

The Local Authorities (England) (Charges for Property Searches) Regulations 2008.

Under Section 9 of this Regulation, Exeter City Council is required to publish the total income and costs for the previous financial year.

2025-26 Financial Year

Actual Expenditure	£207,876.38
Actual Income Received	£183,026.10

Number of Searches

Type	Number
Personal Searches	1003
Official Searches	1769

Local Land Charges - Fees and charges 2026-27

Exeter City Council has used the following estimates of costs to calculate the Local Land Charges fees for the financial year 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.

Expenditure

Type	2025-26 Budget
Employees	£146,080
Supplies & Services	£34,460
Support Services	£41,350
Total	£21,890

Income

Estimated income from Land Charges fees for the 2026-27 financial year is £220,850.

Searches

Search volumes have been forecast by taking actual search numbers for the previous 12 months and adjusted to produce a 12-month base data to forecast activity for the 2026-27 financial year.

Type	Number
Personal Searches	800
Official Searches	1400

The authority has undertaken a time recording exercise for each employee engaged in the discharge of its property search functions. It can demonstrate the cost of the service and the charges made for services in accordance with the regulations.

Delegated power has been granted to the Chief Finance Officer to monitor the fee/cost provision and make any necessary adjustments to Land Charges fee levels to ensure that the authority achieves a break even position as required by the regulations.

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