



JOHNSON FELLOWS
CHARTERED SURVEYORS

61/77 High Street

Harborne

Birmingham

B17 9NS

Service Charge Expenditure Report

26th March 2018 to 25th March 2019



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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 expenditure incurred during the service charge year 26th March 2018 to 25th March 2019.

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 are residential maisonettes accessed from the rear car park. However, three of the units use the upper floors for ancillary purposes, with access from the ground floor commercial units.

The car park to the rear is held under separate ownership and is maintained by Intex Hall & Graham. Historically it was agreed that the Management Company will contribute 30% towards its repair and maintenance costs.

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 expenditure report is to provide a clear explanation of the service charge expenditure on a not for profit/not for loss basis. It is also to promote clarity and transparency.

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.

The service charge is administered having regard to Service Charges in Commercial Property; RICS Code of Practice 3rd Edition.

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 currently 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

A Reserve Fund was set up in order to accrue funds for the replacement of the roof coverings to both first and second floor levels. This has now been closed down following the completion of the roof works during the service charge year.



Management Team

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Chris Monteith is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the property and statutory compliance.

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Ian Starbuck was responsible for the overall management of the property during this period.

New Management Surveyor:

George Brittain

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George Brittain is now responsible for the overall management of the property.

Service Charge Accountant:

Rebecca Glover

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Rebecca Glover is the client accountant responsible for this property.



Service Charge Apportionment

There are two separate schedules of apportionment adopted. This is due to the wording of the lease for Central Midland Estates, the long leaseholder of 61 High Street, which states that the Tenant is responsible for their own buildings insurance and for the repair and maintenance of their building. Therefore they do not contribute towards the buildings insurance or any repairs and maintenance associated with the communal front and rear roof/canopies.

Schedule One All Long Leaseholders

Schedule Two All Long Leaseholders, except 61 High Street

Items that are shared between both schedules, such as management and auditors fees, are apportioned based on the total budget expenditure (net of fees) for each schedule.

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



Expenditure Commentary

SCHEDULE 1 – Contributions by all Units

All figures are shown gross of VAT

- **Pest Control** **£432.00**

The expenditure represents the annual pest control contract for the external rear areas, which covers 4 visits per year.

- **Building Repair** **£0.00**

The budget provided a contingency sum for any unforeseen items of external repair. There was no expenditure under this title for this service charge period.

- **Car Park Maintenance** **£130.00**

The Management Company historically agreed to reimburse the car park operator 30% of the cost for any repairs or maintenance carried out to the rear car park. No expenditure was incurred/recharges made. Expenditure has been included under this heading for slab repairs and weed treatment, this cost should have fallen under building repair not carpark maintenance.

- **Audit Fee** **£90.00**

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 was £450. This has been split between both schedules, with 20% applied to Schedule 1 and 80% applied to Schedule 2.

- **Management Fee** **£1,344.00**

The management fee is a fixed cost agreed by the Management Company in accordance with the RICS Service Charge Code. The total fee of £6,719.00 (inc VAT) has been split between both schedules, with 20% applied to Schedule 1 and 80% applied to Schedule 2.

Total

Schedule 1 **£1,996.00**



SCHEDULE 2 – Contributions by all Units except 61 High Street

All figures are shown gross of VAT

- **Building Repair** **£1,392.00**

The budget provided a contingency sum for any unforeseen items of external repair. The main items of expenditure included removal of debris from roof, gutter clean and canopy repairs.

- **Electrical Repair** **£420.00**

The budget provided a contingency sum for any electrical repairs or replacement bulbs that may be required to the emergency lighting at first floor level. The expenditure relates to the supply and installation of 8 new bulkhead lights and a 5 year fixed wire certificate.

- **Roof Maintenance** **£0.00**

- **External Decorations** **£3,600**

Decoration of the canopy & soffits.

- **Electricity Supply** **£56.84**

The expenditure relates to the electricity consumption for the communal parts.

- **Insurance** **£3,884.15**

The expenditure relates to the annual buildings insurance premium.

- **Health & Safety** **£500.00**

The budget allowed for the completion of a Health & Safety audit.

- **Audit Fee** **£360.00**

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 was £450. This has been split between both schedules, with 20% applied to Schedule 1 and 80% applied to Schedule 2.



- **Management Fee** **£5,375.00**

The management fee is a fixed cost agreed by the Management Company in accordance with the RICS Service Charge Code. The total fee of £6,719.00 (inc VAT) has been split between both schedules, with 20% applied to Schedule 1 and 80% applied to Schedule 2.

Total

Schedule 2 **£15,587.99**

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Management Surveyor

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Facilities Manager



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 2018 to 25th March 2019

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

Service Charge Item	Schedule	Budget	Expenditure	Variance £
Pest Control	1	£ 432	£ 432.00	£ -
Building Repair	1	£ 1,000	£ -	-£ 1,000.00
Car Park Maintenance	1	£ 600	£ 130.00	-£ 470.00
Audit Fee	1	£ 90	£ 90.00	£ -
Management Fees	1	£ 1,344	£ 1,344.00	£ -
1 Total		£ 3,466.00	£ 1,996.00	-£ 1,470.00
Building Repair	2	£ 1,000	£ 1,392.00	£ 392.00
Electrical Repair	2	£ 700	£ 420.00	-£ 280.00
Roof Maintenance	2	£ 500	£ -	-£ 500.00
Electricity Supply	2	£ 750	£ 56.84	-£ 693.16
External Decorations	2	£ 3,000	£ 3,600.00	£ 600.00
Insurance	2	£ 3,650	£ 3,884.15	£ 234.15
Health & Safety	2	£ 500	£ 500.00	£ -
Audit Fee	2	£ 360	£ 360.00	£ -
Management Fees	2	£ 5,375	£ 5,375.00	£ -
2 Total		£ 15,835.00	£ 15,587.99	-£ 247.01
Grand Total		£ 19,301.00	£ 17,583.99	-£ 1,717.01