

FEES AND CHARGES -RECOMMENDED FEE INCREASES FOR 2016/17											
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Car Parks:											
New Town:											
Short Stay	Mon-Saturday up to 1 hour	£1.60	£1.60	£0.00	0.00%			Y	The British Retail Federation has nationally reported a reduction in retail activity by shoppers. Information from the Westgate Centre has also shown a 3% reduction in footfall. It was felt that the Short Stay tariff should be frozen. The improvements currently being made to the Railway Station and Platforms, and pent up demand for railway parking should ensure continued demand for the railway parking product.	Welwyn, Bedford, and North Herts short stay charges vary between £1.10 and £2.50 for the first hour and two hour fees. St Albans charge £2.80 up to 2 hrs. and Welwyn 1.50 up to 2 hrs. (there is no 1hr fee) The Railway fees vary from £4.00 per day to £9.00 depending on the service, for the Town Centre Parking 'Long Stay' varies from £3.50 to £8.00 in Bedford depending on distance from the centre. The fees are £4.00 in NHDC £5.00 in St Albans and £8.00 in Milton Keynes. It was felt that after a two year freeze this area was capable of sustaining an increase.	
	Mon-Saturday up to 2 hour	£2.10	£2.10	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
	Mon-Saturday up to 3 hour	£3.00	£3.00	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
	Sunday	£1.70	£1.70	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
	Night Parking 7pm to 7am	£1.70	£1.70	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
Long stay	Mon-Fri before 8.30am	£6.90	£7.00	£0.10	1.45%	£5,850		Y			
	Mon-Fri 8.30am to 7pm	£4.00	£4.20	£0.20	5.00%	£24,000		Y			
	Sunday	£1.70	£1.70	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
	Night Parking 7pm to 7am	£1.70	£1.70	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
Railways	Mon-Fri 4am to 4am	£6.90	£7.00	£0.10	1.45%	£7,750		Y			
Railways	Sunday	£5.50	£6.00	£0.50	9.09%	£4,000		Y			
Railways	Saturday	£6.90	£7.00	£0.10	1.45%	£750		Y			
Season Tickets	New Town (price per month)	£75.00	£75.60	£0.60	0.80%	£2,500		Y			
	Rail (price per month)	£130.00	£130.00	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
New Town Total						£44,850	£3,337,160	Y			
Old Town:											
Primett Rd North	Mon-Sat 0600-1600hrs >1hr	£0.80	£0.90	£0.10	12.50%	£3,000		Y	The Old Town price increase last year came after a two year freeze and reflects inflationary and other cost pressures. This year with the need to maintain the differential pricing with the new town it was felt the 10p rise was sustainable in the Short Stay and Long Stay car parks.	01 January 2016	
	>2hrs	£1.30	£1.40	£0.10	7.69%	£960		Y			
	>3hrs	£1.70	£1.70	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
	3hrs>	£5.00	£5.00	£0.00	0.00%	£0		Y			
Primett Rd South	Mon-Fri 0600-1600hrs	£2.50	£2.60	£0.10	4.00%	£3,700		Y			
	1600-0600hrs	£0.30	£0.30	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
	Sat 0600-1600 >1hr	£0.80	£0.90	£0.10	12.50%	£3,000		Y			
	>2hrs	£1.30	£1.40	£0.10	7.69%	£960		Y			
	>3hrs	£1.70	£1.70	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
	3hrs>	£2.40	£2.40	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
	Sat 1600-Mon 0600hrs	£0.30	£0.30	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
Church Lane North	Mon-Sat 0600-1600hrs >1hr	£0.80	£0.90	£0.10	12.50%	£500		Y			
	>2hrs	£1.30	£1.40	£0.10	7.69%	£200		Y			
	>3hrs	£1.70	£1.70	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
	3hrs>	£2.40	£2.40	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
Season Tickets	Sat 1600-Mon 0600hrs	Free	Free	Free				Y			
	Old Town (price per month)	£43.50	£43.50	£0.00	0.00%			Y			
Old Town Total						£12,320	£146,610	Y			
Loss of income due to price increase					5.00%	-£2,860	-£3,190	Y	Assume 5% attrition rate.		
TOTAL All Off Street Car Parks						£54,310	£3,480,580	Y			
On Street Parking (Town Centre Only):	30 minutes	£0.50	£0.50	£0.00	0.00%	£0	£37,000	Y	In 2011/12 we charged 50p for half a hour Pay & Display and received £44,806. In 2012/13 we raised the charge to 60p but instead of increasing by 20%, income fell to £39,267. In 2013/14, we dropped the charge back to 50p but the income continues to fall and is now projected to bring in about £36,000 for the year. We do not feel that there is sufficient demand to justify another rise in the fee for 2016/17.	01 January 2016	
Garages	General	£9.72	£10.01	£0.29	3.00%	£85,000	£2,922,120	Y	An increase is based on a 3% increase in the current projected income for 2015/16.	Based on what the market/demand can stand.	01 April 2016 (In line with Housing rent increases)
	Premium	£10.30	£10.61	£0.31	3.00%			Y			
						£85,000	£2,922,120	Y			
Bulky Waste:	6 Items	£55.00	£60.00	£5.00	9.09%	£5,670	£68,000	Y	Higher increase to cost to offset increase in disposal fees.	Latest as at 2015/16 - Benchmarked against other Local Authorities. North Herts. £74.80 and Watford £58.00 for 6 items. Cancellation fee to be increased.	01 January 2016
	Cancellation Fee	£8.00	£9.00	£1.00	12.50%			Y			
						£5,670	£68,000	Y			
Cemeteries:	2.5% increase on the budget recommended by officer.				2.50%	£3,960	£162,180	Y	The 2015/16 projection is on target to meet the budget. A 2.5% increase is proposed.	Benchmarked against other Local Authorities. Dacorum Full Grave £511. SBC £502 for a Full Grave. Single internment cost will be £261. North Herts £260.	01 January 2016
						£3,960	£162,180	Y			

