

Annual Review of Charges for Special Services

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 2015.

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. This report lays out proposed increases to the current tariff of charges.

4 Annual Review

The charges for special services are reviewed annually. As a pay increase of 1% has been awarded to firefighters during 2014/15, it is proposed that charges for the financial year 2015/16 are also increased by 1%.

A full review of special service charges is to be carried out by officers in due course, and any recommendations following the review will be brought to Members for consideration.

5 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly 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 Initial Impact Assessment

An Initial Impact Assessment form has been completed.

8 Appendices

Revised Special Service Charges 2014/15 to 2015/16

9 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

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Revised Special Services Charges 2014/15 to 2015/16

Appliances per Hour	Details	2014/15 Net Rate per Hour with Crew	VAT	Total	2015/16 Net Rate per Hour with Crew	VAT	Total
(part of an hour to count as a complete hour)	Pumping Appliance	232.23	46.45	278.68	234.55	46.91	281.46
	Special Appliance (ALP, RT, HPU) with pumping appliance	308.14	61.63	369.77	311.22	62.24	373.46
	Utility Vehicles (pod, boat, ranger)	78.16	15.63	93.79	78.94	15.79	94.73
Miscellaneous Charges		Hourly Rate	VAT	Total	Hourly Rate	VAT	Total
(charge <u>per hour</u> & pro rata)	Search of files (+ document charge, see below)	31.72	6.34	38.06	32.04	6.41	38.45
	Interviews with Brigade personnel (Charge is based on interview plus travelling expenses incurred) Minimum charge	61.18	12.24	73.42	61.79	12.36	74.15
		Charge	VAT	Total	Charge	VAT	Total
	Copy of Fire Report	55.51	11.10	66.61	56.07	11.21	67.28
	Copy of Fire Investigation Report	271.89	54.38	326.27	274.61	54.92	329.53