

Introduction

The analysis of standard data in the Value for Money Profiles 2015 identified that Leeds' ranked 5th out of 8 in terms of sales, fees and charges per head of population when compared with the other seven core city authorities in 2013/14. This is broken down in the table below:

Breakdown of Sales, Fees and Charges per head of population

Core City	Education Services		Highways, Roads & Transport Services		Children's Social Care		Adult Social Care	
Birmingham	£49.56	3	£18.45	8	£0.95	=4	£40.81	4
Bristol	£30.01	6	£33.71	5	£0.81	6	£9.93	8
Leeds	£32.28	5	£48.81	3	£17.30	1	£35.61	5
Liverpool	£56.49	2	£23.50	6	£0.85	5	£15.40	7
Manchester	£41.86	4	£36.99	4	£0.95	=4	£38.08	6
Newcastle	£28.60	7	£64.44	2	£4.31	2	£56.14	1
Nottingham	£15.82	8	£76.75	1	£0.05	7	£51.32	2
Sheffield	£72.24	1	£19.32	7	£3.11	3	£49.15	3

Core City	Public Health		Housing Services (GF only)		Cultural and Related Services		Environmental and Regulatory Services	
Birmingham	-	6	£0.97	7	£14.82	7	£24.04	3
Bristol	£0.70	3	£7.62	3	£15.83	6	£15.91	7
Leeds	-	7	£2.17	5	£27.64	1	£13.15	8
Liverpool	£1.14	1	£3.31	4	£25.16	3	£19.73	4
Manchester	£0.01	5	£13.05	2	£22.13	5	£15.96	6
Newcastle	-	8	£14.57	1	£22.53	4	£28.39	2
Nottingham	£0.76	2	£1.07	6	£27.61	2	£29.15	1
Sheffield	£0.07	4	£0.63	8	£5.91	8	£19.36	5

Core City	Planning and Development Services		Central Services		Other Services		Total	
Birmingham	£3.87	7	£51.54	2	£4.03	2	£209.05	4
Bristol	£3.14	8	£10.70	8	-	7	£128.37	8
Leeds	£6.28	5	£15.05	6	£9.01	1	£207.29	5
Liverpool	£16.57	1	£99.58	1	-	8	£261.73	1
Manchester	£8.75	3	£24.56	3	£0.65	5	£202.99	6
Newcastle	£5.47	6	£11.30	7	£1.37	1	£237.10	3
Nottingham	£10.58	2	£21.57	4	£2.61	3	£237.28	2
Sheffield	£7.49	4	£19.09	5	£0.24	6	£196.61	7

A further analysis has been undertaken to identify service areas where the core cities are charging a higher rate for specific services or are charging for services where Leeds does not currently charge. Each area of spend in this report is included in RO Form order, which is:

- RO1 – Education Services
- RO2 – Highways, Roads and Transport Services
- RO3 – Social Care
- RO4 – Housing Services
- RO5 – Cultural, Environmental, Regulatory and Planning Services
- RO6 – Protective, Central and Other Services

Education Services

Schools

Fees and charges relating to early years, primary schools, secondary schools and special schools.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Sheffield	£66.26	None found
2	Liverpool	£52.52	
3	Birmingham	£42.92	
4	Manchester	£39.02	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
5	Leeds	£28.25	None found
6	Newcastle	£24.39	
7	Bristol	£23.84	
8	Nottingham	£11.27	

Services to Young People and Other Community Learners

Fees and charges relating to adult and community education, youth services and student support

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Birmingham	£3.68	None found
2	Newcastle	£2.35	
3	Leeds	£2.12	
4	Bristol	£1.44	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
5	Sheffield	£1.20	None found
6	Manchester	£0.24	
7	Liverpool	£0.18	
8	Nottingham	-	

Other Strategic Functions

Fees and charges relating to special educational needs, learner support (incl. home to school transport), access (incl. music services and outdoor education (environmental and field studies)) and LEA functions.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Sheffield	£4.81	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribution to Post 16 home to school/college transport
2	Bristol	£4.78	
3	Nottingham	£4.58	
4	Liverpool	£3.80	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
5	Birmingham	£2.97	None found
6	Manchester	£2.62	
7	Leeds	£1.92	
8	Newcastle	£1.89	

*Includes outdoor education service, but this closed at the beginning of 2014/15.

Highways, Roads and Transport Services

Transport Planning, Policy and Strategy

Fees and charges relating to the formulating highways, roads and transport plans and policy, research, monitoring street works, traffic regulation orders and the enforcing of and making maps of public rights of way.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Leeds	£6.45	<p>None found</p> <p>Areas with Lower Than Average Charges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary traffic regulation orders
2	Newcastle	£5.41	
3	Sheffield	£3.19	
4	Nottingham	£1.96	
5	Liverpool	£0.72	
6	Bristol	£0.19	
7	Birmingham	£0.16	
8	Manchester	-	

Highways and Roads – Maintenance

Fees and charges relating to the structural, environmental, safety and routine maintenance of public roads and bridges, winter services and street lighting.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Liverpool	£5.34	<p>None found</p> <p>Areas with Lower Than Average Charges</p> <p>None found</p>
2	Leeds	£5.16	
3	Newcastle	£2.55	
4	Manchester	£2.51	
5	Bristol	£1.78	
6	Birmingham	£1.26	
=7	Nottingham	£0.10	
=7	Sheffield	£0.10	

Traffic Management and Road Safety

Fees and charges relating to congestion charging, road safety education, safe routes (Inc. school crossing patrols), traffic management planning and scheme design and traffic monitoring

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Leeds	£21.06	<p>None found</p> <p>Areas with Lower Than Average Charges</p> <p>None found</p>
2	Manchester	£5.81	
3	Nottingham	£4.50	
4	Sheffield	£2.78	
5	Liverpool	£1.58	
6	Bristol	£0.78	
7	Birmingham	£0.59	
8	Newcastle	-	

Parking Services

Fees and charges relating to on-street (including parking meters, residents and business parking permit schemes and traffic wardens), off-street parking and enforcement.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Nottingham	£60.73	• Residential Permits
2	Newcastle	£47.38	• Business Permits
3	Bristol	£30.41	• Season Tickets
4	Manchester	£28.68	• Vehicle release fees and storage charges (vehicle removals)
5	Birmingham	£16.44	• Workplace parking levy (on employers)
6	Leeds	£16.14	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
7	Liverpool	£15.85	None found
8	Sheffield	£13.24	

Social Care

Children's Social Care

Fees and charges relating to children's service strategy, commissioning and social work, children looked after (including residential care, short breaks (respite) for children looked after and leaving care support services), family support services (including short breaks (respite) for disabled children, substance misuse services, teenage pregnancy services), youth justice (including secure accommodation (justice) and, youth offender teams), adoption services and special guardianship support.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Leeds	£17.30	None found
2	Newcastle	£4.31	
3	Sheffield	£3.11	
=4	Birmingham	£0.95	
=4	Manchester	£0.95	
5	Liverpool	£0.85	
6	Bristol	£0.82	
7	Nottingham	£0.05	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
			None found

Adult Social Care

Fees and charges relating to adult social care strategy, services for older people (aged 65 or over), services for adults with a physical disability or sensory impairment (aged under 65), services for adults with learning disabilities (aged under 65) and services for adults with mental health needs (aged under 65). This includes assessment and care management, nursing care and residential care placements, supported and other accommodation, home care, day care/day services, equipment and adaptations and meals.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Newcastle	£56.14	None found
2	Nottingham	£51.32	
3	Sheffield	£49.15	
4	Birmingham	£40.81	
5	Manchester	£38.08	
6	Leeds	£35.61	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
7	Liverpool	£15.40	None found
8	Bristol	£9.93	

Housing Services

Housing Strategy and Housing Advances

Fees and charges relating to housing strategy, housing advice to people housed privately, enabling functions and housing advances.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Newcastle	£9.71	None found
2	Manchester	£1.21	
3	Bristol	£0.80	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
4	Sheffield	£0.35	
5	Liverpool	£0.24	
6	Leeds	£0.04	
=7	Birmingham	-	
=7	Nottingham	-	

Private Sector Housing Renewal

Fees and charges relating to the administration of financial support for repairs and improvements, private sector housing renewal activity, management orders, prohibition and improvement notices, empty homes and dwellings and slum clearance.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Bristol	£2.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landlord development programme
2	Newcastle	£1.88	
3	Nottingham	£1.05	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
4	Birmingham	£0.89	
5	Leeds	£0.49	
6	Sheffield	£0.07	
7	Liverpool	£0.03	
8	Manchester	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selective licensing of private rented properties (Not HMO)

Homelessness

Fees and charges related to temporary accommodation (including private managed accommodation leased by the council and by RSLs, hostels, bed and breakfast accommodation and provided directly with a private landlord), homelessness administration, prevention and support.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Manchester	£8.68	None found
2	Liverpool	£2.77	
3	Bristol	£1.14	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
4	Newcastle	£1.12	
5	Sheffield	£0.18	
6	Leeds	£0.14	
=7	Birmingham	-	
=7	Nottingham	-	

