

LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

Meeting **POLICE AUTHORITY**

Date **TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2010 AT 2.00PM**

Report of **CHIEF CONSTABLE**

Subject **FEES & CHARGES 2010/11**

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for the 2010/11 rates of Fees and Charges.

Background

2. The Force has completed its annual review of fees & charges. This year's review is mainly to apply inflationary increases to the current rates in line with the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) guidance (where applicable) on charging for Police Services.
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 coming year and an overall increase in the region of 2.5% - 2.6% is consistent with these pay awards.

Proposed Fees & Charges

4. Appendix A sets out the current rates charged by the force (2009-10) and the proposed rates for 2010-11. It also shows the percentage increase where appropriate. Most of the percentage increases are in line (2.5%-2.6%) with ACPO guidance. The exceptions are where current force rates are below those of ACPO and need to gain parity.
5. Firearm certificates are set by statute and haven't changed for some years now but the Home Office is currently reviewing the process with forces so this may change in the coming months.
6. The Special Duty rates for policing events will be re-formulated and updated separately in the next few weeks in accordance with the ACPO guidance formula and effective for summer events and the new football season. The force continues to adopt an incremental approach to increasing the charges for profit-making events since the guidance was introduced in 2005.
7. The final nine items are new to the list and the majority will be supplied by Criminal Records Bureau (CRB).
8. The force has conferred with a number of other similar forces who will be applying similar increases.
9. The force is also examining ways of generating further income whereby requests can be made and paid for via the force website.

10. The Force will continue to publish its approved 2010/11 Fees & Charges both internally and externally via its intranet and web site respectively.

Recommendations

11. The Authority is recommended to approve the 2010/11 rates of Fees & Charges.

Implications

Financial : See report. Legal & Diversity : None

Background Papers

ACPO Guidance – Paying the Bill

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