

**REEA Service currently provided free of charge**

<b>Environmental Health</b>	
Food Safety – Registration Charge	Legal requirement to register – no power to charge
Contaminated Land Enquiry	No charge under Environmental Information Regulations
Copy of List of Authorised Processes	Public Register –therefore no charge
Copy of Public Register/Premises File	Public Register –therefore no charge
Disclosure of Relevant Information	No charge under Environmental Information Regulations
Requests for Advice	Free advice prevents problems further down the line, so seen as beneficial (and potentially time saving).

<b>Car Parking</b>	
Coach/Bus parking for tourist buses and school buses	<p>When this was previously investigated it was discovered that Melton Mowbray attracts many tourist coaches because of its policy for not charging, tour operators build this into their viability. In the past it has been recognised how this free coach parking helps to support the viability of the town –however it is an area that could be re-visited, other holiday/ tourist destinations have different policies on charging for coaches.</p> <p>Local buses and school buses could also be charged – however there is a risk that bus companies will reduce the number of journeys they make.</p> <p>All car park charges need to strike a balance between paying for services provided and not deterring visitors and the local community from using the car parks. Council policies towards charging for Pay &amp; Display vary considerably across the country.</p>
Resident car parking in housing car parks	There are certain resident car parks on edge of town locations, Saxby Rd for example that are used by commuters during the day, this car park alone could generate an additional £8-10k per annum if there was a residents permit scheme introduced for night time – say 6pm -8am and the car park was Pay & Display outside of these hours, however resident car park schemes have been unpopular because they involve quite a high level of administration for a low return, parking permits typically costing in the region of £50-£75 per annum.
Car parking charges on Sundays	Shops and services operate on Sundays and also events, there is an opportunity to introduce a charge for Sunday parking. However this has been not introduced previously as it is unpopular with visitors, residents, traders and church goers.
Car parking charges between 6pm and 7:30am	The council has been trying to build up the evening economy introducing charges for the evening would impact adversely on this. Charnwood BC have charges for Sunday and evenings 60p, some other local Councils do not charge at these times.
Car parking charges for Blue Badge holders	It was previously decided, by Members, not to charge Blue Badge holders. MBC, have in the past, made a

	charge to Blue Badge Holders and we had some ticket machines set at a low level so people could access machines from a wheelchair. The Blue Badge system has had some bad press suggesting that there is insufficient monitoring on use of blue badges by people without access issues.
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<b>Licensing</b>	
Charitable collection permits	Seen as charitable service and therefore not appropriate to charge

<b>Waste Management</b>	
Bin replacement – damaged/stolen	It is thought that we should not penalise (charge) customers who have bins stolen and many are (due to being over 10 years old) becoming brittle/wheels and bearing wearing out, lids falling off, all this due to age, being very easy to get damaged through no fault of the customer .
Delivery of household bins	MBC have not charged for delivery of bins if stolen or damaged outside of the customers control, the current replacement cost if the customer is to blame for the requirement of needing a new one (£35 covers the cost of the new bin and the delivery charge).
Free recycling collections – Schools Only	This was originally to encourage recycling and offset the costs applied in recent years to schools for having refuse collected, also a government best practise at the time. It could be introduced as a bin tag system similar to that used for refuse at the same rate as we charge for refuse bin tags, however it is believed that schools we have now will object by leaving our bin tag scheme for the refuse and a loss of recycling income would be experienced by MBC.
Additional recycling bins	We have always provided as much capacity as is needed for domestic customers to recycle, it is expected that residents would not pay more to recycle, they may transfer excess recycling into the (free of a direct charge) black bin.
Collection of large quantities of cardboard	This is free in line with other free services to encourage recycling. It is thought that introducing a charge may increase fly tipping and raise questions about cardboard having a value. This may lead to public clarity that recycling although good for the environment, costs them and the council money, whilst currently appearing to benefit the commercial recycling companies financially.
Abandoned Vehicles	The council have a statutory duty to remove abandoned vehicles and under the Clean Neighbourhood Act 2005 FPNs can be issued (£200) for abandoned vehicle offences. However dealing with such vehicles is an extensive process involving inspections, DVLA audit requirements, administration and with incidents increasing five fold since 2015 dealing with them to the point of removal alone has stretched resources to the maximum .

	<p>Most DVLA registered keeper details are invalid as the keeper has either moved address or sold the car and not informed the DVLA, which therefore makes it both lengthy and extremely difficult to issue a FPN to the perpetrators.</p>
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