



Report

Report to: **The Board of Strathclyde Fire & Rescue**
Date of Meeting: **11 February 2011**
Report by: **Chief Officer**

Subject: **Annual Review of Scale of Charges**

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise members of the review of the Board's scale of charges.

2 Recommendation

2.1 The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation:-

- (1) that the revised Scale of Charges attached as Appendix 1 be applied from 1 April 2011.

3 Background

3.1 The Board's Scale of Charges is reviewed on an annual basis effective from 1 April.

3.2 Given the clear link between the cost of providing the services and the charges levied, it is the Board's practice to increase charges set by a percentage equivalent to the increase in Firefighters' salaries.

3.3 Firefighters did not receive a pay award on 1 July 2010 and it is therefore proposed that there is no increase in the charges levied.

3.4 Members should note that the charges levied are in line with those permitted under The Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 Charging Order.

4 Employee Implications

4.1 None.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 The level of charges is reflected in the overall revenue budget for 2011/2012.

6 Other Implications

6.1 None.

7 Consultation

7.1 None.

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Chief Officer
Strathclyde Fire & Rescue

10 January 2010

Link to Corporate Priorities



Previous References

◆ Board Meeting on 12 February 2010.

List of Background Papers

None.

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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1. SPECIAL SERVICES

Personnel (all ranks) – Hourly Rate £ 38.00 + VAT

Vehicles and Appliances (inclusive of equipment and crew) – Hourly Rate

Pumping Appliances £315.00 + VAT

Aerial Rescue Pump £473.00 + VAT

Special Appliances £315.00 + VAT

Van/Lorry (with driver) £127.00 + VAT

Light Portable Pump (excluding delivery and attendance charges) £ 63.00 + VAT

Standard Charges

Opening lockfast premises (domestic) £103.00 + VAT

Dry Riser Test (per riser / per attendance) £315.00 + VAT

Flow Tests (sprinkler installations) £127.00 + VAT

Hose (per length per day) £ 34.00 + VAT

Testing of Private Hydrants

Charge to be decided by Area Commander after review of work involved.

Note In certain circumstances it may be necessary to obtain the approval of the Fire Board for a special charge to be levied for a particular service where normal procedures cannot be applied, eg ship salvage or effluent dispersal on behalf of a commercial concern.

2. PRECOGNITIONS

Precognitions £128.00

NB ALL CHARGES ARE FREE OF VAT UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



STRATHCLYDE FIRE & RESCUE

SCALE OF CHARGES

EFFECTIVE FROM 1 APRIL 2011

3. FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORTS

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Domestic Premises | £423.00 |
| Commercial / Industrial Premises | £612.00 |

Note The Fire & Rescue Service will apply additional charges in excess of those quoted where circumstances merit such an increase, eg major protracted investigations where personnel and equipment resources are required over an extended period of time etc.

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4. **COPY OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH RECORDS** £ 50.00 + VAT

5. **ACCOMMODATION CHARGES**

| | <u>SEAT</u> | <u>CHARGE</u> |
|---|-------------|------------------------|
| <u>LECTURE THEATRE (MCGILL)</u> | | |
| (In tiered seating with screen and Audio/Visual facilities) | 160 | £261.00 per day |
| PA System & Lectern Microphone | | £ 48.00 per day) |
| LCD Video/Data Projection System, SVHS VCR and DVD Player | | £304.00 per day) |
| Stage Lighting | | £ 39.00 per day) + VAT |
| Laser Pointer | | £ 19.00 per day) |
| Radio Microphone – Hand-held | | £ 15.00 per day) |
| <u>CONFERENCE ROOMS</u> | | |
| STRATHCLYDE | 18 | £130.00 per day |
| Audio/Visual facilities: | | |
| Widescreen | | |
| Data Projection System inc. | | |
| DVD/VHS Player | | |
| Audio System | | |
| Induction Loop | | |
| Touch Screen Controlled | | £223.00 per day + VAT |

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6. ACCOMMODATION CHARGES (Continued)

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------|
| HALLIDAY / KNOWLTON | 12 | £ 78.00 per day |
| Data Projector & Screen | | £100.00 per day + VAT |
| GOODWILLIE | 80 | £130.00 per day |
| Audio/Visual Facilities: | | |
| PA System & Hand-held Microphone | | £ 63.00 per day) |
| Radio Microphone – Hand-held | | £ 28.00 per day) + VAT |
| Data Projection System (as per Strathclyde) | | £223.00 per day) |

INTERVIEW ROOMS

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|---------------|---|-----------------|
| GLASGOW | 4 | £ 28.00 per day |
| CENTRAL | 4 | £ 28.00 per day |
| WESTERN | 4 | £ 28.00 per day |
| SOUTH WESTERN | 4 | £ 28.00 per day |

Note Extra charge will be levied for evening bookings to cover Caretakers / Cleaning £ 16.00 per hour

AUDIO / VISUAL FACILITIES

By arrangement

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Projection Screen | £ 19.00 per day) |
| Data Projector | £100.00 per day) |
| Portable 300W PA System | £ 71.00 per day) |
| Radio Microphone – Hand-held | £ 28.00 per day) |
| Flip Chart Easel & Pad/Dry Wipe Board | £ 21.00 per day) |
| Microphone – Hand-held | £ 15.00 per day) |
| Microphone Stand | £ 5.00 per day) |

Note

- Toilet facilities (including disabled) and cloakroom within Conference Suite area.
- Car parking facilities available at an external site across from SFR HQ at a cost of £100 per day.
- Catering by arrangement.

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7. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT REQUESTS

COSTS OF PROVIDING INFORMATION

CHARGE

Under £100

Nil

Between £100 and £600

10% of Costs excluding £100

Over £600

Not available

8. DATA PROTECTION ACT REQUESTS

£10.00

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