

3 FEES CHARGED FOR RESIDENCE ORDER APPLICATION REPORTS (AN106-2008)

Under Section 11(5) of the Matrimonial Proceedings (Children) Act 1958, any expenses incurred by a local authority in connection with the preparation of a report shall be paid by a party to the court action.

Reports compiled by the Council in relation to Residence Order applications are broadly similar to those provided by Curator ad Litem and Reporting Officers in legal proceedings involving children.

In order to bring these charges into line with the fees payable by the Council to Curators ad Litem and Reporting Officers, as detailed in Report 169-2008 and agreed by Committee on 10 March 2008, it is proposed that the following charges are applied:

- a fixed appointment fee of £219.40
- augmented by £54.85 in respect of each additional child living with siblings or £109.70 in respect of each additional child living separately from siblings
- written report fee of £109.70
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