

## Property Search Charges

The Local Authorities (England) (Charges for Property Searches) Regulations 2008 require the disclosure of information regarding the setting of charges for services provided in connection with property searches, specifically “access to property records” and “answering enquiries about a property”.

However, certain activities performed by the local authority in connection with property searches cannot be charged for as they are in respect of access to “free statutory information” or statutory fees have been set.

The statement below shows the total cost of property searches divided between the chargeable and non-chargeable activities for each of the departments involved in the process:

### Summary of Departmental Charges

Department	Total Activity		Chargeable Activity		Statutory Fees	Total Chargeable Activity	
	Responding to Enquiries £	Facilitating Access £	Responding to Enquiries £	Facilitating Access £	Facilitating Access £	Responding to Enquiries £	Facilitating Access £
Building Control + ROW	48,244.67	967.62	48,244.67	967.62	0.00	48,244.67	967.62
Environmental Health	12,031.24	0.00	9,676.11	0.00	0.00	9,676.11	0.00
Highways	58,324.22	0.00	31,783.47	0.00	0.00	31,783.47	0.00
Planning	37,314.20	6,256.46	20,602.29	0.00	0.00	20,602.29	0.00
Land Charges	64,307.80	11,331.91	64,307.80	0.00	14,057.86	64,307.80	14,057.86
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>220,222.13</b>	<b>18,555.99</b>	<b>174,614.35</b>	<b>967.62</b>	<b>14,057.86</b>	<b>174,614.35</b>	<b>15,025.48</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>238,778.12</b>		<b>175,581.97</b>	<b>14,057.86</b>		<b>189,639.83</b>
<b>Income</b>							<b>(181,570.37)</b>
<b>Net Position EOY (Surplus)/Deficit</b>							<b>8,069.46</b>

#### Statutory Fees

Personal Inspection - Land Charges Register	£11.00	x	950	10,450.00
Personal Inspection – Questions	£3.83	x	942	3,607.86
				<b>14,057.86</b>

Lead Officer



Chief Financial Officer:

