

REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2024/25 FOR PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE SERVICE, BUILDING CONTROL FEES AND FOR HIGH HEDGES AND S106 MONITORING FEES

Item HP 23/37 referred from Housing and Planning Scrutiny Select Committee of 14 December 2023

The report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health proposed a revised set of Pre-application Charging Schedule [Annex 1], a revised Building Control Fee Charging Schedule [Annex 2] and an updated charging fees for S106 monitoring and High Hedge, following reviews undertaken in relation to the respective services.

Members recognised that the fees were set on the basis of cost recovery to provide the services and/or increased by the baseline rate of the inflation. In addition, benchmarking exercises had been undertaken against the fees charged by the other local authorities in Kent as part of the review process for the relevant services.

RECOMMENDED*: That with effect from 1 April 2024

- (1) the proposed Pre-application Charging Schedule 2024/25, attached at Annex 1, be adopted;
- (2) the proposed Building Control Fee Schedule 2024/25, attached at Annex 2, be adopted;
- (3) the proposed charging fees for High Hedges, as set out in 1.2.2 – 1.2.4 of the report, be adopted; and
- (4) the proposed charging fees for S106 monitoring, including an update to the Planning Obligations Protocol S106 (paragraph 9.5), as set out in 1.2.5 – 1.2.9 of the report, be adopted.

***Recommended to Cabinet**