

## **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 set out in the table 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:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Maximum Fee Permitted by the Regulations</b>	<b>Fee Recommended for Adoption in Maidstone</b>
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: <b>04 May 2011</b>
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