

REPORT

SUBJECT:	PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES (WALES) REGULATIONS 2010.
DIRECTORATE:	CHIEF EXECUTIVES
MEETING:	Individual Cabinet Member – Giles Howard
DATE:	8th July 2015
DIVISIONS/WARDS AFFECTED:	All Wards

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To consider the charges currently levied by the Authority in meeting its obligations with regard to the Private Water Supplies (Wales) Regulations 2010 and to agree the charges proposed.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 Charges in relation to the delivery of the Authority's private water supply responsibilities continue on a cost recovery basis.
- 2.2 Agree the schedule of proposed fees set out in Appendix 1 subject to member review as part of the annual review of fees and charges.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 Cabinet Member report dated 24th March 2010 provided detail regarding the implications of the Private Water Supplies (Wales) Regulations 2010 and set out the approach to meeting the obligations for the Authority in relation to the risk assessment and sampling of private water supplies. The report was endorsed and is provided as a background paper.
- 3.2 The Authority has met its responsibility to undertake a risk assessment of each private water supply that supplies water to any premises in its area (other than a supply to a single dwelling not used for commercial activity) within the initial 5 year period which ended on the 4th February 2015.
- 3.3 There remains an ongoing responsibility to risk assess each supply every 5 years and to undertake periodic sampling and analysis, the frequency of which varies depending on the nature of the supply. In general 'large supplies' (most of which in the County are related to a commercial activity) are sampled annually, while 'small' supplies are sampled once every 5 years.
- 3.4 By the initial deadline of 4th February 2015, 52 'large' supplies and '108' small supplies had been identified, risk assessed and are periodically sampled. Additional supplies may be identified in the future but these are likely to be relatively few in number.
- 3.5 The cost of officers carrying out the initial risk assessment has been supported by a Welsh Government grant of £100 per assessment. This grant finished in February 2015. The sample charges to home owners and business operators have remained unchanged in recent years despite increasing salary costs, courier charges and laboratory analysis fees.
- 3.6 The schedule of fees in Appendix 1 sets out the existing and proposed charges which it is recommended continue on a cost recovery basis. It is proposed that these charges continue to be subject to member review as part of the annual review of fees and charges. The schedule also provides the maximum charge

permitted by the Regulations where stated. The proposed recharging scheme is consistent with many other Local Authorities.

4. REASONS:

4.1 Current finances dictate that the Authority needs to recover its service costs. The proposed revised charges are based on the actual cost of delivering the service.

4.2 Charges may need to be raised or lowered in line with changing costs of service.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 None. This report recommends a cost recovery approach

6 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 See assessment

7 SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Having a robust mechanism for sampling private water supplies, that are prevalent in Monmouthshire, will have a positive impact on protecting children by ensuring water quality in such properties.

8. CONSULTEES:

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Cabinet Members
Chairs of Select Committees
Head of Legal Services
Head of Finance and Improvement

Results of Consultation

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Cabinet Member Report 24th March 2010 Subject Private Water Supplies (Wales) Regulations 2010

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