Decision No: CAB

Forward Plan No: This record relates to Agenda Item 163 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:

CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: RESOURCES

SUBJECT:

AUTHOR:

PAUL HOLLOWAY

FEES AND CHARGES

THE DECISION

- (1) That the fees and charges for Life Events as detailed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 3 to the report be approved and recommended to Budget Council; and
- (2) That the fees and charges for Trading Standards, Environmental Health and Building Control as shown in Appendices 6 to 15 to the report be approved and recommended to Budget Council.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The recommendations are justifiable and make business sense in both of the service areas. Our highly regarded services have the potential to generate more income. This is based on information included within the appendices to the report.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

A benchmarking exercise has identified there is real potential for increasing our fees and charges across both the Bereavement and Registration services. Both have excellent reputations for providing high quality customer focussed services, and there is a need to maximise income generation. The exercise can be achieved whilst remaining extremely competitive with our neighbours and other service providers nearby.

It does not make sense to continue with the current outdated pricing structure for services in both areas, and the alternative of not updating fees and charges would miss out on opportunities to justifiably generate more income for services that are already recognised for their quality. OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision

Date:

Decision Maker:

19 January 2012

Councillor Bill Randall Leader of the Council **Signed:**

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Proper Officer:

19 January 2012

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services **Signed**:

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the meeting at which the decision was taken subject to any requirement for earlier implementation of the decision.

Or: This decision is urgent and not subject to call-in (date of CE's agreement to urgency of decision).

Call-In Period 19 – 26 January 2012

Date of Call-in (if applicable) (this suspends implementation)

Call-in Procedure completed (if applicable)

Call-in heard by (if applicable)

Results of Call-in (*if applicable*)