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Markets:	1.2% increase across the Indoor Market				1.20%	£5,290	£445,710	Y	An increase on the indoor market income of £440420 at 1.2% = £5285.04. This assumes voids of around 30 units and we are already making inroads on reducing this number.	Based on what the market/demand can stand.	01 January 2016	
						£5,290	£445,710	Y				
Planning:	<u>Major development</u> 100+ residential units, 6000+sqm of commercial /change of use or where the site is 3ha+ PER 100 units /6000sqm/3ha or part of.	£2,500.00	£3,000.00	£500.00	20.00%	£10,000	£35,500	Y	This was a new charge introduced for 2011/12. The fees were increased in 2013/14 and demand for the service has fallen. NO increase was made in 2014/15. The three year average income taken has been £16,000 approximately. Demand is picking up and a new higher rate of £3,000 per 100 units is being introduced to capture the costs of large pre-app sites. Expected budget for 2016/17 of £35,000.	Latest as to date 2015/16 - NHDC large scale complex developments are £3,000 and other large developments £1,500. East Herts charge £1000 to £1500 for major applications and £410 to £615 minor proposals. Welwyn charge between £945 to £3435 for majors and between £456 to £1638 for minor apps depending on the no. of dwellings. All are reviewing their charges and St Albans is likely to follow us.	01 November 2015	
	25-99 residential units, 2001-5999sqm of commercial /change of use or where the site is 1ha-3ha.	£2,500.00	£3,000.00	£500.00	20.00%			Y				
	Development requiring an EIA if not within the above categories	£2,000.00	£2,500.00	£500.00	25.00%			Y				
	<u>Other Major Developments</u> Provision of 10-24 dwellings or where the site is between 0.5ha and 1ha.	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£0.00	0.00%			Y				
	Change of use or provision of 1001sqm - 2000sqm of commercial floor space or on a site with an area exceeding 1ha.	£1,000.00	£1,500.00	£500.00	50.00%			Y				Harmonising the rates with the other bands for this scale of development.
	<u>Minor Development</u> Single dwelling/replacement dwelling	£150.00	£150.00	£0.00	0.00%			Y				
	2-5 dwellings	£300.00	£300.00	£0.00	0.00%			Y				
	6-9 dwellings	£750.00	£840.00	£90.00	12.00%			Y				
	Change of use of buildings/new commercial buildings with a floor space between 0-500sqm or on a site with an area up to 0.5ha.	£150.00	£150.00	£0.00	0.00%			Y				
	Change of use of buildings/new commercial buildings with a floor space between 501sqm and 1000sqm or on a site with an area between 0.5ha and 1 ha	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00	0.00%			Y				
	<u>Householder</u> Domestic extensions, conservatories etc. and alterations to residential properties.	£50.00	£50.00	£0.00	0.00%			Y				
	<u>Specialist Advice</u> Works to listed buildings	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00	0.00%			Y				
	Developments affecting a conservation area							Y				
	<u>Advertisements</u> Per Site	£50.00	£50.00	£0.00	0.00%	Y						
	<u>Permitted Development Enquiries</u> Requests as to whether a proposal requires an application for planning permission or is 'permitted development'.	50% of Planning Fee		£0.00	0.00%	Y	Withdrawing this service as pre-application advice not required on PD. Not previously used.					
						£10,000	£35,500	Y				
Parks and Open Spaces:	2.5% increase on the budget recommended by officers			£0.00	2.50%	£2,840	£116,410	Y			01 January 2016	
						£2,840	£116,410	Y				
Allotments:	Price per rod	£8.00	£8.50	£0.50	6.25%	£1,360	£23,120	Y	Proposed increase for 2016/17 is 6.25%. Following a recent review of all allotment plots it was found that some plot holders were paying for a larger plot than they were actually working, while others were paying for a smaller plot. This will be rectified from January 2016 which will result in some plot holders having to pay more for their plot than in previous years.	Latest as at 2015/16 - Benchmarked against other Local Authorities. NHDC per rod £11.80, 5 rod £59 and 10 rod £118.	01 January 2016	
	5 Rod allotment	£40.00	£42.50	£2.50	6.25%			Y				
	10 Rod allotment	£80.00	£85.00	£5.00	6.25%			Y				
								Y				
						£1,360	£23,120	Y				
Fishing:	Adult Day Ticket	£8.00	£8.00	£0.00	0.00%	£0	£5,000	Y	After taking into consideration benchmarking no increase is proposed.	Latest as at 2014/15 - Benchmarked against Stanborough Lakes, WGC. £7 per fishing rod, £5 for juniors, but also required to pay for car parking at site. No increase as higher than Stanborough Lakes WGC	01 January 2016	
	Junior Day Ticket	£6.00	£6.00	£0.00	0.00%			Y				
	Night Fishing	£18.00	£18.00	£0.00	0.00%			Y				
	Average of above	£10.67	£10.67	£0.00	0.00%			Y				
						£0	£5,000	Y				

