

LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

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Meeting **Police Authority**

Date **Tuesday May 5th 2009 2.00pm**

Report of **CHIEF CONSTABLE**

Subject **Fees & Charges 2009/10**

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for the 2009/10 rates of Fees and Charges.

Background

2. The Force has completed its annual review of fees & charges. This time last year the principal aim was to harmonise the force rates against those contained within the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) guidance on charging for Police Services. This year's review is mainly to apply inflationary increases to the current rates.
3. The majority of fees and charges are to do with the time taken by police officers or police staff in the provision of items / data requested. Pay increases for both officers and staff have been agreed for the next two years and an overall increase of 2.6% is consistent with these pay awards. The Special Duty rates for policing events have been calculated in accordance with the ACPO guidance formula.

Proposed Fees & Charges

4. Appendix A sets out the 2008/09 proposed ACPO rates (where applicable), the Force's current rates for 2008/09, together with the proposed rates for 2009/10. The percentage increase from 2008/09 is also shown.
5. ACPO doesn't publish proposed rates every year and is now unlikely to do so for 2009/10. However future proposals will include an element of inflation for 2009/10.
6. Special Duty rates for policing events (including football) are based on the ACPO formula set out in the guidance on charging for Police Services. The force continues to adopt an incremental approach to increasing the charges for profit-making events since the guidance was introduced in 2005.
7. Charges for certificates (firearms etc) are set by the Home Office and are due to be reviewed in the near future but will not change for 2009/10.
8. The household alarm registration fee in the miscellaneous section is set by the Home Office and therefore our 2.6% increase doesn't apply.
9. The force has conferred with Northamptonshire Police who will be applying similar increases.
10. The Force intends to publish its approved 2009/10 Fees & Charges both internally and externally via its intranet and web site respectively.

Recommendations

11. The Authority is recommended to approve the 2009/10 rates of Fees & Charges.

Implications

Financial : See report
Legal & Diversity : None

Background Papers

ACPO Guidance – Paying the Bill

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