

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Planning Portfolio Holder 13 July 2010
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SENIOR RAILCARD SCHEME

Purpose

1. This report requests consideration of the charge to be made for the issue of senior railcards to eligible persons.

2. **Recommendations/Reasons**

The Planning Portfolio Holder is asked to agree a revised fee for the issue of senior railcards to eligible residents in the district of South Cambridgeshire. The new charge recommended is £22.00 to cover the cost of the railcard and the Council's administration costs.

Background

3. Cambridgeshire County Council arranges for the bulk purchase of senior railcards at a discounted price for sale by the Local Authorities in the county area. The passes are sold at a lower price than those purchased at rail stations.
4. The Council has, for a number of years, sold these to our residents at cost price, which is currently £19.20. The full price charged at the railway stations is £24.00. We do not add an administration charge. Senior railcards are valid for one year.

Considerations

5. The Council has recently ordered a new stock of senior railcards and the discounted price has increased to £20.80 per card. The full cost is now £26.00 per card.
6. The following Council's do add an administration charge and the total charged as shown on their web sites is:

Cambridge City Council	£22.00
East Cambridgeshire District Council	£22.00
Huntingdonshire District Council	£22.00
Peterborough Council	£21.50

Implications

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Financial	Increasing the price of the senior railcards to the recommended price will offset the administration costs to the Council.
Legal	None
Staffing	None
Risk Management	None
Equal Opportunities	None

Climate Change	None
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Consultations

8. The Head of Accountancy and the Executive director (Corporate Services) were consulted concerning the proposal.

Effect on Strategic Aims

9.	Commitment to being a listening council, providing first class services accessible to all.	None
	Commitment to ensuring that South Cambridgeshire continues to be a safe and healthy place for all.	None
	Commitment to making South Cambridgeshire a place in which residents can feel proud to live.	None
	Commitment to assisting provision for local jobs for all.	None
	Commitment to providing a voice for rural life.	None

Conclusions/Summary

10. The issue of senior railcards by the Council should now include an additional amount to cover administration costs.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

None

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