Report to Cabinet: Fees and Charges in Life Events

19 January 2012

**Register Office: benchmarking** 

A comparison of our current and proposed ceremony and non-statutory fees with those of our nearest neighbouring registration districts of West Sussex (WSCC) and East Sussex County Council (ESCC), plus other neighbouring districts including Kent County Council (KCC), Hampshire County Council (HCC) & Surrey County Council (SCC).

(A blank box indicates that fees are not comparable e.g. they do not offer all of the same service or prices were not easily accessible. Fees and charges are correct at time of researching either on the relevant website or speaking to a member of staff.)

Ceremony fees							
	BHCC Current Fee	BHCC Proposed Fee	WSCC FEES	ESCC FEES	HCC FEES	SCC FEES	KCC FEES
DECOMMISSIONED ROOM E.G. REGENCY ROOM & MAYOR'S PARLOUR							
Monday to Thursday	£87	£92	£387.50		£233.50	£107	£308
Friday am	£107	£167	£423.50	£180	£293.50	£182	£308
Friday pm	£158	£167	£423.50	£180	£293.50	£182	£308
Saturday am	£211	£278	£523.50	£235	£493.50	£242	£414
Saturday pm	£263	£278	£523.50	£235	£493.50	£242	£414
Sunday & Bank Holidays	£341.50	£400	£593.50	£375	£533.50		£520
APPROVED VENUES							
Monday to Thursday	£332	£360	£387.50	£390	£373.50	£367	£410
Friday	£332	£385	£423.50	£390	£433.50	£407	£410
Saturday	£378	£400	£523.50	£410	£493.50	£407	£557
Sunday & Bank Holidays	£450.50	£500	£593.50	£470	£533.50	£477	£637
OTHER FEES							
Nationality Checking Service – Adult	£53	£60	£55	£55	£60	£61.27	£65
Nationality Checking Service – Child	£30	£50	£55	£30	£60	£30.64	£65
Private citizenship ceremony	£84	£100 - £150		£80	£130		£175
Booking fee	New service	£55	£50		£50	£50	£55
Amendment fee	New service	£25				£20	£25
Pre ceremony meeting / rehearsal	New service	£50 per hour	£45 per hour				£88 per hour