

**Lead Member Decision
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Decision: Charging for Street Naming and Numbering

Decision taker: Councillor Colin Clarke, Lead Member for Planning

Decision Date: 15 January 2018

Is decision subject to Call-in? Yes

Deadline for Call-in: Noon on 18 January 2018

Is decision Exempt? No

Is decision urgent? No

Summary

To agree to adopt a scheme of charging for the addressing of new properties, for the re-addressing of existing properties when requested and appropriate and for responding to miscellaneous postal address enquiries.

To enable the recovery of the Council's costs in delivering these discretionary services pursuant to Section 93 of the Local Government Act 2003.

Decision

Resolved

- (1) That the fee charging scheme as detailed in Annexe A be adopted.
- (2) That current policy and guidance documents be amended so that both Cherwell District Council and South Northamptonshire Council utilise the same process and procedures.
- (3) That the scheme be implemented on 1 February 2018.

Reasons for Decision

The Council has a policy to seek opportunities for new funding streams wherever possible. This initiative is consistent with that policy and positively promotes it.

The proposal will recover the Council's costs in providing this service.

Options Considered

Technically, the street naming and numbering service is a discretionary service. However, this service cannot be delivered by another party and to discontinue it would quickly result in significant reputational loss to the Council. Resultant chaos within the development sector would quickly ensue whilst all newly built properties become occupied without official addresses.

Not to implement a charging scheme would be a lost funding opportunity.

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 Chief Executive 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.

Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive