

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 2017.

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.

The charges for special services are reviewed annually.

4 Annual Review

It is proposed that the remaining charges on the tariff are increased by 1%, the pay increase which was awarded to firefighters in 2016/17.

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 2016/17 to 2017/18

9 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

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Revised Special Services Charges 2016/17 to 2017/18

Appliances per Hour	Details	2016/17 Net Rate per Hour with Crew			2017/18 Net Rate per Hour with Crew		
		VAT	Total	VAT	Total		
(part of an hour to count as a complete hour)	Pumping Appliance	236.90	47.38	284.28	239.27	47.85	287.12
	Special Appliance (ALP, RT, HPU) with pumping appliance	314.33	62.87	377.20	317.48	63.50	380.97
	Utility Vehicles (pod, boat, ranger)	79.73	15.95	95.68	80.53	16.11	96.63
Miscellaneous Charges		Hourly Rate	VAT	Total	Hourly Rate	VAT	Total
(charge <u>per hour</u> & pro rata)	Search of files (+ document charge, see below)	32.36	6.47	38.83	32.68	6.54	39.22
	Interviews with Brigade personnel (Charge is based on interview plus travelling expenses incurred) Minimum charge	62.41	12.48	74.89	63.03	12.61	75.64
Investigation Charges - now standardised in West Midlands region		Charge	VAT	Total	Charge	VAT	Total
	Copy of Fire Report (IRS / FDR1)	70.83	14.17	85.00	71.54	14.31	85.85
	Copy of Fire Investigation Report	291.67	58.33	350.00	294.59	58.92	353.50
	Provision of fire investigation information by Fire Investigation Officer	83.00	17.00	100.00	84.16	16.83	101.00