

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

Decision Made: 21 April 2011

FEES AND CHARGES FOR PRIVATE WATER SAMPLING 2011/2012

Issue for Decision

To consider proposed fees and charges for Private Water Sampling services provided by the Environmental Health Section for the financial year 2011/2012.

Decision Made

That the fees for chargeable services provided by the Environmental Health Section for private water sampling for the financial year 2011/2012, as detailed below, be agreed.

Reasons for Decision

The Environmental Health Section has not provided a chargeable Private Water sampling service for some years.

It is felt appropriate to bring the new fees more in line with other Kent authorities. The table in Appendix 2 of the report of the Assistant Director of Environment and Regulatory Services shows current fees comparisons across Kent Authorities. The fees proposed are as follows:

Activity	Maximum Fee Permitted by the Regulations	Fee Recommended for Adoption in Maidstone
Risk assessment (each assessment)	£500	At cost of officer time - to maximum of £500
Sampling (each visit)	£100	£50
Other investigations (per investigation)	£100	£50
Grant of Authorisation (per authorisation)	£100	£100
Analysis of Sample	£500	Cost of analysis and officer time recharged up to a maximum of £500

Alternatives considered and why rejected

There is no alternative available, as local authorities must charge for this service. It is felt that the proposed fees accurately reflect the service costs.

Background Papers

None

Should you be concerned about this decision and wish to call it in, please submit a call in form signed by any two Non-Executive Members to the Head of Change and Scrutiny by: **04 May 2011**

