

Fees and Charges

During the budget build process, managers were asked to consider their fees and charges, giving consideration for statutory pricing, inflation, market forces and benchmarking with other district/local authorities. To this end fees and charges have contributed £224.1k towards the budget build for 2015/16.

Service	Proposed Increase
Environmental Services	Most of these fees are statutory
Land Charges	No increases are proposed. There is a statutory requirement for this service area to break even
Licensing	These fees have primarily increased by between 0.0% and 3.33%, increase above 3.33% are due to a £1 increase in the fees.
Council Publications	No increases are proposed
Electoral Services	No increases are proposed
Corporate Marketing	No increases to minimum charges are proposed
Car Parking	<p>Majority of fees remain the same, however it is proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase the cost of a replacement season ticket and parking permit discs from £20 to £25 – Actual 2013/14 £60 income • To increase weekly waivers for builders from £35 to £40 – Actual 2013/14 £1,405 income
Cremations/Burials	<p>The following increases are proposed (above 2.5%):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.19% increase to the adult cremation fee further work has been carried out by Simon Woodgate and benchmarking with other crematoria, the fee is proposed to increase by £50 for an adult cremation, this still leaves us 4th in the table on cost in other locations in Kent; • 6.67% increase for disposal of ashes from other crematoria (for scatter or auger plot); • 11.32% increase in Garden of rest exclusive right of plot for the interment of ashes in caskets or urns an additional increase of £15 from the previous proposed figure;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delete cost of assignment of right of burial; • Delete charge for right to erect headstone (lawn burial system); • Delete charge for right to erect vase 8” high and 7” square • Delete charge for additional inscription on existing memorial • 7.69% for Auger Pot – interment of ashes; <p>Margate & Ramsgate Cemeteries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.15% increase in purchase of exclusive right of burial – Adult an additional £50 which still leaves us 4th in the local league table; • 2.94% increase in purchase of exclusive right of burial – Adult; • 2.8% increase in purchase of exclusive right of burial – Adult only – non-Parishioner; • 3.33% increase in Interment – child under 12 years – 5ft grave; • 4% cremated remains - per interment; • Delete search fee; • Delete Memorial Fees as per 2014/15 fees and schedules and change headings for memorial fees; • Delete Memorial Bench Plaque (when available) – lease of space for 5 years • Changes to all single, double, triple and quadruple Internment adult – pre-purchased grave only – hand or mechanically dug. Increase single by £20, increase double by £20, decrease triple by £80 and reduce quadruple by £80. There are not many triple or quadruple purchases, in the main they are single and double purchases. The single % increase is 5.26%, double is 3.9% and triples reduced by 5.98% and quadruples reduce by 5.11%
Refuse – Bulky Waste	Service area is being reviewed, any fees and charges increases will be included within the review
Garden Waste	<p>Service area has been reviewed and an increase of £5 has been proposed.</p> <p>Increases between 14.29% and 25% due to £5 increase to all categories is proposed</p>

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Allotments	Increase between 2.34 and 2.49% which equates to 50p per perch per annum and 66p per minimum plot per annum is proposed
Littering & Graffiti	No increases are proposed
Margate & Broadstairs Harbour	No increases are proposed
Ramsgate Harbour/Port	An increase of up to 2.55% is proposed for the majority of charges. Others over 2.55% increase up to £5.00 Charge for Tradesmen working in Harbour Area – Annual Permit to work – propose to delete Service area is being reviewed, any other fees and charges increases will be included within the review
Property Services	No increases are proposed
HMO and Selective Licences	Delete charge for Variation of Licence and Variation of Licence (accredited) for HMO Licences and Selective Licences An increase of up to 2% is proposed
Housing Regeneration charges for advice services	Full property inspection service -Deletion of fees is proposed Fire Risk Assessment Property Inspection – deletion of fees is proposed
Financial Services	Surcharge for Credit Card payments as a percentage of transactions is proposed
Building Control	A further review has taken place, and now increases are as follows: An increase of between 3.51% and 4.17% is proposed. These increases represent between £1 and £3.
Planning	Fees for applications are set by the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. No increases are proposed to the pre-application planning advice fees Service area is being reviewed, any other fees and charges increases will be included within the review
Museums	No increases are proposed

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Sports & Leisure	No increases are proposed
Cultural & Outside Events	No increases are proposed. Land hire charges are being reviewed