Other Council Property

Fees and charges relating to other council property, including travellers' sites and non-HRA council property.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Leeds	£0.37	None found
2	Liverpool	£0.14	
3	Bristol	£0.11	
4	Birmingham	-	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
5	Manchester	-	None found
6	Newcastle	-	
7	Nottingham	-	
8	Sheffield	-	

Housing Welfare

Fees and charges relating to supporting people welfare services and essential care services provided by wardens in sheltered housing.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Bristol	£3.52	None found
2	Manchester	£2.40	
2	Newcastle	£1.85	
4	Liverpool	£0.12	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
5	Bristol	£0.08	None found
6	Sheffield	£0.01	
7	Leeds	-	
8	Nottingham	-	

Culture and Related Services

Culture and Heritage

Fees and charges relating to archives, arts development and support, heritage, museums and galleries, theatres and public entertainment (including concert and dance halls, maintaining a band or orchestra and arranging and promoting events, e.g. concerts, opera, pantomimes, etc.).

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Nottingham	£9.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filming and photography licences (daily, weekly & annual) Guided tours (with a trained volunteer guide)
2	Manchester	£5.44	
3	Leeds	£4.66	<p>Areas with Lower Than Average Charges None found</p>
4	Bristol	£3.43	
5	Newcastle	£3.35	
6	Liverpool	£1.84	
7	Sheffield	£0.42	
8	Birmingham	£0.05	

Recreation and Sport

Fees and charges relating to community centres and public halls, foreshore, sports development and community recreation, indoor sports and recreation facilities, outdoor sports and recreation facilities and golf courses.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Liverpool	£19.92	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming lessons – private tuition Tennis coaching (12 week courses / 6 week courses) Horse riding BMX race track Spa, sauna and/or steam room
2	Leeds	£17.67	
3	Newcastle	£15.06	
4	Manchester	£14.47	
5	Nottingham	£14.35	
6	Birmingham	£11.91	<p>Areas with Lower Than Average Charges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First aid courses (candidate rate)
7	Bristol	£3.55	
8	Sheffield	£2.40	

Open Spaces

Fees and charges related to community parks and open spaces, countryside and recreation management and allotments

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Bristol	£7.84	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational sessions / tours by park rangers Fishing Parking charges
2	Leeds	£4.20	
3	Nottingham	£3.32	
4	Birmingham	£2.39	<p>Areas with Lower Than Average Charges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allotments (variable sizes) Events in parks (no list of charges for LCC to compare prices) Filming in parks (no list of charges for LCC to compare prices) Room hire / exhibition space hire
5	Newcastle	£2.35	
6	Liverpool	£1.85	
7	Sheffield	£1.59	
8	Manchester	£1.48	

Tourism

Fees and charges related to tourism policy, marketing and development and visitor centres.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Liverpool	£0.87	None found
2	Leeds	£0.35	
3	Sheffield	£0.16	
4	Manchester	£0.07	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
5	Birmingham	-	None found
6	Bristol	-	
7	Newcastle	-	
8	Nottingham	-	

Libraries

Fees and charges related to library buildings (including room hire) and mobile and household library services.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Newcastle	£1.76	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet use – charge for non-members
2	Sheffield	£1.34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group visits, talks and lectures
3	Bristol	£1.01	
4	Leeds	£0.76	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
5	Nottingham	£0.75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting room hire at branch libraries to community groups
6	Liverpool	£0.69	
7	Manchester	£0.67	
8	Birmingham	£0.47	

Environmental and Regulatory Services

Cemetery, Cremation and Mortuary Services

Fees and charges related to cemeteries, crematoria, mortuaries (including post-mortem services) and closed churchyards.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Liverpool	£9.69	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scattering of ashes (currently included in cremation fees) Surcharge for over-running services Late arrival/commencement (over 15 or 30 minutes) Exhumation (various) Saturday / Sunday cremations <p>Areas with Lower Than Average Charges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exclusive right to burial fees at longer period for higher fee Charges for non-residents (currently standard +50%, average standard +100%)
2	Newcastle	£8.82	
3	Leeds	£7.58	
4	Birmingham	£7.39	
5	Bristol	£7.25	
6	Nottingham	£6.09	
7	Sheffield	£5.39	
8	Manchester	£4.93	

Pest Control and Environmental Health

Fees and charges related to pest control services, water safety, food safety (including hygiene inspections and food hygiene courses), environmental protection, noise pollution, air pollution, contaminated land, fly-tipping, environmental crime and health and safety.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Newcastle	£1.70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pest proofing to domestic properties Pest control services to commercial properties (various) Food safety/hygiene training Environmental enquiry service reports Health and safety – incident investigation factual statements <p>Areas with Lower Than Average Charges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wasps nests Squirrels/moles Bedbugs
2	Manchester	£1.28	
3	Sheffield	£0.74	
4	Birmingham	£0.66	
5	Bristol	£0.53	
6	Leeds	£0.45	
7	Liverpool	£0.34	
8	Nottingham	£0.32	

