Sustainable Transport Fees and Charges

Introduction

The majority of the charges are discretionary although one is set by DfT and a few others are based on guidance from them and on London Permit Scheme issues. There is one where no legal ability to charge can be found (Abnormal Load charges), despite rates being in fees and charges previously.

ltem	Basis of Charge
Hoarding licence (3 monthly)	Income maximisation
Hoarding licence deposit (3 monthly)	Required deposit
Deposit Handling fee (non returnable)	Full cost recovery and income
	maximisation
Scaffolding licence	Income maximisation
Scaffolding licence deposit Handling fee (non	Required deposit
returnable)	Full cost recovery and income
	maximisation
Container licence admin fee	Full cost recovery and income
	maximisation
Container weekly storage fee on the highway	Income maximisation
Crane licence	Income maximisation
Over sailing the highway - daily rate	Income maximisation
Preparation of temporary Traffic Management	Full cost recovery and income
Order (road closures) (Section 14 or 16)	maximisation
Special Events	Revised to ensure full cost recovery
Preparation of permanent Traffic Order (TO)	Full cost recovery and income
	maximisation
Production of plans, maps requiring (hr)	Full cost recovery and income
technical input	maximisation
Request for information of sewer location -	Full cost recovery and income
Information provided by e-mail only	maximisation
Printing of plans	Full cost recovery and income
AO	maximisation
A1	
A3	
A4	
(Large printing can be reduced by 10% with	
minimum of 30 copies).	
Highways or transport land charge queries	Full cost recovery and income
	maximisation
Highways or transport pre-application advice	Full cost recovery and income
	maximisation
Crossover applications	Full cost recovery and income
(including staff time)	maximisation
Crossover works	Full cost recovery and income
	maximisation

Access Bar up to 3.5M	Full cost recovery and income
Access Bar over 3.5M	maximisation
Section 74 (utilities)	Full cost recovery and income
	maximisation
Abnormal Load Assessment	Full cost recovery and income
If diversion is required Traffic Management and	maximisation, however not currently
If diversion is required Traffic Management cost	charged as no clarity on legality to
will be added.	charge. (see below)
Professional and technical fees	Full cost recovery and income maximisation
Section 38 Highway Work : Technical approval	Full cost recovery and income
of highway layout & construction details and the	maximisation
supervision of adoptable highway works in	
connection with new estate roads offered for	
adoption	
Section 278 Highway Work : Technical approval	Full cost recovery and income
of highway layout & construction details and the	maximisation
supervision of adoptable highway works in	
connection with new estate roads offered for	
adoption	
Section 106 Highway Work : Technical approval	Full cost recovery and income
of highway layout & construction details and the	maximisation
supervision of adoptable highway works in	
connection with new estate roads offered for	
adoption	
Head of sustainable Transport	Full cost recovery and income
	maximisation
Group Manager	Full cost recovery and income
	maximisation
Team Leader	Full cost recovery and income
	maximisation
Senior Engineer	Full cost recovery and income
	maximisation
Street Works Licence (upto 1.5M deep)	Full cost recovery and income
Street Works Licence (over 1.5M deep)	maximisation
	Full cost recovery and income
	maximisation
Street Works licence deposit (3 monthly)	Required deposit
Deposit Handling fee (non returnable)	Full cost recovery and income
	maximisation
Street defect charges section 72.	Amount set by DFT (but at least
	gives full cost recovery and income
	maximisation within constraint)
Project Engineer	Full cost recovery and income
Traffic Management Officer	maximisation
Traffic Management Officer	maximisation DFT recommendation (gives full cost
Traffic Management Officer	maximisation DFT recommendation (gives full cost recovery and some income
Traffic Management Officer	maximisation DFT recommendation (gives full cost

	maximisation
Traffic Surveys	Full cost recovery and income maximisation
Sampling Inspection (only 30% Inspection allowed)	Gives full cost recovery and is liable to challenge if higher
Street Works Coordination	DFT recommendation (gives full cost recovery and some income maximisation within constraint)
Traffic Manager	DFT recommendation (gives full cost recovery and some income maximisation within constraint)

Analysis of Cost and Income

The cost and income have been reviewed and although a detailed analysis has not been carried out of each item they have been checked to ensure full recovery (and income generation as well wherever possible). A breakdown of costs relating to these fees is not possible as they form part of people's roles and a number of people may be involved in them. The only very broad indication of cost and income can be given through the relevant Sustainable Transport budget lines for 2010/11 (see table below). However, this level of analysis is very limited due to the linkages between Sustainable Transport schemes and Parking income and the wider remit that Sustainable Transport has beyond functions that only levy fees and charges.

Sustainable Transport	<u>2010/11</u>
	£'000
Employee costs	2,900
Service Overheads (premises, transport,	5,100
supplies and services and third party)	
Corporate Overheads	400
Total Costs	8,400
Fees & Charges	(2,300)
Net Cost of Service	6,100

The main exception is one not charged for (although rate is in fees and charges). This is Abnormal Load notices for which we cannot find any Authority currently charging. Charges are possible for exceptional circumstances and were related to a large increase in abnormal loads for the Olympics construction, which is now largely completed. We believe this may be for legal reasons and there is a view from several Boroughs that this should be chargeable. We have negotiated a reduced SLA with Homes for Haringey for doing them but the costs are still £80 per notice plus on-costs. (Reducing further next year to £40 plus on-costs)

Fees and Charges Proposals

A review has been carried out based on charges from Islington and then compared with Enfield and Barnet where available. However, it was felt that as Islington had only just made a significant increase on their rates any increase should still be seen to be reasonable and maximised at 100% increase except where new charges were introduced.

