

DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Localism and Enforcement

Date: 14 July 2014

Decision in the matter of: Review of Ceremony Fees for the Financial Years 2014 to 2017

- Decision:**
1. That the published fee for a 2.00 pm Saturday Ceremony for 2014/15 at Approved Premises be amended from £660 to £550, and that customers who have already paid be offered a refund of the difference for ceremonies taking place after the date of the decision.
 2. That the published fee for a Sunday Ceremony for 2014/15 at Approved Premises be amended from £560 to £550, and that customers who have already paid be offered a refund of the difference for ceremonies taking place after the date of the decision.
 3. That the published fee for Christmas Day and Boxing Day for 2014/15 for Approved Premises be amended from £900 to £800.
 4. That the fees for Ceremonies for 2015/16 and 2016/17 be set and published as follows:

	2015/16	2016/17 (2.0 % increase)
Weekday	£445	£455
Sat and Sun	£550	£560
Bank Holiday	£660	£675
Christmas Day and Boxing Day	£800	£815

5. That the fee for Ceremonies held in the Mayor's Reception Room, Municipal Buildings, Crewe, and the Silk Room, Macclesfield, be set and published at £220 for 2015/16 and at £230 for 2016/17.

Background: Authority was sought to revise ceremony fees for 2014/15 and to agree them for 2015/16 and 2016/17.

A review of the charging structure for ceremonies at approved premises had been undertaken and, as a result, the revisions had been proposed. Couples book their ceremonies up to three years in advance hence the period of time covered. In addition, some adjustments to the current years published fees have been made as a result of the review.

The majority of the fees collected by the Registration Service are set by central Government but the Council has a legal authority under legislation to set fees for none statutory services including these. The charges must reasonably represent all the costs incurred by the authority in providing a registrar and superintendent registrar to attend at solemnization.

Background Documents: The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

Approved:

Signed
Councillor L Gilbert (Policy Holder for Localism and Enforcement)

Date: 14 July 2014

Advising Officer:

Signed
Lindsey Parton (Registration and Business Service Manager)