Statement on Charges for Property Search Information

Basis for calculating 2018/19 Charges

In order to calculate the fees for 2018/19 an estimate has been made of the cost of all the activities involved in undertaking the property search service for 2018/19. The assumed costs and income for 2018/19 are set out in the table below.

| | £ |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Estimated costs 2018/19 | 82,754 |
| Use of surplus | 1,528 |
| Net estimated costs 2018/19 | 81,226 |
| Estimated income 2018/19 | 72,00 |
| Net deficit | 6,226 |

Although the estimated 2018/19 position is of a small deficit, the fees will remain at the 2017/18 level.

Fees levels can be found <u>https://www.darlington.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/land-charges/fees/</u>

Summary of activity & accumulated surplus/deficit information

The table below shows the net cost of the property search service for the last seven years. The table also shows the current surplus/deficit position.

| Year | Net spend | Accumulated (surplus)/deficit |
|---------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 2017/18 | 16,283 | (1,528) |
| 2016/17 | 15,278 | (17,811) |
| 2015/16 | (9,565) | (33,089) |
| 2014/15 | (9,561) | (23,524) |
| 2013/14 | (28,104) | (13,963) |
| 2012/13 | 4,728 | 14,141 |
| 2011/12 | 9,413 | 9,713 |