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INFORMATION REPORT BY THE HEAD OF PLANNING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Welsh Government Consultation on Changes to Planning and Related Application Fees

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report is to alert Members to a Welsh Government Planning Directorate consultation on the above subject which was launched on 16th December 2019 and will close on 13th March 2020.

2. BACKGROUND.

2.1 The primary source of funding for local planning authorities (LPAs) is generated from fee income received for determining applications, which are intended to recover the costs for providing this service and are prescribed in the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications and Site Visits) (Wales) Regulations 2015 (as amended). Although the aim of application fees is to recover the costs of LPAs in providing a development management service, it has become increasingly clear fee levels do not cover the costs of running development management services. Consequently, LPAs are moving further away from cost recovery.

2.2 This consultation aims to seek the views of stakeholders for increasing planning fees in Wales, to assist in improving cost recovery for local planning authorities.

2.3 In brief the proposal will be to increase the fees across the full range of application types by approximately 20%. If agreed, this could be introduced by September 2020.

The consultation document can be viewed by following the link as below:-

[Changes to Planning and Related Application Charges](#)

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That Members note the report and consultation document and delegate the production and submission of a Council consultation response to Officers as agreed via the Lead Member and Chair of Planning Committee.

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