

## COUNCIL 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

Cabinet 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### 97 REVIEW OF DISCRETIONARY AND LOCALLY SET PLANNING RELATED FEES

The Leader, Councillor Scullion presented a written report of the Director, Regeneration and Strategy which set out an updated approach to fees that were set locally for discretionary planning related services that were provided to customers. The report covered:

- Increased fees for pre-application planning advice to developers and agents.
- Introduction of fees for pre-application planning advice on proposals affecting Listed Buildings.
- Introduction of fees for a proposed enhanced Listed Building Consent Service.
- Introduction of fees to recover our costs providing informal advice on the implementation of Biodiversity Net Gain.
- Increase fees for the Council's Postal Addressing Service.

Effective pre-application advice supported the Council's priorities to reduce inequality; deliver strong and thriving towns and places; and respond to the climate emergency, for example through the delivery of affordable and sustainable new homes. The quality of Calderdale's built heritage and natural environment made important contributions to its distinctiveness and quality as a place to live, work and visit. Improving our conservation of built heritage and implementing Biodiversity Net Gain were therefore important objectives. To secure the effective delivery of the Planning Service, it required to be on a sustainable financial footing. The proposals set out in this report should therefore be seen in the context of the wider programme of improvements to Planning related processes at Calderdale, following budget investment in 2022/23 and 2023/24. The new and revised fees set out in the report below were exclusive of VAT where it was applicable.

The report outlined background information, options considered, financial, legal, human resources and organisational development, environmental, health and economic implications.

**\*RESOLVED that it be recommended to Council that the:**

**(a) fees set out in Appendix 1 of the Director, Regeneration and Strategy's written report be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024; and**

**(b) Corporate Lead, Planning be given delegated authority to make any minor corrections to the text in Appendix 1 of the Director, Regeneration and Strategy's written report before it was published.**

*Original reports considered can be found on the Council's website as follows:*  
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