

Section 9(1) of Charges for Property Searches Regulations at Babergh District Council



31st March 2009

Under the Regulations “The Local Authorities (England) (Charges for Property Searches) Regulations 2008” - http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/uksi_20083248_en_1, the Local Authority must publish a Statement setting out the matters referred to (under section 9 of these regulations) below:

- a) The estimates Babergh District Council has made under regulation 6(2) (estimates of total costs and estimates of numbers of requests) in respect of the unit charge for the following financial year.

The total cost of Land Charges as approved by Full Council on the 24th February 2009 <http://www.babergh.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/A1DCFDB7-2602-4907-A788-973D7C7F21C6/0/H201.pdf>.

	2009/10 Budget
County Council Fees	9,030
Insurance	4,250
Printing and Stationery	530
Operational and Support Services	136,630
Capital Charges	-19,950
Total Cost of Service	130,490

Search Type	Estimated Volume of Requests for 2009/10	Charge £	Value £
Postal Searches	350	114.00	39,900
NLIS Searches	350	109.00	38,150
Search of Land Charges Register only (LLC1)	740	25.00	18,500
Part II Enquiries	200	12.00	2,400
Additional Enquiries	7	40.00	280
Personal Searches	800	11.00	8,800
Individual Questions for PSA:			
- Administration Fee	800	10.00	8,000
- Charge per question	6,000	1.50	9,000
Charge for all Non-Public Questions	120	45.00	5,400
Part 1 Enquiries only	4	16.00	64
Total			130,494

b) The basis of these estimates...

...for 2009/10 is consistent with the publications of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accounting (CIPFA) and, in particular, the Best Value Accounting Code of Practice (BVACOP) and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2005 - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

The estimates also take into account the impact of the current economic climate as well as the increase in the number of Personal Searches over the last 3 years.

c) The amount of the unit charge Babergh District Council has set for answering individual questions in 2009/10, has...

... been calculated using the estimated volumes to cover the cost of answering these.

Approved by the Section 151 Officer

Barry Hunter (Director of Finance)

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