Deposits have been kept the same unless out of line with other deposits, but a new handling charge has been introduced to ensure recovery of full costs of taking deposits.

Where seen to be reasonable other rates have been increased up to 100% to maximise income except those that are based on or set by others (e.g. DfT).

The land charge query is one that we are not clear whether we have to set this with others, until known this has been left at nil increase.

The majority of these are charged to the business community but there are items (such as vehicle crossovers) where the public will use them. However, these generally add value on properties and are therefore a discretionary expenditure.

The Special Events item has been artificially reduced in the past as it has been seen as of public value to have such events (such as street parties). However they generally require the same amount of work as a Temporary Traffic order and so have been increased to the same price as those. This is an increase of 3750% (from £60 to £2250). This could be seen to be badly timed with the announcement of the Royal Wedding being in 2011 where street parties would be subject to this charge. For information Islington make these free for charity and community events (non commercial).

Concessions and Discounts

None proposed.

Methods of Payment

On line payment is not currently available. Discussions are being held with Corporate Finance as to when on-line payment for these services can be brought in as part of the Council's e-payments project.

Sustainable Transport Fees and Charges Proposal 2011/12

ltem	<u>Current</u>	Proposed	Comment	<u>%</u>
	<u>Fee or</u> Charge	<u>Fee or</u> <u>Charge</u> 2011/12		<u>increase</u>
Hoarding licence (3 monthly)	£120/Licen ce	£265/Licenc e	Islington £265- £700 Depending on value of deposit Enfield £222	120%
Hoarding licence deposit (3 monthly) Deposit Handling fee (non returnable)	£60/m ²	£60/m ² £60	Islington £60	New charge
Scaffolding licence	£120/Licen ce	£265/licence	Islington £265- £700 Depending on value of deposit Enfield £222	120%
Scaffolding licence deposit Deposit Handling fee (non returnable)	£30/m ²	£60/m² £60	To standardise with Hoarding Islington £60	100% New charge
Container licence admin fee	£120	£150	Islington £150	25%
Container weekly storage fee on the highway	£0	£80	Islington £165	New
Crane licence Application fee Licence Oversailing the	£50 - £240	£60 £300	Islington £500 overall	20% 25%
highway - daily rate Preparation of temporary Traffic Management Order (road closures) (Section 14 or 16)	£0 £1500	£250 £3000	Islington: - Section 14 £3000 Section 16 £3200	New 100%
Special Events (but Traffic Management is NOT provided.)	£60 per order	£3000	Same work involved as TMO (see above)	4400%
Preparation of Permanent Traffic Management Order (TMO)	£450 - £1200 Per Notice	£2000 per notice	Islington £2000 per article, capped at £7000.	66% increase on top of range
Production of plans, maps requiring (hr) technical input	£25/Hr			

Request for information of sewer location - Information provided by e-mail only	£60 per street	£120 for a 25m radius	Thames Water Charge £52.17 to £120 per property	100% but for smaller area
Printing of plans A0 A1 A3 A4 (Large printing can be reduced by 10% with minimum of 30 copies).	£9/sheet £7/sheet £5/sheet £3/sheet	No change	£6.50 Barnet £6.50 Barnet	
Highways or transport land charge queries	£15/applic ation			
Highways or transport pre- application advice				
Crossover applications (including staff time)	£110/ application	£250/ application	Islington £250 Enfield £154	220%
Crossover works staff fees	40 % on the Cost			
Access Bar - Access Bar -	£60 £125	£170 £170	Enfield £170 Enfield £170	287% 165%
Section 74 (utilities)	£100 - £2000/day		The amount set by DFT	
Abnormal Load Assessment	£140/appli cation			
If diversion is required Traffic Management cost will be added.	Rechargea ble			
Professional and technical fees	15% on the Cost			
Section 38 Highway Work : Technical approval of highway layout & construction details and the supervision of adoptable highway works in connection with new estate roads offered for adoption	8% on the Cost	16% on the Cost over £400k 20% on Cost for Project up to £400K 16% on the Cost over £400k	Barnet 20.5% on cost for up to £400,000 and 15.5% over.	100%-

Section 278 Highway Work : Technical approval of highway layout & construction details and the supervision of adoptable highway works in connection with new estate roads offered for adoption Section 106	15% on the Cost 15% on the	Barnet 20.5% on cost for up to £400,000 and 15.5% over.
Highway Work : Technical approval of highway layout & construction details and the supervision of adoptable highway works in connection with new estate roads offered for adoption	Cost	Barnet 20.5% on cost for up to £400,000 and 15.5% over.
Head of sustainable Transport		Barnet £156 / hr
Group Manager	£96 / hr	
Team Leader	£82 / hr	
Senior Engineer	£68 / hr	Barnet £104 / hr
Street Works Licence (up to 1.5M deep) Street Works Licence (over 1.5M deep)	£522.50/ap plication	Islington £575 Islington £1625
Street Works licence deposit (3 monthly) Deposit Handling fee (non returnable)	£60/m ²	Islington £200/m ² As for hoardings and scaffolding
Street defect	Up to £150	Amount set by
charges section 72. Project Engineer	per defect £45/hr	DFT
Traffic Management Officer	£68 /hr	DFT recommendatio n

Inspector	£30/hr		
Traffic Surveys	15% on the cost		
Sampling Inspection (only 30% Inspection allowed)	£50/Inspec tion		
Street Works Coordination	£82/hr	DFT recommendatio n	
Traffic Manager	£96/hr	DFT recommendatio n	