

<b>CIVIL MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS PLACE OF APPROVAL FEES</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>
<b>TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>FOR DECISION</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Prosperity
<b>Outcome</b>	Actively develop and promote the economic and social development of the area
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Rory Donnelly
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	N/A

**CIVIL MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS APPROVAL**  
**The Marriage (NI) Order 2003**  
**Civil Partnership Act 2004**

**Background**

In August 2015 proposals were brought before the Corporate Policy and Resource Committee in relation to setting fees for Approval of a place of Civil Marriage or Civil Partnership. As part of Council reorganisation the Approval of Places of Civil Marriage and Civil Partnership is now delivered by the Environmental Services Department. As part of the service review the following fees are proposed for consideration.

**Proposed Fees**

	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Existing</b>
Approval of Place for both a Civil Marriage and a Civil Partnership	£450	*£400
Variation of Approval Holder or Terms and Conditions of Approval	£80	£0

\*Fees agreed in conjunction with the General Registrar Office.

The Marriage (NI) Order 2003 and the Civil Partnership Act 2004 permits the variation of Approval. A variation fee of £80 is proposed to allow Places of Approval to change the approval holder or amend the terms and conditions of the Approval. The fee of £80 is recommended to cover the administrative expenses.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that members approve the above fees.