



Borough Court

Grammar School Lane

Halesowen

West Midlands

B63 3SW

Service Charge Expenditure Report

**1st January 2018 to 31st December
2018**



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Introduction

This report has been produced by Johnson Fellows on behalf of the Landlord, Artistic Trims Ltd. It is intended to provide details of the expenditure incurred during the service charge period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018.

Enclosed within this report is a copy of the Service Charge Apportionment Schedule and Service Charge Variance Schedule.

The Property

The property is located on Grammar School Lane, which adjoins Old Hawne Lane. The property is a short distance from the A458 Stourbridge Road and the main Halesowen town centre.

Borough Court is a courtyard style development providing a mixture of single and two storey buildings of varying ages. There are a variety of uses including offices, light industrial and a gymnasium. In addition to the courtyard buildings, there is an adjacent plot of land used for display purposes.

The communal areas of the estate include the car park and rear walkways. Under the terms of the individual leases, the maintenance of the roof and building structure is also provided for under the service charge provisions.

Voids and Concessions

Where any void units exist, the responsibility for the service charge rests with the Landlord.

VAT

The property is elected for VAT, consequently the expenditure stated within this report is net of VAT.

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 has been set up in order to accrue funds for the resurfacing of the car park. The Reserve Fund is held in a discrete bank account in order to obtain interest on the retained funds. The account is maintained with Barclays Bank plc, Kidderminster branch.



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 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 RICS Practice Standards; Service Charges in Commercial Property; 3rd Edition, Code of Practice.



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Service Charge Apportionment

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

The service charge expenditure is contained under a single schedule that all courtyard occupiers contribute towards, reflecting the benefit of the services provided. The occupier of the adjacent land does not contribute towards the service charge, due to the self-contained nature of the site.

The apportionment percentages are calculated based on net internal floor areas.



Expenditure Commentary

SCHEDULE 1 – All Courtyard Occupiers

All figures are shown net of VAT

- **External Cleaning** **£1,767.00**

The heading reflects the cost of the contract for litter picking, sweeping, weed control and the removal of any fly tipping across the main car park and the rear fire escape routes. The contract provides for two visits per month (24 per annum). The contract is held by Holder Site Management Ltd. The expenditure came in above budget. This was largely due to the inclusion of gritting services through the winter months.

- **Refuse** **£2,323.44**

The expenditure is for the weekly waste collection contract. The contract is held by Commercial Waste Recycling and the costs came in marginally below budget.

- **Building Repairs** **£3,612.00**

The cost heading covers any repairs and maintenance in respect of the structure of the buildings and the car park. The main items of expenditure included masonry works to the rear of the building following damp ingress, gutter works and roof repairs. The expenditure came in above budget.

- **Landscaping** **£730.00**

The expenditure incurred is for the annual pruning of the 9 beech trees to the front of the estate and the annual clearance of the fire escape route to the rear of units 7, 8 & 9. The contract is held by Holder Site Management Ltd. The expenditure came in marginally below budget.

- **Water Charges** **£1,331.19**

The cost heading provides for the water charges levied at the estate by South Staffordshire Water Plc. The expenditure was above budget following actual meter readings.

- **Statutory Compliance** **£0.00**

The budget provided for the completion of a Health and Safety Audit. However, this was not completed due to insufficient funds.

- **Reserve Fund** **£1,000.00**

A reserve fund was set up for the service charge year in order to build funds for the eventual resurfacing of the car park. This year's contribution was in line with the budget.



- **Audit Fee** **£350.00**

The expenditure covers the cost for an independent accountant to certify the service charge expenditure, which is regarded as best practice. The expenditure is in line with the budget.

- **Management Fee** **£1,560.00**

The figure represents the costs incurred for the management of the property and the administration of the service charge, including periodic inspections. The RICS Service Charge Code of Practice recommends that this be a fixed fee, subject to annual review or indexation. The fee level was in line with the budget.

- **Facilities Management** **£780.00**

The expenditure is for the Facilities Manager to organise the maintenance contracts and supervise the works. The fee level was in line with the budget.

Total

Schedule 1 **£13,453.63**

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Facilities Manager

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Partner

Dated 26th July 2019

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Appendix A

Borough Court, Grammar School Lane, Halesowen

Service Charge Apportionment Schedule

1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018

Unit	Schedule	Area Sq Ft	Apportionment %
1	1	2,797	18.98%
2	1	2,650	21.17%
3	1	2,195	17.54%
4	1	1,000	7.99%
5	1	809	6.46%
6	1	1,046	8.36%
7	1	955	7.63%
8&9	1	1,486	11.87%
Total		12,938	100.00%



Appendix B

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Service Charge Variance Schedule

1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018

The property is VAT registered. Figures for Schedule 1 shown net of VAT.

Service Charge Item	Schedule	Budget 2018	Expenditure 2018	Budget v Expenditure £
External Cleaning	1	£ 1,400.00	£ 1,767.00	£ 367.00
Refuse	1	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,323.44	-£ 176.56
Building Repair	1	£ 2,500.00	£ 3,612.00	£ 1,112.00
Landscaping	1	£ 800.00	£ 730.00	-£ 70.00
Water Charges	1	£ 500.00	£ 1,331.19	£ 831.19
Statutory Compliance	1	£ 750.00	£ -	-£ 750.00
Reserve Fund	1	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ -
Audit Fees	1	£ 350.00	£ 350.00	£ -
Management Fee	1	£ 1,560.00	£ 1,560.00	£ -
Facilities Management	1	£ 780.00	£ 780.00	£ -
Total		£ 12,140.00	£ 13,453.63	£ 1,313.63