

**Financial Monitoring and Business Strategy Delivery Report
CABINET – 15 April 2014
2014/15 Fees & Charges**

1. A Government enquiry into the causes of the 2007 floods concluded that Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) were an effective way to reduce the risk of 'flash-flooding'.
2. Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 establishes a SuDS Approving Body (SAB) in each county or unitary authority in England; and puts in place a new statutory approval and adoption regime for sustainable drainage systems making the existing right to connect surface water drainage to the public sewer conditional on the SAB approving the drainage plans.
3. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) is now implementing Schedule 3, through which the Council will have a duty to:
 - (a) approve drainage systems before construction begins, according to the new SuDS Standards and
 - (b) adopt and maintain approved SuDS that serve more than one property.
4. Cabinet are recommended to approve the following fees, as determined by DEFRA, to be charged to developers by the Council in the first three years of implementation as follows:

Size of Development	Charge
Less than or equal to 0.5 hectares	£350 + £70 for each 0.1 hectare
Greater than 0.5 and less than or equal to 1 hectares	£700 + £50 for each 0.1 hectare
Greater than 1 and less than or equal to 5 hectares	£950 + £20 for each 0.1 hectare
Greater than 5 hectares	£1,750 + £10 for each 0.1 hectare up to a maximum of £7,500