

## Annual Review of Charges – Special Services

### Report of the Treasurer

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#### 1 Purpose of Report

To present 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 2012.

#### 3 Background

Charging for special services is currently permitted by Orders issued under Section 19 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004. This report lays out proposed increases to the current tariff of charges.

#### 4 The Fire Authority's Current Charges

The tariff of charges currently in place for special services is reviewed annually.

Following a full review of charges both regionally and nationally in December 2007, it was found that this Authority's tariff was not out of line with other authorities. Since then, the tariff of charges has been increased for inflationary purposes only.

The tariff for 2011/12 was increased in line with inflation, as there had been no pay award for firefighters during 2010. This approach is proposed for the tariff for the financial year 2012/13, as no pay increases have been confirmed during 2011.

## **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 Equality Impact Assessment**

Officers have considered the Service's Brigade Order on Equality Impact Assessments (Personnel 5 Part 2) and have decided that there are no discriminatory practices or differential impacts upon specific groups arising from this report. An Initial Equality Impact Assessment has not, therefore, been completed.

## **8 Appendix**

Revised Special Service Charges 2011/12 to 2012/13

## **9 Background Papers**

There are no background papers associated with this report.

Revised Special Services Charges 2011/12 to 2012/13

Appliances per Hour	Details	2011/12 Net Rate per Hour With Crew	VAT	Total	2012/13 Net Rate per Hour With Crew	VAT	Total
(part of an hour to count as a complete hour)							
	Pumping Appliance	223.19	44.64	267.83	227.66	45.53	273.19
	Special Appliance (ALP, RT, HPU) with pumping appliance	296.14	59.23	355.37	302.07	60.41	362.48
	Utility Vehicles (pod, boat, ranger)	75.12	15.02	90.15	76.62	15.32	91.95
<b>Miscellaneous Charges</b>							
		Hourly Rate	VAT	Total	Hourly Rate	VAT	Total
(charge <u>per hour</u> & pro rata)							
	Search of files (+ document charge, see below)	30.48	6.10	36.58	31.09	6.22	37.31
	Interviews with Brigade personnel (Charge is based on interview plus travelling expenses incurred) Minimum charge	58.79	11.76	70.55	59.97	11.99	71.96
		Charge	VAT	Total	Charge	VAT	Total
	Copy of Fire Report	53.35	10.67	64.02	54.42	10.88	65.30
	Copy of Fire Investigation Report	261.30	52.26	313.56	266.53	53.31	319.84