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Trade Refuse:	Increase in fees to cover additional increase in disposal costs (example of pricing shown, 1100 litre bin)	£17.10	£17.95	£0.85	4.97%	£25,880	£546,550	Y	Higher increase to base budget of 4.97% will partly offset 3% increase in disposal and gate fees.	Latest as at 2015/16 - Benchmarked against other local providers (1100 bin). Biffa £18.5 and Veolia £16.65.	01 January 2016
Clinical Waste:	Increase in fees to cover additional increase in disposal costs example of pricing shown Clinical box)	£9.60	£10.10	£0.50	5.21%	£2,670	£54,010	Y	Higher increase to base budget of 5.21% will partly offset 3% increase in disposal and gate fees.	Latest as at 2015/16 - Benchmarked against SRCL.	01 January 2016
Skips:	Increase in fees to cover additional increase in disposal costs (example of pricing shown 6yard skip)	£227.60	£240.00	£12.40	5.45%	£9,850	£190,660	Y	Higher increase to base budget of 5.45% will partly offset 3% increase in disposal and gate fees.	Latest as at 2015/16 - Benched marked against other providers such as Stevenage Skip Hire £234 for 6yd skip.	01 January 2016
Transfer Station:	Increase in fees to cover additional increase in disposal costs example of pricing shown, medium panel van)	£158.50	£166.45	£7.95	5.02%	£4,260	£89,200	Y	Higher increase to base budget of 5.02% will partly offset 3% increase in disposal and gate fees.	Latest as at 2015/16 - Benched marked against Site Transfer Station for Mixed non-hazardous waste £164.	01 January 2016
Increase disposal cost of waste for Trade, Clinical, Skips and Transfer Station:						-£17,740	-£386,540	Y	Projected Trade Waste Recharges (Disposal costs) of 3% are indicative percentage received from HCC for the purposes of providing an approximate level of charge.		02 January 2016
Hackney Carriages:						£0	£23,500	Y	Current charges were set in 2014. Intention was to review in 2015. However, this has been put back to summer 2016 to allow for the impact of new legislation (introduced on 01/10/15) on income to be assessed. Charges cannot be increased without consultation and approval by General Purposes Committee.	Not applicable, cost recovery only.	01 January 2016
Environmental Health & Licensing:											
	Animal Control	various		various	4.21%	£500	£12,370	Y	No change proposed to pest control charges to increase take up as there is a lot of competition from the private sector. Charges may change if decision is taken to outsource the service, but will not exceed the Council's agreed charge. New charge for return of stray dogs and removal of reduction in fee for first offences to reflect cost of providing the service.	Pest control charges benchmarked against other local authorities.	01 January 2016
	Housing Act 2004	various		various	133.49%	£5,700	£9,970	Y	Cost recovery only permissible under legislation. Increase in income in 2016 only due to the number of existing premises due for re-licensing (5 year license).	Not applicable, cost recovery only.	01 January 2016
	Food Premises	various		various	18.46%	£1,650	£10,590	Y	Non statutory function allows for income maximisation		01 January 2016
	Licensing including, Acupuncture, sex establishments, street trading etc.	various		£0.00	1.94%	£240	£12,640	Y	The majority of fees are set by legislation or are already at the maximum permitted. The remainder can only be charged at a level which recovers costs (excluding enforcement).	Not applicable, cost recovery only.	01 January 2016

Net Increase in Fees £201,440

Where there are multiple fees in a service area, an example has been given to demonstrate the price increases

* All figures are excluding VAT