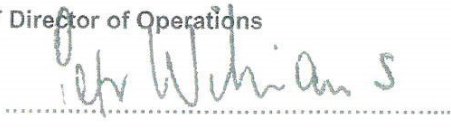


**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
OFFICER DECISION NOTICE AND RECORD
(PUBLISHED)**

1. DECISION TAKEN		
To approve the fees and charges for pest control services.		
EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE	(Please tick either)
IS THIS A 'KEY DECISION' ? (see definition overleaf)		Yes No X
DOES THIS DECISION RELATE TO EXEMPT INFORMATION?		Yes No X
EXEMPT PARAGRAPH REFERENCE (NOT TO BE PUBLISHED)		

2. OFFICER DECISION TAKER	NAME Peter Williams POSITION/POST Director of Operations SIGNATURE  DATE 4 October 2017
3. REASONS FOR THE DECISION (Please ref to any report/minute/background documents attached)	A report presented by the Head of Waste & Public Protection setting out the fees and charges for pest control.
4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED (BY DECISION TAKER(S))	To maintain existing fees and charges.
<p><i>TO BE COMPLETED BELOW - ONLY WHEN A DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION REQUIRES PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH A MEMBER (LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, CABINET MEMBER/CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 'SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS TO OFFICERS' OR DECISION/MINUTE OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEE OR DECISION/MINUTE OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER.</i></p>	
5. DECISION REQUIRED TO BE TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBER	Consultation with Cabinet Member Safer, Greener, Cleaner Places
6. ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY EXECUTIVE	None

(CABINET) MEMBER (S) CONSULTED, WHICH RELATES TO THE DECISION, OR (NON-EXECUTIVE) – ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE THAT DELEGATED THE DECISION TAKEN	
7. WITH REFERENCE TO 6. ABOVE - HAS ANY DISPENSATION BEEN GRANTED TO THE EXECUTIVE (CABINET) MEMBER? (ONLY APPLIES TO EXECUTIVE)	No

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH ANY ACCOMPANYING REPORT.

WHEN COMPLETE, PLEASE SEND TO HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES, CIVIC CENTRE, SCUNTHORPE FOR PUBLISHING.

(The definitions of a key decision are when an executive decision is likely -

- (i) to result in the Council incurring expenditure or the making of savings (including the receipt or loss of income) over £350,000 in any one financial year; or
- (ii) to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority).

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT TO DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

FEES & CHARGES FOR PEST CONTROL FOR 2017/18

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To approve the Fees and Charges for council pest control services for the financial year 2017/18.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The council imposes charges for pest control services for both domestic and non-domestic premises.
- 2.2 The pest control service charges are reviewed annually and approved by the Director of Operations.
- 2.3 An analysis of the service based on full cost recovery has been undertaken.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 To stop delivering an in house pest control service and allow the private sector to deliver the service directly to customers.
- 3.2 To continue to deliver an in house domestic and non-domestic pest control service and adopt the charges in Appendix 1. This will provide for full cost recovery across the pest control service based on current data.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 If the council stop delivering pest control in house, prices may escalate and become unaffordable for our residents and businesses.
- 4.2 The council is under a statutory duty to take steps to ensure that its district is free from rats and mice. The council provides effective treatment of the route cause and delivers treatment in preference to regulatory interventions.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 5.1 Based on existing data the proposed charging regime will allow for full cost recovery across the pest control service.

- 5.2 If service demand remains similar to previous years there will be no staffing implications.
6. **OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**
- 6.1 The pest control service only employs humane, environmentally friendly and target specific procedures and materials.
7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED**
- 7.1 The officers who undertake pest control and support teams have been consulted on the revised fees and charges.
- 7.2 No conflicts of interest are known or suspected and none have been declared.
8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**
- 8.1 That the Director of Operations approve the revised charges as set out in Appendix 1.

HEAD OF WASTE & PUBLIC PROTECTION

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Date: 4 October 2017

Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: None.

INVESTIGATION & TREATMENT Domestic Pest Control Charges 2017/18 Cost per treatment			
Pest	Non Benefit	Benefits (20% reduction)	Call Out
Wasps	£60	£48	£28
Fleas	£60	£48	None
Ants	£60	£48	None
Flies	£60	£48	None
Other insects	£60	£48	None
Emergency Rat (running loose in a house)	NO CHARGE FOR CAPTURE OF RAT ONLY		
Rats	£80	£64	None
Mice	£80	£64	None
INVESTIGATION & TREATMENT Non Domestic Pest Control Charges 2017/18 Cost per Hour			
Pest	First hour / Minimum charge	Additional hours (or part thereof)	
Wasps	£80	£80	
Fleas	£80	£80	
Ants	£80	£80	
Flies	£80	£80	
Other insects	£80	£80	
Rat (any circumstances)	£80	£80	
Mice	£80	£80	