

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

6 MARCH 1997

REVIEW OF CHARGES

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report proposes new charges for Roads Department services in the Council area (including at Arbroath Harbour) for 1997/98.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

agree the amended scales of charges as detailed in the Report.

2 INTRODUCTION

Under Clause 19.1 of the Council's Financial Regulations each Chief Officer is responsible for preparing, in consultation with the Director of Finance, a scheme of charges for the services rendered by the corresponding department. The charges described have been prepared by the Director of Roads for the services provided by the Roads Department and is intended for use in the 1997/98 financial year.

3 DETAILS

- 1 For general Roads services the level of charges were held constant in financial year 1996/97 in the light of a 100% rise in charges in the 1995/96 financial year. A review of charges has been conducted and comparisons drawn with charges levied in other authorities. The scale of charges now proposed for 1997/98 are detailed in Table 1. It is proposed to split the charges between those leviable on locations designated as "non-traffic sensitive" and those designated as "traffic sensitive", reflecting the need for greater inspection, as indicated in Table 1. The current charges are also listed for purposes of comparison.
- 2 The charges leviable at Arbroath Harbour are separately listed as proposed in Table 2. These were discussed and approved at the Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee of 8 November 1996 (Report No 932/96). Table 2 provides details of the proposed scheme of charges for the services offered at the harbour for the 1997/98 financial year.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The anticipated additional income arising from these proposed charges for 1997/98 are relatively modest and amount only to £3000 for the general Roads Department services (Table 1) and £500 for the Arbroath Harbour charges (Table 2). These additional incomes have been allowed for in the preparation of the Roads Department Revenue Budget for 1997/98.

5 **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

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DIRECTOR OF ROADS

NOTE

No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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TABLE 1

Angus Council
Roads Department
Proposed Charges for Roads Services

	Traffic Sensitive Location	Non-Traffic Sensitive Location	Current Charges
Skips	£20 not exceeding 1 month £40 not exceeding 3 months	£10 not exceeding 1 months £20 not exceeding 3 months	£10 £20
Scaffolding/Hoardings Storage/Containers/Cabins Cranes/Hoists/Access Towers	£150 not exceeding 3 months £200 not exceeding 6 months Permit extension £50/month	£75 not exceeding 3 months £100 not exceeding 6 months Permit extension £25/month	£50 £90
Excavations	£100 not exceeding 1 month £200 not exceeding 3 months	£50 not exceeding 1 month £100 not exceeding 3 months	£15
Vehicular Access crossing (excl disabled persons etc)	£50 not exceeding 3 months	£25 not exceeding 3 months	£10
Other Apparatus on Road	(to be agreed between Roads Department and organisation wishing to place apparatus on road)		-
Construction Consent Supervision	All grades £25.00 per hour 55p per mile		£12.85/hr 55p per mile
Street Lighting Design	(< 20 columns) £50 per column (21 - 50 columns) £30 per column (> 50 columns) £15 per column		} £20 } per col
Tender Documents	£50 per set of documents		£30 per set

- Note: (1) Charges were not increased in 1996/97 Financial Year in light of a 100% rise in charges to the 1995/96 financial year.
- (2) The size of the increase for the "Excavations" is due to the failure of the charge rate to keep pace with the demands on Roads Department staff time in conducting associated inspections.

TABLE 2

Angus Council
Arbroath Harbour - Proposed Charges

Service for which charges are currently levied	Current charge(s)	Date of last review	% Change at last review	Proposed new charge(s)
<u>All the following at Arbroath Harbour and in respect of the Harbour's Trading Account</u>				
Slipway Charges - locally registered boats				
First day	£35	Apr 96	Nil	£40
Thereafter	£30 per day		+ 20%	£30
Slipway Charges - outside registered boats				
First day	£50	Apr 96	+ 10%	£50
Thereafter	£35		+ 17%	£40
Water charge	£15 per usage @ slipway	Apr 96 (@ slipway only)	+ 12%	50p/1000 litres

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