

POLICY AND RESOURCES

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DIRECTORATE OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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ITEM 1.
PART 1 SECTION A

REVIEW OF FEES FOR THE REGISTRATION SERVICE

Purpose of Report

To set fees for the financial year 2010/2011 and 2011/2012.

Background

A schedule of the current fees for 2009/10 and proposed charges for 2010/11 and 2011/2012 is shown at the end of this report. A civil marriage or civil partnership ceremony can take place in any Register Office in England or Wales for a set fee plus the cost of the marriage certificate (£3.50). Alternatively the ceremony can take place at a venue that has been approved to hold a civil marriage or civil partnership such as a prestigious building or hotel etc. The cost for attendance by the Superintendent Registrar and Registrar is set by the Authority, and it is proposed that there is a modest increase for next year. A further fee is then charged to the couple by the owners of the building for the use of the premises.

We are also keen to offer additional services to residents of Neath Port Talbot with Renewal of Vows ceremonies and secular Baby Naming Ceremonies both in the Ceremony Room at London Road and at Approved Premises.

Recommendation

That the schedule of fees proposed is adopted with effect from 1st April 2010

Reason for proposed decision

To set fees for the service.

Background Papers

None

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Wards Affected

All

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

REVIEW OF FEES FOR THE REGISTRATION SERVICE

(a) **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the 3 day call-in period.

(b) **Sustainability Appraisal**

Community Plan Impacts:

Economic Prosperity	No impact
Education and Lifelong Learning	No impact
Better Health and Well Being	No impact
Environment and Transport	No impact
Crime and Disorder	No impact

Other Impacts:

Welsh Language	No impact
Sustainable Development	No impact
Equalities	Positive
Social Inclusion	Positive

(c) **Consultation**

There has been no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

REGISTRATION SERVICE FEES

1. CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS AT APPROVED PREMISES

	<u>Current Fee</u> <u>2009/2010</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u> <u>1st April 2010 to</u> <u>31st March 2011</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u> <u>1st April 2011 to</u> <u>31st March</u> <u>2012</u>
Monday to Friday	£180	£190	£200
Saturday	£225	£235	£250
Sunday	£300	£315	£330
Bank Holiday	£300	£315	£330
Administration fee for cancellations	£40	£50	£50
Non refundable provisional booking fee	£50	£50	£50

2. LICENCE TO APPROVE A PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

	<u>Current Fee</u> <u>2009/2010</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u> <u>1st April 2010 to</u> <u>31st March 2011</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u> <u>1st April 2011 to</u> <u>31st March 2012</u>
Three year licence	£870	£950	£980

3. PRIVATE CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

	<u>Current Fee</u> <u>2009/2010</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u> <u>1st April 2010 to</u> <u>31st March 2011</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u> <u>1st April 2011 to</u> <u>31st March 2012</u>
Private Citizenship ceremony	£125	£130	£140

4. PRIORITY CERTIFICATE SERVICE

Many visitors to the Register Office are keen to order and pick up Certificates on the same day. We now offer a Priority Certificate Service for £3 plus the Certificate fee for same day service

5. BABY NAMING AND RENEWAL OF VOWS CEREMONY

The birth of a child or a couple reaching a landmark of several years marriage or civil partnership is certainly cause for celebration and the Registration Service is pleased to be able to facilitate ceremonies to mark these very special occasions

	<u>Current Fee 2009/2010</u>	<u>Proposed Fee 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011</u>	<u>Proposed Fee 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012</u>
At Register Office:			
Monday to Friday	-	£100	£110
Saturday	-	£120	£130
At Approved Premises:			
Monday to Friday	-	£120	£130
Saturday	-	£200	£210
At Register Office & Approved Premises:			
Sunday & Bank Holidays	-	£275	£285

Each booking needs to be secured with Non- refundable deposit of £60