

**LONDON BOROUGHS OF BRENT AND HARROW**  
**TRADING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD – 9th MARCH 2005**  
**REPORT NO. 3/05 FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRADING STANDARDS**

**FOR INFORMATION**

TITLE OF REPORT: **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1985: FEES**

**1.0 SUMMARY**

1.1 This report informs Members of the fees proposed to be charged during 2005/2006 under the Weights and Measures Act 1985.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That Members consider and comment on the attached schedule of fees.

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 Whilst the attached fees have been increased by approximately 3% over last year, this Weights and Measures income is estimated to decrease next year by £3,330, (approximately 18%). This is a direct result of government deregulation, which now allows manufacturers and repairers to verify their own equipment.

4.0 **STAFFING IMPLICATIONS** - None relevant.

**5.0 DETAIL**

5.1 Under the Weights and Measures Act 1985, Inspectors of Weights and Measures must charge fees for the verification of certain equipment to be used for trade. This would include such items as petrol pumps, scales, measures of length, measures of capacity etc. In order to provide some consistency across the country, the Local Authority Co-ordinating Body on Food and Regulatory Services (LACORS) recommend a schedule of fees each year. Until 1998, the consortium agreed to adopt the LACORS fees, which were adjusted slightly to provide a more common sense approach on some items.

5.2 For some years, however, the fees charged have been in excess of those recommended by LACORS. This year it is proposed that the fees are increased again above the rate of inflation. The fees detailed in the schedule attached would maintain the consortium fees more in line with those authorities that have departed from LACORS recommendations and it is estimated this would provide income of £15,500 per annum.

**6.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

6.1 Details of Documents  
LACORS Chief Trading Standards Officer Circular

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