

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Localism and Enforcement**
held on Monday, 14th July, 2014 in Committee Suite 1 & 2, Westfields, Middlewich
Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor L Gilbert.

Officers in attendance:

Lindsey Parton – Registration Service and Business Manager

Dianne Roberts – Superintendent Registrar

Cherry Foreman – Democratic Services Officer

5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

8 REVIEW OF CEREMONY FEES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2014 TO 2017

Consideration was given 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, revised fees were now being proposed. The period of time for setting the fees needed to reflect the fact that couples tended to book their ceremonies up to three years in advance. In addition, some adjustments to the current years published fees had also been made. In considering the adjustment to the 2014/15 current years fees for ceremonies at Approved Premises at 2.00 pm on a Saturday, and for ceremonies at Approved Premises on a Sunday, it was agreed that a refund of the difference be offered for those ceremonies which had been paid for but which had not yet taken place.

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 those now under consideration. The charges must reasonably represent all the costs incurred by the authority in providing a registrar and superintendent registrar to attend at solemnisation.

RESOLVED

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.

The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and concluded at 9.40 am