

Appendix E (i) - Fees & Charges

Price Increase of Public Interest (increases of less than 5% included)

Service Area - Car Parking	Fee/Charge Description	2024/25 Fee/Charge Amount	2024/25 % increase	2023/24 Fee/Charge Amount
<p>The Council operates 30 town centre car parks across West Suffolk providing approximately 5,400 parking spaces. All the car parks are managed and enforced under the Traffic Management Act 2004, with Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) in place which specify parking charges and time restrictions in each car park. The last major review to the TRO's was in 2021 following a Car Parking Review (agreed by Cabinet in February 2020) and mainly implemented after the COVID Pandemic.</p> <p>A number of options are available to maximise income or reduce expenditure in Off Street car parks, in support of the Council's budgetary pressures or feedback from businesses/users. Further supporting information is available on these options in the separate Car Parking Cabinet report.</p> <p>All options would require an amendment to Traffic Regulation Order's pertaining to all our car parks. A period of 3 months is needed to draft the Orders, advertise the changes for public consultation (a statutory period of 21 days) and seal the orders on completion. Given the nature of the changes, around a month is required to make the technical changes to the payment machines, Ringo phone payments and signage.</p>				
Car Parking	Introduce Evening Charging at 8pm (from 6pm) in BSE only.	Standard tariffs	0.00%	£1.00
Car Parking	Cattlemarket/School Yard Tariff Variations - 4 Hours Stay	£6.00	0.00%	3 Hours current max. @ £4
Car Parking	Reduction in number of coin payment machines	No change to tariffs		No change to tariffs

Fees and charges - price increases greater than 5 per cent

Service Area - Garden Waste	Fee/Charge Description	2024/25 Fee/Charge Amount	2024/25 % increase	2023/24 Fee/Charge Amount
The Garden Waste (Brown Bin) subscription fees are planned to increase by £3 in June 2024, followed by a further £3 increase from June 2025. This increase is to cover the increasing costs of supplying the services and is also benchmarked across other Garden Waste services supplied across Suffolk (East Suffolk £50 pa, Babergh £59 pa, Mid Suffolk £59 pa)				
Garden Waste	Annual subscription for garden waste	£50.00	6.38%	£47.00
Service Area - Bulky Waste	Fee/Charge Description	2024/25 Fee/Charge Amount	2024/25 % increase	2023/24 Fee/Charge Amount
Following the increase last year, service demand continues to be high. Charges have increased to reflect inflation (staff, vehicles, fuel etc.) and these charges are in line with other Suffolk councils (based on current year). Residents have a range of other options to dispose of unwanted items such as private selling, charity donation, drop off at the household recycling centre (disposal or reuse) and to contact third party collectors, including retailers supplying replacement goods. A discounted rate continues to be offered for those households in receipt of Council Tax Reduction.				
Bulky Waste	Collection of bulky waste - 5 items	£50.00	11.11%	£45.00
Bulky Waste	Collection of bulky waste - 10 items	£100.00	11.11%	£90.00
Bulky Waste	Collection of bulky waste - 15 items	£150.00	11.11%	£135.00
Bulky Waste	Collection of bulky waste (50% Discounted rate) annual	£25.00	11.11%	£22.50
Service Area - Hazardous Waste	Fee/Charge Description	2024/25 Fee/Charge Amount	2024/25 % increase	2023/24 Fee/Charge Amount
From December 2023, a new Suffolk-wide contract will be in place to enable households to dispose of their hazardous waste such as paint, solvents, pesticides etc. This is a more streamlined service and will continue to be a collection only service with a charge to the household. The full range of charging options is under review.				
Hazardous Waste	Standard 25 days	£53.00	11.30%	£47.62
Service Area - Waste Collection	Fee/Charge Description	2024/25 Fee/Charge Amount	2024/25 % increase	2023/24 Fee/Charge Amount
The new fees reflect the increase in the purchase price of bins (due to raw material price increases) and continuation of the policy agreed in 2022 regarding the charging for replacement bins e.g. if the household damages or loses their bin. The replacement bin charge does not reflect the full costs including bin delivery.				
The cost for the distribution of recycling sacks (postage) has increased and the price has been increased accordingly.				
Waste Collection	Provision of replacement bins - 240lt Black/blue	£33.00 + VAT	10.00%	£30.00 + VAT
Waste Collection	Provision of large bins (660lt/1100lt)	£140/£160 + VAT		
Waste Collection	Provision of larger recycling bin request (360lt)	£50.00	11.11%	£45.00
Waste Collection	Provision of recycling sacks - roll of 10	£4.00	33.33%	£3.00
Waste Collection	Single empty of one bin	£20.00	10.00%	£16.00
Waste Collection	Provision of new bins to developers (1 x 240 recycling; 1 x 240 residual)	£80.00 + VAT	33.33%	£60.00 +VAT

Service Area - Parks Service	Fee/Charge Description	2024/25 Fee/Charge Amount	2024/25 % increase	2023/24 Fee/Charge Amount
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The setting of fees and charges for activities and facilities in West Suffolk's parks and open spaces are reviewed on an annual basis from a cost recovery perspective in terms of time and resource required to deliver the service. An annual review of fees and charges is an integral part of the annual service planning cycle and the anticipated income forms part of the councils base budget. The only items that come through with a greater than 5% price increase for 2024 to 2025 are listed below.

