



JOHNSON FELLOWS
CHARTERED SURVEYORS

61/77 High Street

Harborne

Birmingham

B17 9NS

Service Charge Budget Report

26th March 2023 to 25th March 2024



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Johnson Fellows. Charter House, Newhall Street, Birmingham, B3 1SW





Introduction

This report has been produced by Johnson Fellows on behalf of the Landlord, Harborne High Street Management (2) Ltd. It is intended to provide details of the planned expenditure for the service charge year 26th March 2023 to 25th March 2024.

The service charge is administered having regard to Service Charges in Commercial Property; RICS Professional Statement, 1st Edition.

The Property

The property is located on Harborne High Street and comprises nine retail units, with first and second floor accommodation, the majority of which is residential, accessed from the rear car park adjoining St Johns Road. However, three of the units use the upper floors for ancillary commercial purposes, with access from the ground floor units.

The car park to the rear is held under separate ownership. Historically it was agreed that the Management Company will contribute towards its repair and maintenance costs. However, recharges have never been received.

The communal services provided for the property consist of items such as pest control and electricity for the communal lighting. There is also a small forecourt area fronting St Johns Road, which is repaired and maintained via the service charge. Although the roof and balconies are the responsibility of the individual long leaseholders, by common agreement they are also repaired and maintained via the service charge. This does not include the rear extensions which remain the responsibility of each individual long leaseholder.

Service Charge Objectives

The objective of Johnson Fellows as Managing Agent is to provide a high-quality management service. In so doing we aim to provide a well-maintained environment, delivering value for money for the service charge expenditure.

The objective of this budget report is to provide a clear explanation for recovery of the service charge expenditure on a not for profit/not for loss basis. It is also to promote clarity and transparency and to allow the tenants to budget accurately for the forthcoming year.

Should any occupier have comments on the format, or the information contained in this report which would assist in the report being improved for the benefit of all concerned, these comments would be welcomed. We would also welcome constructive feedback on the communal services provided at the property.

VAT

The property is not elected for VAT, consequently the expenditure stated within this report is gross of VAT.

Voids and Concessions

Where any void units exist, the responsibility for the service charge rests with the Landlord. There is no void accommodation.



Banking

Due to the general level of service charge funds, they are not maintained within a discrete bank account. The funds are held within the Johnson Fellows Clients Account which is maintained with Barclays Bank plc. As a consequence, the service charge is not credited with any interest, neither are any bank charges allocated to the service charge.

Interest charged on the late payment of service charge by tenants is to be credited to the service charge.

Reserve Fund

Following completion of the roof replacement works in previous years, the reserve fund has been closed.



Service Charge Apportionment

The apportionment for each schedule is detailed within the Service Charge Apportionment Schedule attached at Appendix A.

Schedule One All Long Leaseholders

Schedule Two All Long Leaseholders, except 61 High Street

There are two separate schedules as Central Midland Estates, the long leaseholder of 61 High Street, is responsible for their own building's insurance and for the repair and maintenance of their front and rear roof/canopy areas under the terms of their lease. Therefore, they do not contribute towards the buildings insurance or any repairs and maintenance associated with the communal front and rear roof/canopies.

Shared costs for items such as Management and Auditors Fees have been apportioned between the schedules based upon the total net costs for each schedule.



Management Team

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Budget Commentary

SCHEDULE 1 – Contributions by all Units

All figures are shown gross of VAT

- **Pest Control** **£450**

The cost heading is for the annual pest control contract for the external rear areas, which includes 4 visits per year.

- **Building Repair** **£1,000**

The cost heading is a contingency for any external repairs that all long leaseholders maintain a responsibility for. This will predominantly cover the forecourt area fronting St Johns Road.

- **Car Park Maintenance** **£300**

The budget provides a contingency sum for a maintenance contribution towards the rear service yard and car park.

- **Audit Fee** **£90**

The RICS Service Charge Professional Statement states that service charge accounts for commercial properties are to be independently certified on an annual basis. The Accountants fee for certifying the year end service charge accounts is £450. This has been split between both schedules, based on the approximate total costs, with 20% applied to Schedule 1 and 80% applied to Schedule 2.

