

Annual Review of Charges for Special Services 2016/17

Report of the Treasurer

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1 Purpose of Report

This report presents proposed increases in charges made for special services.

2 Recommendations

The Fire Authority is asked to consider and decide upon the proposed charges for special services to be applied from 1 April 2016.

3 Background

Charging for special services is currently permitted by Orders issued under Section 18 parts a, b and c of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004.

The charges for special services are reviewed annually. This report lays out proposed increases to the current tariff of charges.

4 Annual Review

During this year, there have been some changes to West Midlands regional fire investigation charges. It was agreed that as a result of an ongoing review of regional charging policies, charges in this area would be standardised. These have been agreed regionally and have been incorporated in the appendix for consideration by Members.

It is proposed that the remaining charges on the tariff are increased by 1%, in line with the pay increase, which was awarded to firefighters in 2015/16.

5 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report other than those discussed within the report

6 Legal Comment

The Fire Authority has the power to impose special charges only in certain circumstances.

7 Appendix

Revised Special Service Charges 2015/16 to 2016/17

8 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

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Revised Special Services Charges 2015/16 to 2016/17

Appliances per Hour	Details	2015/16 Net Rate per Hour with Crew			2016/17 Net Rate per Hour with Crew		
			VAT	Total		VAT	Total
(part of an hour to count as a complete hour)	Pumping Appliance	234.55	46.91	281.46	236.90	47.38	284.28
	Special Appliance (ALP, RT, HPU) with pumping appliance	311.22	62.24	373.46	314.33	62.87	377.20
	Utility Vehicles (pod, boat, ranger)	78.94	15.79	94.73	79.73	15.95	95.68
Miscellaneous Charges		Hourly Rate	VAT	Total	Hourly Rate	VAT	Total
(charge per hour & pro rata)	Search of files (+ document charge, see below)	32.04	6.41	38.45	32.36	6.47	38.83
	Interviews with Brigade personnel (Charge is based on interview plus travelling expenses incurred) Minimum charge	61.79	12.36	74.15	62.41	12.48	74.89
Investigation Charges - now standardised in West Midlands region		Charge	VAT	Total	Charge	VAT	Total
	Copy of Fire Report (IRS / FDR1)	56.07	11.21	67.28	70.83	14.17	85.00
	Copy of Fire Investigation Report	274.61	54.92	329.53	291.67	58.33	350.00
	Provision of fire investigation information by Fire Investigation Officer	-	-	-	83.33	16.67	100.00
Key	ALP - Aerial ladder platform						
	RT - Rescue tender						