

Appendix 2: Analysis of the Proposed Changes to Fees and Charges

The following appendix gives further details of the proposed changes to fees and charges including some benchmarking information as to how the charges compare to other neighbouring local authorities.

Details of Charges for Bereavement Services

	Frequency 2016/17	Income 2016/17
Certificate of burial/certificate of transfer/copy certificate	81	2,187
Exclusive right of burial	30	27,000
Family ashes plot	13	7,364
Garden of remembrance – plaque	3	300
Grave marker	35	945
Interment of a stillborn or aged under one month	5	140
Interment Child under 16	0	0
Interment of an adult	82	36,900
Interment of cremated remains	38	3,610
Memorial – additional inscriptions and refix	59	2,212
Memorial – headstone (inclusive of first inscription)	48	5,040
Memorial – tablet or vase	3	162
Search Fees	1	21
TOTAL	398	85,882

Current Charge	Avg. Fee	Highest Fee	New Proposed Charge 18/19	Change	% Change
27.00	27.00	30.00	27.00	0.00	0%
900.00	785.00	1,115.00	900.00	0.00	0%
566.50	500.00	566.50	566.50	0.00	0%
100.00	123.00	220.83	100.00	0.00	0%
27.00	25.00	30.00	27.00	0.00	0%
28.00	50.00	161.00	0.00	-28.00	-100%
56.00			0.00	-56.00	-100%
450.00	571.00	840.00	600.00	150.00	33%
95.00	157.00	443.00	120.00	25.00	26%
37.50	32.00	46.00	37.50	0.00	0%
105.00	150.00	200.00	150.00	45.00	43%
54.00	54.00	100.00	54.00	0.00	0%
21.50	23.00	32.10	21.50	0.00	0%

Adjusted Income 18/19	Additional Income 18/19
2,187	0
27,000	0
7,364	0
300	0
945	0
0.00	(140)
0.00	0
49,200	12,300
4,560	950
2,212	0
7,200	2,160
162	0
21	0
101,152	15,270

The new fees proposed in this report are expected to generate an additional £15,300 income based on bereavement services in 2016/17.

Benchmarking of Bereavement Charges

	Chorley £	Chorley New Proposed Charge £	Blackbur n with Darwen £	Ribble Valley £	Fylde £	Hyndbrn £	Lancaster £	Pendle £	Prestn £	Rossendale £	Wigan £
Interment of an adult	450	600	455	340	544	725	674	768	496	490	840
Interment of cremated remains	95	120	-	98	138	135	161	258	93	85	172
Memorial – additional inscriptions and refix	105	150	200	125	141	180	116	198	150	177	128

Proposals

The largest changes in charges are the interment on an adult that is increased from £450 to £600 (33%) compared to an average charge across Lancashire of approximately £580. This would result in Chorley being the 5th highest charge when compared to the councils above.

Chorley Council currently has one of the lowest charges for interment of cremated remains. It is proposed to increase this from £95 to £120. This would result in Chorley being the 6th highest charge when compared to the councils above.

Chorley Council currently has one of the lowest charges for memorial headstones. It is proposed to increase this from £105 to £150. This would result in Chorley being the 5th highest charge when compared to the councils above.

It is proposed to waive any charges for those 16 and under, this would include the £28 for the interment of a stillborn or aged under one month

Details of Charges for Geographical Information Services

	Frequency data 12 months to date	Current Charge	Highest Fee	New Charge 18/19	Change	% Change	Income - Current Fee £	Adjusted Income 18/19 £	Additional Income 18/19 £
Naming/Renaming of Streets/Roads									
Naming of new street	7	£100	£200	£200	£100	100%	700	1,400	700
Renaming of street at residents request		£100 + £25 per household	£300 + £50 per household	£100 + £25 per household	0	0%	0	0	0
House Naming and Numbering									
House name added/renamed		£25	£100	£50	£25	100%	0	0	0
Developments of 1 - 5 plots	70	£25 per plot	£50 per plot	£40 per plot	£15 per plot	75%	1,750	2,800	1,050
Developments of 6 - 10 plots	35	£20 per plot	£50 per plot	£35 per plot	£15 per plot	75%	700	1,225	525
Developments of 11 - 50 plots	202	£15 per plot	£30 per plot	£30 per plot	£15 per plot	100%	3,030	6,060	3,030
Developments of 50+ plots	127	£10 per plot	£25 per plot	£20 per plot	£10 per plot	100%	1,270	2,540	1,270
Other Categories									
Changes to development after initial notification	188	£25 per plot	£50 per change	£40 per plot	£15 per plot	60%	4,700	7,520	2,425
							12,150	21,545	9,000

Additional Income **9,000**

It is proposed that all the current fees are increased so that the service recovers the full cost of delivery

Details of Charges for Civic Amenity Collection (Bulky Waste Collection)

	Current Charge £	2015/16 requests	2016/17 requests	New Charge	Change	% Change	2018/19 Requests	Additional Income
Up to 1 Item	17.5	437	543	20.00	2.50	14%	450.00	1,125
Up to 5 items	31.5	767	836	40.00	8.50	27%	800.00	6,800
								7,925

Benchmarking of Civic Amenity Collection (Bulky Waste Collection)

Council	Details
South Ribble	£16 for up to 4 non- electrical £4 for each additional £12 per electrical item
Preston	£19.50 for up to 3 items £7 for each additional up to 6 maximum
Ribble Valley	£13.50 for up to 4 items £3.40 for each additional
Blackburn with Darwen	£10 for 1 to 5 items
Fylde	£19.65 for up to 3 items £39.30 4 to 10 items
Rossendale	£26.30 per item £52.50 for up to 6 items

Proposals

Increasing bulky waste charges from £17.50 for one item to £20

Increasing bulky waste charges from £31.50 for up to five items to £40

No longer offer the collection of electrical equipment for free, these collections to be charged at new bulky waste charge rates

This would make the charges by Chorley Council some of the highest in Lancashire

