

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006**

1. **REVIEW OF CHARGES – FIRE CERTIFICATES, PETROLEUM SEARCHES AND SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES**

Joint report of the Chief Fire Officer and the Treasurer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Authority approve the revised charges with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 for Fire Certificates, Petroleum Premises File Searches and for Special Service Charges.

2. **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

This report is submitted to seek the Authority's approval for revised charges for Fire Certificates, Petroleum Premises File Searches and for Special Service Charges.

3. **BACKGROUND**

The current level of charges was agreed at the February 2004 Authority Meeting.

3.1 **Fire Certificates**

The proposed charges have been adjusted to reflect the recommended level of charges as per the LGA Circular 74/05 and firefighters' pay awards from July 2005, and are shown in Appendix I.

3.2 **Duplicate Fire Certificates**

The charges have been revised to reflect the anticipated inflation affecting the Authority up to March 2007. It is therefore proposed that the charges should be increased from £29.00 to £31.00 per certificate, with the additional charge of £1 for each additional plan of a multiple plan certificate unchanged.

### 3.3 Petroleum Premises File Searches

Taking into account anticipated inflation up to March 2007, it is proposed that the charge should be increased from £36 to £38 per application.

### 3.4 Duplicate Petroleum Licences

Taking into account anticipated inflation up to March 2007, it is proposed that the charge should be increased from £22.00 to £23.00 per Duplicate Petroleum Licence.

### 3.5 Special Service Charges

The proposed charges have been increased predominantly to reflect the firefighters' pay awards from July 2005 and are shown in Appendix I.

## 4. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no equality and diversity implications.

## 5. **CORPORATE AIM SUPPORTED**

The principal corporate aim supported by the information in this report is as follows:

2. Creating a financial plan operating within the budget, ensuring the most efficient use of resources.

## 6. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The course of action recommended in this report does not raise issues that should be drawn to the attention of the Authority's Monitor Officer.

## 7. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

These are contained in the body of the report and attached Appendix. The revised changes have been taken into account when preparing the Authority's 2006-2007 revenue budget.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Finance Office Files  
Authority Report – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2004

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TREASURER

**APPENDIX I**

**PROPOSED FIRE CERTIFICATE CHARGES 2006-2007**

<b>No. of Employees (Bedrooms)</b>	<b>New Certificate</b>	<b>Replacement Certificate</b>	<b>Amended Certificate</b>
Up to 10 (Up to 10)	£125	£62	£56
11 to 50 (11 to 30)	£136	£102	£79
51 to 250 (31 to 50)	£204	£126	£88
251 to 1000 (More than 50)	£294	£224	£88
More than 1000	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	£88

**PROPOSED SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES**

Pumping Appliances	£299.00 per hour
Staff Interviews	£109.00 per individual up to 3 hours, thereafter £98.00 per 3 hours or part thereof.
Copy Fire Reports	£36.00
Fire Investigation Reports	£175.00
Chemical Protection Suits	Repayment cost, currently £530.00