

Factors to apply when making charges

1. Risk assessment of the number of inspections/visits required relating the work involved:
 - a. The introduction of charges for standard work to ensure a straightforward and transparent approach
 - b. The option to individually determine charges where no standard charge is published
 - c. To give refunds or make supplementary charges

2. Where substantive advice is provided prior to a formal submission it would allow the Local Authority to make a charge. Permit more factors to be considered when setting fees.
 - a. Set charges that are fair and proportionate
 - b. More accounting requirements that are intended to make the scheme more transparent and accountable.

Charges functions

The Charges Regulations 2010 authorise the setting of charges for the following prescribed Building Regulation functions:-

- a) Checking full plans applications
- b) Inspecting work associated with full plans applications
- c) Checking/Inspecting work associated with building notices
- d) Checking/Inspecting work associated with regularisation applications
- e) Providing advice in respect of the chargeable function (a) to (d) above, before these functions are carried out or an application/notice is deposited (note: the first hour is non-chargeable).

