

AGENDA ITEM 8

RURAL, ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

10 NOVEMBER 2010

REPORT OF HEAD OF REGULATORY SERVICES

BUILDING CONTROL FEES

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present to the Committee potential options for the setting the fees for Building Control for 2011/12

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:-

(a) the Council set the fee at the level described at para below

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Building Control fees are governed by the Regulations that took effect on 1st October 2010. these require that fees are based on the actual average cost of dealing with the application concerned. A significant restructure of the fees took effect in October that radically changed the structure of previous fee arrangements. As a result of these changes there were significant increases and decreases for various types of building work.

- 3.2 Because of the thorough basis on which the fees were calculated, it is considered that they are an accurate reflection of actual costs and as such there is little scope for alteration. However, there are general increases in costs through inflation on materials, transport costs etc and as such it is considered that an increase linked to inflation can be justified.

- 3.3 It is therefore considered that an increase of 3% can be justified.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It is not considered that there are significant Corporate implications arising from this initiative.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The increase in fees is likely to increase overall revenue from Building Control by £6000

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Legal implications/powers are set out at paragraph 3.1 above.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

- 7.1 There are no community safety issues arising from this report.

8.0 EQUALITIES

- 8.1 There are no equalities issues arising from this report.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 Please refer to para 3.1 above.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no climate change issues arising from this report.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 No consultation has been carried out.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 To varying degrees all wards are affected

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