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| **Report to:** | **Force Executive Board Meeting** |
| **Date of Meeting:** | **April 2022** |
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**Charging Rates 2022/23**

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| 1. **Purpose of the Report** |

* 1. The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the external charging rates for 2022/23 to enable them to be published on the OPCC web site.

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| 1. **Recommendations** |

* 1. Recommendation 1

It is recommended that the external charging rates are approved for publication.

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| 1. **Reasons for Recommendations** |

* 1. To update the Force Executive Board on the revised rates to external agencies for the use of police services, which are chargeable.

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| 1. **Summary of Key Points** |

4.1 The rates become effective from 1st April 2022.

4.2 Work needs to be undertaken to include other rates that the force may use.

4.3 Work needs to be undertaken to revise the mutual aid rates in respect of the underwater search unit.

4.4 It is important that where an occasion presents itself for external recharging the finance department are engaged to ensure:

* compliance with NPCC guidance.
* the force is applying full cost recovery.
* charges are supported by evidence.

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| **5** **Financial Implications and Budget Provision** |

5.1 The rates have been set following guidance from NPCC, some rates are set though statute and as such we can not influence those rates in any way, these apply to firearms licencing, overseas visitors, and peddler certificates.

5.2 The other rates that are published include:

* **Accident Records**, these are recommended by NPCC, but are locally assessed and if valid a higher rate can be used if supported by evidence.
* **Information Management**, as above.
* **Contact Management**, these rates are set by the NPCC Police Operational Advice and Security Industry Requirements for Response to Security Systems and are not open to local assessment.
* **Intelligence**, these rates contain a mixture of special service rates\* and locally managed rates supported by evidence.
* **Vetting**, these rates are set by the NPCC Police National Vetting Service and New National Charges.
* **Custody**, these rates are set locally, but are calculated using a matrix provided by the NPCC
* **Special Service rates**\*, there has been a marked change in the calculation method for this rate calculation which allows for local assessments and scope for discounting up to the first two years of new officers joining the force. By using all PC ranks in the calculation the rate per hour for a constable is £70.40, to discount the first year of service increases the rate to £75.75 and to discount the first two years of service the rate increases to £78.31. On the understanding that most officers fulfilling our Special Service duties are officers with experience the first two years of service has been discounted.

5.3 There are other rates that the force uses that require further understanding and clarification, these include rates for:

* Driver Training
* Abnormal Loads
* Ad-Hoc Officer training courses

5.4 Mutual Aid rates are also set by NPCC the overriding principle is fairness and ensuring that the supplying force is adequately compensated for the resources it is supplying. Whilst the ‘people/time’ costs are set and not open to local assessment there is scope to ensure that full cost recovery is applied to TDR (Team Deployed Resources), this applies to the Underwater Search Unit for our force. These charges will be revised to adequately reflect the cost of the specialist nature of the equipment the force deploys.

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| **6 Human Resources Implications** |

* 1. There are no immediate Human Resource implications arising from this report.

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| 1. **Equality Implications** |

7.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

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| 1. **Risk Management** |

8.1 There are no risks arising from this report.

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| 1. **Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities** |

9.1 There are no policy implications arising from this report.

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| 1. **Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations** |

* 1. There are no changes in legislation or other legal considerations that are relevant to this report.

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| 1. **Details of outcome of consultation** |

* 1. There are no consultation implications arising from this report.

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| **12. Appendices** |

* 1. Appendix A Charging Rates 2022/23

12.2 Appendix B Comparison of rates 2021/22 to 2022/23

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| **13. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)** |

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