

## Benchmarking of charges for notices and orders

The table below shows the fees levied by a selection of Local Authorities for taking enforcement action under Part 1 of the Housing Act 2004.

Anecdotally, most authorities do not appear to publish their enforcement fees and charges online. A Local Government Association report on private sector housing enforcement<sup>1</sup> sampled eight councils and their average notice charge in 2014 was £360.

Local Authority	Charge for Part 1 notices			Year fees and charges last reviewed
	Making IN/PO	Taking ERA	Reviewing notices	
<b>Oxford City Council</b>	£525.50	£625	£315	2019
<b>Sefton MBC</b>	£390 <sup>c</sup>	£198	£130	2019
<b>Eastleigh Borough Council</b>	£475	£475	£150	2018
<b>Southampton City Council</b>	£250-£420 <sup>a</sup>	£180	£90	2017
<b>Nottingham City Council</b>	£350		-	2017
<b>Walsall MBC</b>	£275-£375 <sup>b</sup>	£325-£375	£75	2017

<sup>a</sup> Southampton CC. charge depends on number of hazards assessed (1-4 or 5+)

<sup>b</sup> Walsall MBC charge depends on size of property (number of bedrooms)

<sup>c</sup> Sefton MBC charge £390 for the first notice and £130 for any subsequent notice (e.g. when IN & PO served together)

<sup>1</sup> LGA (2014) <https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/prosecution-costs-pdf-989.pdf>