Ashfield District Council

The Local Authorities (England) (Charges for Property Searches) Regulations 2008

Transparency in relation to setting of charges

During each financial year, a local authority must publish a statement setting out—

(a) the estimates the local authority has made under regulation 6(2) (estimates of total costs and estimates of numbers of requests) in respect of the unit charge for the following financial year;

	2007/08	**2008/09**	**2009/10**
Total Cost	**121000**	**121000**	**110000**
Personal Searches	**2100**	**2200**	**1700**
LA Searches	**900**	**750**	**600**

(b) the basis for those estimates; and

The figures are taken from our Land Charges system and the estimates reflect the downturn in the housing market.

(c) the amount of the unit charge it proposes for the following financial year.

See Table

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	Data Element A		Data Element B		Data Element C		Data Element D		Data Element E		Data Element F		Data Element G	
	Update	Access	Update	Access	Update	Access	Update	Access	Update	Access	Update	Access	Update	Access
Costs	12950	4562	12950	6842	12950	2851	12950	6842	5600	0	12950	4562	12950	2851
PS Access		**1700**		**1700**		**1700**		**1700**				**1700**		**1700**
Total Access	**2300**		**2300**		**2300**		**2300**		**700**		**2300**		**2300**	
Unit Charges	5.63	2.68	5.63	4.02	5.63	1.68	5.63	4.02	8.00	0.00	5.63	2.68	5.63	1.68
Fee	**£8.31**		**£9.66**		**£7.31**		**£9.66**		**£8.00**		**£8.31**		**£7.31**	

Data Element = See Access to information schedule

Data Element - Update = Fixed costs of maintaining data

Data Element - Access = Costs of providing tailored reports

Costs = Monetary value of update and access costs as prescribed in the guidance

PS Access = Estimated number of Personal Search requests per annum.

Total Access = Estimated number of Full Search and Personal search requests per annum.

Unit Charges - Cost divided by the access.

Fee = Sum of the Update and Access unit charges