

Blaby District Council

Cabinet Executive

Date of Meeting	20 November 2025
Title of Report	Schedule of Charges 2026/27 This is a Key Decision and is on the Forward Plan.
Lead Member	Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore - Finance, People and Transformation (Deputy Leader)
Report Author	Accountancy Services Manager
Strategic Themes	All Themes: Enabling communities and supporting vulnerable residents; Enhancing and maintaining our natural and built environment; Growing and supporting our economy; Keeping you safe and healthy; Ambitious and well managed Council, valuing our people

1. What is this report about?

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend the proposed level of fees and charges for the financial year commencing 1st April 2026.

2. Recommendation(s) to Cabinet Executive

- 2.1 That the Schedule of Charges for 2026/27, appearing at Appendix A, is approved.

3. Reason for Decisions Recommended

- 3.1 To ensure that the fees and charges for 2026/27 are formally set and approved.

4. Matters to consider

4.1 Background

As part of the annual budget setting cycle, Service Managers have been asked to undertake a review of the Councils fees and charges with a view of maximising income streams, and to ensure that, where permissible, they are set at a level that achieves cost recovery as a minimum.

There are certain charges that are set at a national level, so these fees remain unchanged. In some cases, there is less scope to increase charges due to external competition, without having a negative impact on demand.

4.2 Proposal

The complete Schedule of Charges for 2026/27 is attached at Appendix A. Members attention is drawn to the following charges in particular -

Refuse

Inflationary increases have been applied to all services. Weekly food waste collections (trade) have also been included with the services to go live 1 April 2026.

Legal Fees

These were increased in 2025/26 to reflect the officer time involved. An inflationary increase has been applied in 2026/27.

Land Charges

Inflationary increases have been applied to all charges in line with current CPI of 3.8%.

Car Parking

A new permit has been added to the Enderby Road, Blaby and Johns Court, Blaby schedule of charges relating to an NHS parking permit. This is at a significantly reduced rate compared to the existing Season Tickets (30% saving for NHS staff).

Licensing Fees

Whilst these fees are being reviewed and benchmarked against neighbouring authorities, a formal process needs to be followed prior to any changes being made.

Leisure Centre Fees and Charges

These are set by our leisure management operator, SLM Limited, but have not yet been released. The Schedule of Charges will be updated to include the fees and charges applicable from 1st April 2026 once they are available.

4.3 Relevant Consultations

The Service Managers have been consulted and fully engaged in the calculation of these charges and fees.

4.4 Future Amendments to the Schedule of Charges

The Constitution grants delegated authority to the Executive Director (Section 151 Officer) to amend fees and charges, where necessary, during the financial year.

4.5 Significant Issues

In preparing this report, the author has considered issues related to Human Rights, Legal Matters, Human Resources, Equalities, Public Health Inequalities and there are no areas of concern.

5. Environmental impact

5.1 In preparing this report the author has considered the impact on the environment and there are no areas of concern. No Net Zero and Climate Impact Assessment (NZCIA) is required for this report.

6. What will it cost and are there opportunities for savings?

6.1 Not applicable.

7. What are the risks and how can they be reduced?

7.1

Current Risk	Actions to reduce the risks
The greatest risk is that the increase in a charge will significantly affect the take up of that service.	The elasticity of the demand for the service has been considered for each charge to avoid unnecessary loss of income.

8. Other options considered

8.1 Not to review the fees and charges. However, it is considered appropriate that, where possible, charges should be set at a level necessary to achieve full cost recovery.

9. Appendix

9.1 Appendix A – Schedule of Charges 2026/27

10. Background paper(s)

10.1 None.

11. Report author's contact details

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