

**AGENDA ITEM 6
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Citizenship Ceremony Fees

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At the last meeting of the Committee in October, Members requested further information about the fees that are charged for the Citizenship Ceremonies that the Council carries out.

Alex Hallam, Deputy County Solicitor, has advised that the Council receives and £80.00 fee from the Home Office for each adult who becomes a Citizen through attendance at a ceremony. Children are included in the figures for those who become Citizens but they do not attract a separate fee.

The £80 fee was derived from research undertaken to establish the correct unit cost for the conduct of a ceremony among Local Authorities.

In 2008/09 there were 1,267 Citizens generating an income of £83,226.

It is estimated that for 2009/10 there will be 1,900 Citizens generating a projected income of £130,625.

If prospective citizens ask for an individual ceremony these are arranged at a cost of £108 and there were 24 such ceremonies conducted in 2008/09.