

COST OF PAPERLESS PLANNING

DOWNLOADING FOR LAPTOP PRESENTATION

Applications are on Cornwall Council website in a PDF format, each page separately.

The average application has approximately 10 pages, some being A3 colour drawings.

The pages have downloaded as a PDF, then converted to power point and downloaded to the memory stick individually.

This process takes approximately 45 minutes to an hour depending on the complexity of the document (and no interruptions).

Therefore it equates to an average of £8.50 (Annette's time) for each application.

Based on an average of 10 applications per month = a cost of £85.00 per month (**£1020 per year**) PLUS THE PROVISION OF A PAPER COPY, AS COSTED BELOW, FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO VIEW

PRINTING A PAPER COPY

Cost of black & white copies = .05p per A4 sheet (sometimes double sided) and .1p per A3 copy

Based on 20 pages per application (to allow for double sided copies, 15 A4 size and 5 A3 size) this equates to approximately 80p per application plus Annette's time (15/25 minutes per application)

Based on 10 applications per month = a cost of 60.00 per month (**annual cost of £720**)

3rd OPTION FOR DISCUSSION AT AGENDA ITEM NO: 11

Formally write to Cornwall Council stating we will happy to progress with paperless planning provided they make it user friendly and time/cost effective i.e. put all paperwork relating to each individual application into a power point folder that can be downloaded to a memory stick within five minutes. They have the IT team and the knowhow to make this possible. It is unfair and unrealistic to ask Town & Parish Councils to take this on to save them money without providing the necessary tools to do so.