

**Lead Member Decision
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Decision: Pest Control Fees and Charges

Decision taker: Councillor D M Pickford, Lead Member for Clean and Green

Decision Date: 20 April 2017

Is decision subject to Call-in? Yes

Deadline for Call-in: Noon on 25 April 2017

Is decision Exempt? No

Is decision urgent? No

Summary

The purpose of the report is to update the fees and charges for Pest Control following the letting of a new Pest Control contract

Decision

Resolved

(1) That the following fees and charges be agreed to be effective from 1 May 2017:

	Charge from 1 May 2017 including VAT
Rats & Mice treatment (includes up to 3 visits)	£46
Additional Rats & Mice visits	£15 per extra visit
Wasps nests	£47.50
Fleas and other household insects	£57
Bedbugs (3 bedroom house or below)	£90

Reasons for Decision

The Pest Control service is a service used by a small number of residents for treating mice and rats. A larger number of residents use the service for the removal of wasps.

The prices are higher than 2016/17 but the increases reflect the increased costs of the contractor. The prices are similar or below those offered by other nearby councils.

Options Considered

The following alternative options have been identified

Option 1: To support the proposed changes

Option 2: To reject the proposed changes

Option 3: To ask officers to consider alternative improvements

Conflicts of Interest Declared and Dispensations Granted by Head of Paid Service

None

Information about this decision statement

Call-in

Notice of call-in must be submitted in writing, by email or text to the Interim Head of Paid Service by the deadline specified above, and must state the reason or reasons why "call-in" has been requested;

Call-in can be requested by any six non-executive members of the Council.

However, if at any point during a municipal year the total number of opposition councillors is six or less the total number of non-executive members required to call-in a decision shall be the total number of opposition councillors less two.

Decisions not called-in by the deadline specified above will become effective immediately the deadline has expired (unless they are recommendations to the Council).

The Council has stipulated that the call-in procedure should not be used to challenge decisions as a matter of course and should be used only when fully justified.

Ian Davies
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