

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Streetpride
2.	Date:	Monday 19 th July 2010
3.	Title:	Amending charges for provision of highway services.
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

For Cabinet Member to consider amending the current charges made for a range of highway services.

6. Recommendations

That the proposed revised charges for established highway services outlined in the report be adopted with effect from 1st September 2010.

7. Proposals and Details

The Council has powers under either the Highways Act 1980, New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (NRSWA) or the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 to charge for licences relating to highways and street works.

At the last review of charges, it was determined that none of the current charges in Rotherham are at the highest level in Yorkshire, and a further review now suggests that there is some limited scope for increases to help offset the costs of the Network Management service.

It is therefore proposed that the cost of a **NRSWA Section 50** licence is increased to £250, and the cost of a **Planned Road Closure** is increased to £725. Both of these revised charges remain at or about the average for Yorkshire.

Allied to these changes, a better inspection regime for street works enforcement will generate additional income from defect reinstatements to enable to retain other charges at the current level.

Recently, representations have been received from Parish Councils and voluntary organisations regarding the cost of road closures for community and sports events. Consideration is being given to a scheme which would allow for differential fees for these types of events, and a report will be brought to the September cycle of meetings on the outcome of the review.

8. Finance

The proposed increase in charges along with the enhanced inspection regime will generate an additional £10,000 in 2010/11.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is a small risk that the proposed new charges may be resisted. However as the increased charges are not excessive and they still fall short of the highest charges in the Yorkshire region, it is felt that this resistance will be minimal.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The priority themes for Rotherham's Community Strategy:

Achieving: contribution towards the delivery of the South Yorkshire Congestion Delivery Plan, and helping to support new businesses.

Safe: contribution to a reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents in Rotherham, and towards a cleaner greener borough.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Local Transport Plan 2006-2011

Traffic Management Act 2004

Highways Act 1980

New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984

Appendix A – Table of comparative charges – Yorkshire region

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APPENDIX A

Key.

	Highest fees
	Lowest fees

Table of comparative prices for permits/licences – Yorkshire region.

Type of permit/licence	Hull CC	Barnsley MBC	East Riding	Bradford City	Calderdale MBC	Doncaster MBC	Kirklees MBC	Leeds City	North Yorkshire	Sheffield City	Wakefield City MDC	City of York Council	Rotherham MBC (existing)	Rotherham MBC (proposed)
Skip	£15 (7 days)	£10 (10 days)	£13 (14 days)	£5	£10	£12	£7.25	£15	£15	£7 (14 days)	£10 (14 days)	£22 (per month)	£10 (14 days)	£15 (14 days)
Container on Highway	£80 for 1 month; £48 for each subsequent month	No charge	£13 (14 days)	£5	£10	£130	Not allowed	£15	No charge	No charge		£22 (per month)	£10	£15
Building materials	£80 for 1 month; £48 for each subsequent month	No charge	£53 (28 days)	No charge	No charge	£130	Not allowed	£70	No charge	No charge	No charge	£5 (per day)	No charge	No charge
NRSA Sec 50 (private apparatus)	£305	£315	£260	£127.50	£120	£130	£201	£288	£84	£375	£175	£150	£205	£215
Road opening	-	-	£160	-	£115	-	-	£123	£89	£275	-	£150	£205	£215
Permanent vehicular crossing	£79	£50	£99	No charge	£16	£55	£106	£15	Not allowed	£70	£45	£41.50	£40	£42
Temporary vehicular crossing (no excavation)	£80 for 1 month; £48 for each subsequent month	£50	-	No charge	£115	£55	£106	-	-	£65	No charge	£150	£40	£75
Temporary vehicular crossing (with excavation)	£80 for 1 month; £48 for each subsequent month	£50	£99	£127.50	£115	£55	£106	-	£84	£65	£45	£150	£40	£75
Hoarding	£80 for 1 month; £48 for each subsequent month	£110	£80	£25	£115	£130	£66	£119 + £49 monthly inspection	No charge	£80 (per street)	£65	£48 for first four weeks, £27.00 for each four week extension	£100	£115 for first street; £50 for each additional street

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Scaffolding	£80 for 1 month; £48 for each subsequent month	£110	£80	£25	£115	£130	£66	£70	No charge	£50 Domestic. £90 commercial up to 10m length; £160 over 10m length	£65	£48 for first four weeks, £27.00 for each four week extension	£100	£115
Mobile scaffolding	£56 for 1 day; £80 for 1 month; £48 for each subsequent month	£110	£80	£25	£115	£130	£66	£70	No charge	No charge	No charge	£48 for first four weeks, £27.00 for each four week extension	No charge	£115
Planned road closures.	£550	£640	£735	£1000	£625	£540	£690	£448 + advertising costs	-	£1900 (includes advertisement fees)	£600	£320 + advertising costs	£660 (includes advertisement fees)	£700 (includes advertisement fees)
Emergency road closures	-	£220	£460	-	£625	-	-	£355	-	£650	-	£320	£550	£575
Consideration of placing chairs and tables on the highway (Cafe Culture)	-	-	£300 6 months £550 12 months (planning permission may also be required at £265)	-	-	-	-	-	-	£80	£300 for first 15m ² and £100 for each additional m ² ; annual fee 50% of original fee	N/A	£60	£100 for 12 months
Consideration to place structures over the highway; rails and beams etc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£80	-	-	No Charge	£100
Consideration to place refreshment facility (fast food vehicle / trailer)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No Charge	£42 for 12 months