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(- equals loss of income)												
Car Parks:												
New Town:												
Short Stay	Mon-Saturday up to 1 hour	£1.10	£1.30	£0.20	93,000			Y	The improvement in the offer available to shoppers with the new Next and H&M to open soon helps sustain the increase without compromising market growth/penetration. The improvements currently being made to the Railway Station and Platforms, pent up demand for railway parking, and the proposed increase in capacity with the new franchise should ensure this increase does not result in under use of either of the station car parks.	Welwyn, Bedford, and North Herts. charge between £1.00 and £2.20 for the first hour and two hour fees. The Railway fees vary from £4.00 per day to £7.50 depending on the service, for instance Bedford is £7.50 with Welwyn at £5.00. These are this years prices and will be subject to revision, however their pricing reviews are not at this advanced stage at present. The Town Centre Parking 'Long Stay' varies from £3.50 to £7.00 in Bedford, £4.00 in NHDC and £8.00 in Milton Keynes. There have been no increases in both the Railway and Long Stay car parks for 3 Years.	01 January 2013	
	Mon-Saturday up to 2 hour	£1.60	£1.80	£0.20	62,200			Y				
	Mon-Saturday up to 3 hour	£2.50	£2.80	£0.30	8,670			Y				
	Sunday	£1.30	£1.50	£0.20	18,700			Y				
	Night Parking 7pm to 7am	£1.30	£1.50	£0.20	2,500			Y				
Long stay	Mon-Fri before 8.30am	£6.00	£6.50	£0.50	6,500			Y				
	Mon-Fri 0830am to 7pm	£3.50	£3.80	£0.30	25,000			Y				
	Sunday	£1.30	£1.50	£0.20	see Sunday above			Y				
	Night Parking 7pm to 7am	£1.30	£1.50	£0.20	see night parking above			Y				
Railways	Mon-Frid 4aam to 4am	£6.00	£6.50	£0.50	39,480			Y				
Railways	Sunday	£4.00	£4.50	£0.50	4,030			Y				
Railways	Saturday	£5.00	£5.50	£0.50	3,090			Y				
Season Tickets	New Town	£56.67	£61.25	£4.58	16,940				There are currently 308 season ticket holders in the New Town There are currently 73 season ticket holders in the New Town			
	Rail	£97.50	£105.00	£7.50	6,570							
New Town Total					286,680	(28,670)	258,010					
Old Town:												
Primett Rd North	Mon-Sat 0600-1600hrs >1hr	£0.50	£0.60	£0.10	2,996			Y	The Old Town price increase comes after a two year freeze and reflects inflationary and other cost pressures. It also maintain the balanced differential pricing with the new town.		01 January 2013	
	>2hrs	£1.00	£1.10	£0.10	961			Y				
	>3hrs	£1.50	£1.60	£0.10	222			Y				
	3hrs>	£5.00	£5.00	£0.00				Y				
Primett Rd South	Mon-Fri											
	0600-1600hrs	£2.00	£2.20	£0.20	3,701			Y				
	1600-0600hrs	£0.20	£0.20	£0.00								
	Sat 0600-1600			£0.00								
	>1hr	£0.50	£0.60	£0.10	See Primett North			Y				
	>2hrs	£1.00	£1.10	£0.10	See Primett North			Y				
	>3hrs	£1.50	£1.60	£0.10	See Primett North			Y				
	3hrs>	£2.00	£2.20	£0.20	See Primett North			Y				
Church Lane North	Sat 1600-Mon 0600hrs	£0.20	£0.20	£0.00				Y				
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	3hrs>	£2.00	£2.20	£0.20	See Primett North			Y				
Season Tickets	Sat 1600-Mon 0600hrs	Free		Free				Y				
	Old Town	£30.00	£34.83	£4.83	7,540			Y	There are 130 season tickets in the Old Town currently			
Old Town Total					15,420	(1,540)	13,880					
Loss of income due to price increase All Car Parks					302,100	(30,210)	3,221,770					
On Street Parking	30 minutes	£0.60	£0.50	-£0.10	0		46,160	Y	The charge was raised to 60p in 2011/12 but income did not increase by 20% as might be expected, in fact the income dropped to £44,806. The income is projected to be £44,000 for 2012/13. Reducing the price to 0.50p may achieve the budget for 2013/14 of			
					0	0	46,160					
Garages	General	£9.11	£9.25	£0.14	29,130	(41,850)		N	The garages have been suffering over the past two years with an increased number of voids and high churn rates. During this financial year we have already seen an increase on the number of voids predicted reducing in year income. Options considered include a nil rise on both premium and standard garages, however if void rates are to continue as predicted this would mean a decrease in the budget of circa £42,000. Although an increase of 3% across the board would see a predicted rise in budget of circa £14,000 this could well be offset by a dramatic increase in the voids rates and consequently increased staff time and costs in managing the voids and is therefore considered to be counterproductive. The rises put forward should keep the the base budget consistent with this years budget assuming that voids continue to rise as they have done in the past 18 months. Any decrease in the voids rates will see us be able to collect more revenue than anticipated but it is prudent to keep budgets levels at the same level as the previous year.	01 April 2013		
	Premium	£9.62	£9.80	£0.18	13,320			N				
					42,450	(41,850)	2,654,930					
Abandoned Vehicles:	0% increase on the budget				0			Y	Current level of budgeted income not being realised-no increase proposed. Difficult to collect the arrears and scrap metal value over the last 18 months has increased, which has reduced the number of abandoned cars.	Not applicable (budget reduced).		
