

Appendix 3 - Proposed 2024-25 Fees and Charges key changes

Fees and Charges (£114k of the total £325k) have been reviewed and increased in line with the Fees & Charges Policy as agreed at Cabinet on 12 July 2023.

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Key changes are set out in the below table:

Outdoor Sports and Open Spaces	Fees and charges will increase by an average of 19% (£39).
Professional Dog Walkers Licence	A new set of fees has been added for the use of professional dog walkers within parks and open spaces in the borough. These licences are widely used within other authorities to encourage professionalism and help keep parks and open spaces safe.
Allotments	Fees and charges will increase by an average of 25% (£23).
Domestic Waste	Fees and charges will increase by an average of 15% (£4.30) for bulky waste items, new/replacements across residential (£6.50) and managing agents (£80).
Burials and Memorials	Fees and charges will be increased by an average of 9% (£47). The Burials Service does not make a surplus from Fees and Charges and these increases take into consideration the increases in costs to the service to make sure that it is cost neutral going forward. To enable residents the opportunities to intern their loved one's ashes in Thurrock we have expanded our offering of memorial trees and added additional fees for double urns and larger American style coffins/caskets.
Littering	The maximum amount for littering has increased from £150 to £500.
Breach of Household Waste Duty of Care	The maximum amount for breach of household waste duty of care is increasing from £400 to £600.
Fly Tipping	The maximum amount for fly-tipping is increasing from £400 to £1,000.
Graffiti	The maximum amount for criminal damage by graffiti is increasing from £150 to £500. In line with Thurrock's policy, we charge the maximum penalty fines to deter any unlawful behaviour. 14 FPN fees have been removed as these are still undergoing a process to lobby for use of these powers.
Registrars	Increased by an average of 5.62% (£20) for non-statutory fees. This has increased below inflation due to the current issues with the ceremony rooms. One fee has been removed, and two new fees have been added. Registration ceremonies held in Thameside and Hawthorne suite were previously removed due to relocation of service.
Theatre	Fees and charges have increased by an average of 8% £26.

Public Protection	Civil Enforcement charges. COMAH charges have increased in line with cost recovery. A new fee has been added for FHRS re-visits.
Environmental Protection	Statutory fees and charges for nuisance, public health, pollution, prevention control and other enforcement duties have increased by an average of 29% (£33)
Permits	Residents Parking Permits have increased by an average of 66% (£10). Temporary permits have increased by 8% (£1.10). Operational permits have increased by 8% £12.
Visitor Permits	Increased by an average of 12% (£0.08p).
On Street Pay and Display car park charges	We are commitment to carry out alternate annual reviews of the On and Off-street tariffs. To achieve the required consistency across the car parking tariffs, it is proposed to increase these charges by an average of 20% (£0.40p).
Parking Suspensions	Charges have increased by 10% (£6.50). Parking suspensions do not have a direct impact on residents but affect large private companies who carry out planned works linked to utilities, building or highways. Such applications also serve as requests for priority enforcement at these paid for locations. The increase in charge is reflective of the admin and CEO priority resource required to legally process and effectively support such applications.
Annual Doctors Permit	Added for 2024/25
Off-street Parking Charges	Increased by an average of 22% (£0.64p)
NHS Parking Charges	Increased by 7% (£12) for 2024/25
Penalty Charge Notices	Set statutorily and unchanged for 2024/25
Pre-Planning Application	Increased by an average of 7% (£188)
Planning Performance Agreement	Have not increased for 2024/25, however 4 new charges have been introduced.
Highway's Infrastructure	Increased by an average of 6% (£46).
Transport Development	Increased by an average of 2% (£6).
Transport (Fleet)	Vehicular MOT Testing has not increased in 2024/25
Land Charges	Increased by an average of 9% (£7).
Town Centre Management	Increased by an average of 20% (£16).
Building Control	Increased by an average of 12% (£42).
Commercial Matters/ Non-commercial Matters	Increased by an average of 11% (£94).

The table below provides a summary of the allocation of the proposed Fees and Charges increases for 2024-25

Table 1

Portfolio/Service	Cross-cutting Savings Fees and Charges £
Children Services & Housing	(4,601)
Private Sector Housing	(4,601)
Education	(18,924)
Adult College	(1,411)
Employability & Skills	(4,589)
Music Services	(12,924)
Environment, Economic Development and Directional Leadership	(131,671)
Clean and Green	(33,330)
Enforcement and Public Protection	(73,670)
Performance and Support	(16,032)
Public Protection	(4,196)
Waste Services	(4,443)
Health, Adult Health and Community	(9,064)
Libraries	(8,974)
Museum and Archives	(90)
Regeneration and Highways	(147,778)
Building Control	(27,009)
Development Control	(14,052)
Economic Development	(1,755)
Enforcement and Public Protection	(85,749)
Highways Infrastructure	(16,008)
Land and Buildings	(299)
Transportation Development	(2,905)
Transformational Change, Communications and Governance	(12,721)
Legal - Support Services	(7,209)
Registrars	(5,512)
Grand Total	(324,760)

This table excludes the new waste charges for garden waste which are subject to a separate business case and projected to generate income of £0.960m.