

Annual Review of Charges – 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 2013.

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. The tariff for 2011/12 was increased in line with inflation, as there had been no pay award for firefighters during 2010.

As a pay increase of 1% has been awarded to firefighters during 2012/13, it is proposed that the tariff for the financial year 2013/14 is also increased by 1%.

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 2012/13 to 2013/14

9 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

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Revised Special Services Charges 2012/13 to 2013/14

Appliances per Hour	Details	2012/13 Net Rate per Hour With Crew	VAT	Total	2013/14 Net Rate per Hour With Crew	VAT	Total
(part of an hour to count as a complete hour)	Pumping Appliance	227.66	45.53	273.19	229.93	45.99	275.92
	Special Appliance (ALP, RT, HPU) with pumping appliance	302.07	60.41	362.48	305.09	61.02	366.10
	Utility Vehicles (pod, boat, ranger)	76.62	15.32	91.95	77.39	15.48	92.87
Miscellaneous Charges		Hourly Rate	VAT	Total	Hourly Rate	VAT	Total
(charge <u>per hour</u> & pro rata)	Search of files (+ document charge, see below)	31.09	6.22	37.31	31.40	6.28	37.68
	Interviews with Brigade personnel (Charge is based on interview plus travelling expenses incurred) Minimum charge	59.97	11.99	71.96	60.57	12.11	72.68
		Charge	VAT	Total	Charge	VAT	Total
	Copy of Fire Report	54.42	10.88	65.30	54.96	10.99	65.95
	Copy of Fire Investigation Report	266.53	53.31	319.84	269.19	53.84	323.03