					0	(2,000)	2,000		Income achieved for 2011/12 only £1800 no increase recommended and reduction in budget required to match income generated in			
Bulky Waste:	6 Items Cancellation Fee	£40.00 £6.00	£45.00 £6.00	£5.00 £0.00	10,330			Y	Concessions price to remain at 50%, cancellation fee to remain as is.	Benchmarked against other Local Authorities. East Herts. £52.50 for 4 items. Cancellation fee keep as is.	01 January 2013	
					10,330	0	92,160					
Cemeteries:	2.5% increase on the budget recommended by officer.				3,670		150,590	Y	The income currently being achieved is slightly lower than the profiled budget.	Benchmarked against other Local Authorities. Broxbourne costs £600 for a 8 foot plot. SBC will be £558 for a 8 foot plot. SBC single burial will be £357, Dacorum at £399. Single interment cost will be £319.	01 January 2013	
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Markets:	Last year in November 2011 a reduction in fees of 20% was agreed. Various rates across the market exist. No increase in fees are being considered for 2013/14.			0		47,000	470,100	N	The projected increase reflects the ambition to decrease the voids within the Market following last years Licence Fee reduction. The Council agreed the reduction in the overall budget last year in November 2011 (2012/13 budget £437,000). Additionally an increase in the budget was planned for 2013/14 to £497,100 to account for the decrease in the number of voids in the market. The agreement with the Market Traders Association requires the level of fees to be reviewed every three months and no increase for at least 6 months (01/05/12) At the reviews so far it has been agreed that no increase is justified due to the continuing economic situation and also the footfall and trade across the market. It is anticipated therefore that there will now be no increase in charges until April 2014 but in the meantime income will be increased by take up of the void stalls due to the low licence fee and packages on offer. It should be noted that any increase is also limited to 25% of the overall cut in anyone year. (this would be equivalent to a 6.25% inc.)	Average prices per square foot of various indoor Markets Stevenage = £1.07, Borough market Southwark =£1.56, Luton = £1, Darlington £0.75, Watford £0.73 - Watford now follow a similar regime to the Council in providing a range of start up packages and escalating fees for new businesses.	Not applicable																																			
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	Next 10 dwellings (per dwelling)	£31.50	£33.00	£1.50				Y																																						
	Next 50 dwellings (per dwelling)	£10.50	£11.00	£0.50				Y																																						
	Further dwellings (per dwelling)	£5.25	£6.00	£0.75				Y																																						
	Naming of a new street	£157.50	£165.00	£7.50				Y																																						
	Renaming of existing street	£210.00	£220.00	£10.00				Y																																						
	Change of House name, or adding alias name	£52.50	£55.00	£2.50				Y																																						
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Carriage Crossing	current application / survey fee	£55.00	£55.00	£0.00				Y	Fee increased by 10% last year so no change proposed for 2013/14																																					
					0		89,260																																							
Planning:																																														
	Pre-application for major developments advice officers recommended 2.5% Major development	£ 1,500	£ 1,538	£ 37				Y	This was an new charge introduced for 2011/12.	NHDC large scale complex developments are £3,000 and other large developments £1,500. These are still the relevant charges for 2012-	01 February 2013																																			
	Provision of 10 up to 24 dwelling units or where the site area is 0.5 – 1ha.	£ 750	£ 1,500	£ 750				Y																																						
	Change of use of buildings or new commercial floor space up to 2000sqm.	£ 750	£ 2,000	£ 1,250																																										
	25 or more residential units or where floor area exceeds 1ha. 2000sqm or more commercial floor space	£ 1,500	£ 2,500	£ 1,000																																										
	Change of use of buildings or new commercial floor space exceeding 2000sqm.	NEW	£ 2,000	£ 2,000																																										
	Minor Developments	£ 130	£ 150	£ 20					Planning officers spend a significant amount of time on these particularly where there are multiple units. The increase, therefore, is considered justified.																																					
