence that works that fall outside of our statutory planning remit are of an adequate standard.</p> <p>To ensure that we are able to provide these services when the requests come in, it is agreed to charge for services.</p>

Financial Implications
As set out in the report.

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Portfolio Holder	Councillor Jeff Clarke

Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered
Link to published proposed decision report: https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/4113/Committee/587/Default.aspx

List of Background Papers
None

Members and officers consulted or informed
Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jeff Clarke Corporate Board Legal – Ian Marriott Finance – Liz Firmstone, Virginia Rennie Equality – Polly Sharma, Claire Bonnet Democratic Services – Paul Williams Councillors Chattaway, Butlin, Kaur, Seccombe, Shilton, Clarke, Fradgley, Horner