

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.

### **2024-25 Financial Year**

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Actual Expenditure     | £197,778.01 |
| Actual Income Received | £176,391.07 |

### **Number of Searches**

| Type              | Number |
|-------------------|--------|
| Personal Searches | 839    |
| Official Searches | 1758   |

### **Local Land Charges - Fees and charges 2025-26**

Exeter City Council has used the following estimates of costs to calculate the Local Land Charges fees for the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

### **Expenditure**

| Type                | 2025-26<br>Budget |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Employees           | £144,900          |
| Supplies & Services | £34,460           |
| Support Services    | £37,040           |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>£216,400</b>   |

### **Income**

Estimated income from Land Charges fees for the 2025-26 financial year is £216,400

### **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 2025-26 financial year.

| Type              | Number |
|-------------------|--------|
| Personal Searches | 963    |
| Official Searches | 2049   |

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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