					11,500	0	25,500																																							
Parks and Open Spaces:	2.5% increase on the budget recommended by officers	£5.00	£5.00	£0.00				Y	Concessions at Ridlins Track are for Stevenage Schools only. The charge for kitchen pavilion was introduced in 2011/12, no increase is being proposed on increasing this fee.		01 January 2013																																			
					3,040		124,860																																							
Allotments:																																														
	Price per rod	£4.95	£5.90	£0.95				Y	The increase needs to be notified 12 months in advance, concessions would pay 10% increase.	Benchmarked against other Local Authorities. NHDC per rod £11.20, 5 rod £56 and 10 rod £112	01 January 2013																																			
	5 Rod allotment (2011/12)	£24.75	£29.50	£4.75				Y																																						
	10 Rod allotment (2011/12)	£49.40	£59.00	£9.60				Y																																						
					2,550		15,990																																							
Trade Refuse:	5 % increase in fees to cover additional increase in disposal costs (example of pricing shown, 1100 litre bin)	£13.57	£14.25	£0.68		24,770	516,280	Y	No increase to base budget this year as we have lost 2 large clients	Benchmarked against other local providers (1100 bin). SBC £12.92, Biffa £14.80 and Veolia £10.42	01 January 2013																																			
Clinical Waste:	5 % increase in fees to cover additional increase in disposal costs example of pricing shown (Clinical box)	£7.81	£8.20	£0.39		1,620	34,170	Y	Higher increase to base budget to offset 2.5% increase in disposal and gate fees	Benchmarked against SRCL £17.40	01 January 2013																																			
Skips:	5 % increase in fees to cover additional increase in disposal costs (example of pricing shown 6yard skip)	£191.99	£201.58	£9.59		11,790	247,880	Y	Higher increase to base budget to offset 2.5% increase in disposal and gate fees	Bench marked against other providers Shannahan £194.25	01 January 2013																																			
Transfer Station:	5 % increase in fees to cover additional increase in disposal costs					2,790	58,540	Y	Higher increase to base budget to offset 2.5% increase in disposal and gate fees																																					
Increase disposal cost of waste for Trade, Clinical, Skips and Transfer Station						(20,480)			The income above is shown gross of increased disposal costs																																					

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Hackney Carriages:								Y	Charges cannot be increased without consultation & approval by General Purposes committee. Current charges were set in 2009 and are to be reviewed in this financial year and must be based on cost recovery. The current view is that costs are being recovered, however any identified increase in costs would be implemented in 2013/14.	Not applicable, cost recovery only	01 April 2013
					0		0				
Environmental Health & Licensing:	Animal Control	various		various	1,250		15,150	Y	charges to be increased to maximise income as far as possible. Smaller increases proposed for pests which are known disease vectors to maximise take up and reduce risk (e.g. to £50 for rats/mice). No significant increase in charges for return of stray dogs is proposed to maximise chance of dog being claimed.	Pest control charges benchmarked against other local authorities. NHDC charge for treatment of rats/mice - £59.50	01 January 2013
	Housing Act 2004	various		various	500			Y	cost recover only permissible under legislation	Not applicable, cost recovery only	
	Licensing including, Acupuncture, sex establishments, street trading etc	various		0	400			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). It is proposed that a fee of £36 be introduced for commercial traders at Stevenage Day/carnival/other open air events. No charge is proposed for voluntary/charity traders for these events.	Not applicable, cost recovery only	
					2,150		0				15,150
					418,859	(47,540)	7,297,339				
					Net Increase in Fees		371,320				

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