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| **Report to:** | **Force Executive Board Meeting** |
| **Date of Meeting:** | **2nd October 2023** |
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**Charging Rates 2023/24**

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

* 1. The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the updated external charging rates for 2023/24 to enable them to be published on the Force and OPCC web sites. The update reflects the pay award increases effective 1st September 2023.

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| 1. **Recommendations** |

* 1. Recommendation 1

It is recommended that the revised 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.

3.2 The change in rates are supported by The Police Forum for Income Generation (PolFIG) who represent the Home Office.

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

4.1 The revised rates reflecting the increase in pay award become effective from 1st September 2023.

4.2 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 amended rates apply to:

* Contact Management - alarm charges,
* Digital Investigations - supervising & specialist officer time,
* Vetting - NPPV rates
* Special Services rates.

5.4 Mutual Aid rates have also been revised; these are not publicised outside of the Policing family. Underwater Search Unit for our force have also been revised in line with the pay award increased rate.

5.5 It is not anticipated that the change in rates will generate further income, it is expected that they will cover the costs to the force in full and protect public money.

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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 List 2023/24 - Revised Sep’23

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

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