Parks Service	Utilities - Water	£8.00	6.67%	£7.50
Parks Service	Sponsored Charity runs/rides/walks - 101 to 500 attendance	£176.50	5.06%	£168.00
Parks Service	Sponsored Charity runs/rides/walks - 501 to 1000 attendance	£320.00	5.09%	£304.50
Parks Service	Minor Events - <50 people	£27.50	5.77%	£26.00
Parks Service	Non Commercial Public Events - 1001-2500 people	£634.00	5.01%	£603.75
Parks Service	Non Commercial Public Events - 2501-5000 people	£865.50	5.00%	£824.29

Service Area - Cemeteries Service	Fee/Charge Description	2024/25 Fee/Charge Amount	2024/25 % increase	2023/24 Fee/Charge Amount
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A benchmarking exercise has been undertaken to ensure that our charges are in line with other burial authorities in the region and continue to cover the costs of delivering the cemeteries service. This has resulted in some significant changes in the pricing structure.

Cemeteries Service	Standard Lawn type grave including headstone base (where applicable) (50 years ERB)	£1,050.00	9.95%	£955.00
Cemeteries Service	Large lawn type grave including head stone base (where applicable) (50 years ERB)	£1,140.00	9.83%	£1,038.00
Cemeteries Service	Person 12 years plus standard lawn type grave (for depth 1,2 or 3)	£851.00	9.95%	£774.00
Cemeteries Service	Person 12 years plus large lawn type grave (for depth 1,2 or 3)	£913.00	10.00%	£830.00
Cemeteries Service	Child up to the age of 12 years in a child grave only Please note: depth for one interment only	£105.00	5.00%	£100.00
Cemeteries Service	Still born babies and children up to three weeks old (including: NVF) Please note: depth for one interment only	£58.00	5.45%	£55.00
Cemeteries Service	Interment of cremated remains in an earthen grave (either loose or in a casket)	£240.00	5.26%	£228.00
Cemeteries Service	Interment of cremated remains in below ground vault	£240.00	5.26%	£228.00
Cemeteries Service	Interment of cremated remains in above ground vault	£240.00	5.26%	£228.00
Cemeteries Service	Permit for right to install a new memorial on any type of grave	£120.00	5.26%	£114.00
Cemeteries Service	Transfer of Exclusive Right of Burial/Production of Statutory Declaration for lost deed	£70.00	11.11%	£63.00
Cemeteries Service	Memorial trees (various) offering a 15 year lease including a dedication plaque. (interring of cremated remains under tree is not permitted)	£630.00	5.35%	£598.00

Service Area - Heritage Service	Fee/Charge Description	2024/25 Fee/Charge Amount	2024/25 % increase	2023/24 Fee/Charge Amount
The pricing for entrance to our heritage sites has been reviewed across the board with the removal of some charges alongside some price increases and the removal of some concessions. This is to retain a good value offering whilst ensuring income across the offering is sustained.				
Heritage Service	West Stow Day ticket - Adult	£7.00	0.00%	£7.00
Heritage Service	West Stow Day ticket - Concessions	Propose to remove concessions		£6.00
Heritage Service	West Stow Day ticket - Children	£4.00	0.00%	£4.00
Heritage Service	West Stow Day ticket - Family	£21.00	0.00%	£21.00
Heritage Service	West Stow Annual ticket - Adult	£16.00	14.29%	£14.00
Heritage Service	West Stow Annual ticket - Concessions	Propose to remove concessions		£12.00
Heritage Service	West Stow Annual ticket - Children	£8.00	0.00%	£8.00
Heritage Service	West Stow Annual ticket - Family	£46.00	9.52%	£42.00
Heritage Service	Moyes Hall Heritage ticket - Adult	£16.00	14.29%	£14.00
Heritage Service	Moyes Hall Heritage ticket - Concession	Propose to remove concessions		£12.00
Heritage Service	Moyes Hall Heritage ticket - Children	£10.00	25.00%	£8.00
Heritage Service	Moyes Hall Heritage ticket - Family	£46.00	9.52%	£42.00
Heritage Service	Moyes Hall Day ticket - Adult	£6.00	-14.29%	£7.00
Heritage Service	Moyes Hall Day ticket - Concession	Propose to remove concessions		£6.00
Heritage Service	Moyes Hall Day ticket - Children	£3.00	-40.00%	£5.00
Heritage Service	Moyes Hall Day ticket - Family	£20.00	0.00%	£20.00