- **Management Fee** **£1,702**

The total fee of £8507 (inc VAT) has been split between both schedules, based on the approximate total costs, with 20% applied to Schedule 1 and 80% applied to Schedule 2. The fixed fee has been increased in line with the Retail Price Index.

Total

Schedule 1 **£3,542**



SCHEDULE 2 – Contributions by all Units except 61 High Street

All figures are shown gross of VAT

- **Building Repair** **£1,000**

The cost heading provides for any external repairs that are required to the communal areas and following completion of any recommendations contained within the Health & Safety Audit. The budget has been maintained at the same level for the current year.

- **Electrical Repair** **£1,000**

The budget the current year following works undertaken to the upgrade of the canopy lighting to LED within the last financial year. It also provides a contingency sum for any electrical repairs or replacement bulbs that may be required.

- **Roof Maintenance** **£500**

This is contingency sum for any unexpected costs.

- **Electricity Supply** **£750**

The cost heading provides for the anticipated cost of the electricity consumption over the coming year. The budget has been increased to accommodate the increased costs being experienced across the utilities markets presently.

- **Health & Safety** **£500**

The budget is for the preparation of an annual health and safety audit for the site in order to identify any potential risks.

- **Insurance** **£6000**

This cost heading is for the annual building's insurance renewal. It is based on last year's expenditure. The property is insured as a part of an insurance scheme which is market tested every three years. This was last undertaken in September 2023. The reinstatement value for this property has increased and insurance market has continued to harden which are likely to result in premiums increasing within this financial year.

- **Audit Fee** **£360**

The RICS Service Charge Code of Practice states that service charge accounts for commercial properties are to be independently certified on an annual basis. The Accountants fee for certifying the year end service charge accounts is £450. This has been split between both schedules, based on the total costs, with 20% applied to Schedule 1 and 80% applied to Schedule 2.



- **Management Fee** **£6805**

The total fee of £8507 (inc VAT) has been split between both schedules, based on the total costs, with 20% applied to Schedule 1 and 80% applied to Schedule 2. The fixed fee has been increased in line with the Retail Price Index.

Total

Schedule 2 **£16,915**

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Appendix A

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Service Charge Apportionment Schedule

Unit	Schedule	Percentage
61	1	41.00%
63/63A	1	8.00%
65/65A	1	6.00%
67/67A	1	10.00%
69/69A	1	6.00%
71/71A	1	8.00%
73/73A	1	8.00%
75/75A	1	5.00%
77	1	8.00%
1 Total		100.00%
63/63A	2	13.30%
65/65A	2	15.80%
67/67A	2	13.30%
69/69A	2	10.80%
71/71A	2	10.80%
73/73A	2	13.30%
75/75A	2	11.34%
77	2	11.36%
2 Total		100.00%



Appendix B

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Service Charge Variance Schedule

26th March 2023 to 25th March 2024

The property is not VAT registered. Figures for all schedules are shown gross of VAT.

Service Charge Item	Schedule	Budget 202/2023	Budget 2023/2024	Budget v Budget Variance %	Budget v Budget Variance £
Pest Control	1	£ 450	£ 450	0.00%	£ -
Building Repair	1	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	0.00%	£ -
Car Park Maintenance	1	£ 600	£ 300	-50.00%	-£ 300
Audit Fee	1	£ 90	£ 90	0.00%	£ -
Management Fees	1	£ 1,500	£ 1,702	13.47%	£ 202
1 Total		£ 3,640	£ 3,542	-2.69%	-£ 98
Building Repair	2	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	0.00%	£ -
Electrical Repair	2	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	0.00%	£ -
Roof Maintenance	2	£ 500	£ 500	0.00%	£ -
Electricity Supply	2	£ 1,000	£ 750	-25.00%	-£ 250
Health & Safety	2	£ 500	£ 500	0.00%	£ -
Insurance	2	£ 5,000	£ 6,000	20.00%	£ 1,000
Audit Fee	2	£ 360	£ 360	0.00%	£ -
Management Fees	2	£ 5,999	£ 6,805	13.44%	£ 806
2 Total		£ 15,359	£ 16,915	10.13%	£ 1,556
Grand Total		£ 18,999	£ 20,457	7.67%	£ 1,458