

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Communities and Regulatory Services

Date of Meeting: 31 March 2014
Report of: Head of Governance and Democratic Services
Subject/Title: Registration Fees to be set by Cheshire East Council for Financial Year 2014/15

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This Report seeks authority to agree fee increases across a range of the Registration Service non statutory fees.

2.0 Recommendation

- (a) That the Administration Fee and second stage payment for ceremonies each remain at the current level of £100;
- (b) That fees for Ceremonies in the Mayor's Reception Room (Municipal Buildings) and the Silk Room (Macclesfield Town Hall) be set at £210 for 2014/15;
- (c) That the fee for licensing a building for Marriage and Civic Partnership for 2014/15 remain at the current £1550;
- (d) That the fees for the Nationality Checking Service for 2014/15 remain at the current level of Adult -£60; and Child Under 18 - £30;
- (e) That the fees for a Private Citizenship Ceremony for 2014/15 remain at their current level of Adult - £100; Additional Adult in the same family £75; and Child Under 18 – nil;and
- (f) That the fee for “on demand” certificates remains at £20 for 2014/15.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 In 2009 a full review of the Registration fees was undertaken and since that time fees have been reviewed and determined on an annual basis.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 All

6.0 Policy Implications

- 6.1 None identified

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 No financial implications have been identified.

8.0 Legal Implications

8.1 The majority of fees collected by the registration service are set by central government. The Council has legal authority under legislation to set fees for non statutory services including:

- § Ceremonies at Approved Premises
- § Grant of Approval for Approved Premises
- § Naming Ceremonies*
- § Renewal of Vows Ceremonies
- § Civil Funerals*
- § Nationality Checking Service
- § Private Citizenship Ceremonies
- § Administration Fee for booking ceremonies
- § On demand certificate service

8.2 Local Authorities may provide services to members of the public under its “well being powers” (section 2 the Local Government Act 2000) and may charge for recovering cost of that service under section 93 providing that the recipient of the service accepts the same. The Local Government Act 2000 gives authorities a very broad discretion to provide additional services if they promote the economical, social and environmental wellbeing of the local communities.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 No risks have been identified.

10.0 Background and Options

10.1 The background to the recommendations is set out in the attached appendix.

11.0 Access to Information

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

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