Licensing

Fees and charges relating to the issue of licences for animal welfare, alcohol and entertainment, street trading and shops, skips, scaffolding and hoardings and hackney carriages, minicabs and other private hire vehicles.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Manchester	£6.55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Massage and Special Treatment Licences Car Boot Licences <p>Areas with Lower Than Average Charges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gambling Act 2005 – Premises Licences Acupuncture, Tattooing, Piercing and Electrolysis Licences Animal Welfare Licences Civil Ceremony or Wedding Venue Licences Scrap Metal Dealers Licences (Site and Collectors)
2	Newcastle	£4.51	
3	Nottingham	£4.26	
4	Liverpool	£3.96	
5	Leeds	£3.56	
6	Birmingham	£3.02	
7	Sheffield	£2.93	
8	Bristol	£1.97	

Other Regulatory Services

Fees and charges related to trading standards, port health, public conveniences and housing standards (including licensing of houses in multiple occupations (HMOs)).

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Nottingham	£3.39	None found
2	Liverpool	£2.16	
3	Leeds	£0.61	
4	Newcastle	£0.55	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
5	Birmingham	£0.32	None found
6	Manchester	£0.17	
7	Sheffield	£0.07	
8	Bristol	£0.03	

Community Safety

Fees and charges related to crime reduction, safety services and CCTV.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Bristol	£1.76	None found
2	Liverpool	£1.14	
3	Manchester	£0.82	
4	Leeds	£0.80	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
5	Nottingham	£0.48	None found
6	Newcastle	£0.45	
7	Sheffield	£0.44	
8	Birmingham	£0.37	

*Income for community safety allocated to RO Forms against 'other income' rather than income from sales, fees and charges (£12.164m or £16.05 per head of population).

Street Cleansing (not chargeable to highways)

Fees and charges related to street cleansing, sweeping and removal of litter and refuse from land and litter bins in public areas, collection of illegally fly-tipped rubbish, removal of dead animals, removal of abandoned vehicles that do not constitute a traffic hazard and graffiti removal.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Nottingham	£0.87	None found
2	Newcastle	£0.37	
3	Birmingham	£0.31	
4	Manchester	£0.15	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
=5	Leeds	£0.02	None found
=5	Sheffield	£0.02	
6	Bristol	£0.01	
7	Liverpool	-	

Waste Management

Fees and charges related to waste collection (including garden waste, bulky items and clinical or hazardous waste), waste strategy, waste disposal (including civic amenity sites and the trading of landfill allowances), trade waste, recycling, waste minimisation and climate change.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Nottingham	£13.74	• Domestic bulky waste collection
2	Newcastle	£11.98	• Green waste / garden waste collection
3	Birmingham	£11.92	• Skip hire
4	Sheffield	£9.77	• Trade waste
5	Bristol	£4.35	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
6	Liverpool	£2.43	None found
7	Manchester	£2.06	
8	Leeds*	£0.05	

*Income for waste management allocated to RO Forms against 'other income' rather than income from sales, fees and charges (£1.473m or £1.93 per head of population).

Planning and Development Services

Building Control

Fees and charges relating to building regulations, enforcement, pre-submission advice, structural design, fire safety and energy auditing and planning condition checks and enforcement.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Manchester	£1.61	None found
2	Bristol	£1.54	
3	Leeds	£1.52	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges None found
4	Sheffield	£1.29	
5	Nottingham	£1.02	
6	Newcastle	£0.28	
7	Liverpool	£0.26	
8	Birmingham	£0.11	

Development Control

Fees and charges related to planning advice, dealing with applications, enforcement and regulation of other special topics (including minerals and waste control).

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Liverpool	£6.46	None found
2	Leeds	£4.61	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-application Discussions
3	Manchester	£3.95	
4	Nottingham	£3.54	
5	Sheffield	£3.43	
6	Birmingham	£2.45	
7	Bristol	£0.43	
8	Newcastle	£0.10	

Planning Policy

Fees and charges related to conservation and listed buildings planning policy, regional and sub-regional planning, local development framework, supplementary planning guidance, planning projects and implementation, trees and forestry policy and sustainable development strategies.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Newcastle	£0.41	None found
2	Sheffield	£0.25	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges None found
3	Manchester	£0.09	
4	Birmingham	£0.01	
=5	Bristol	-	
=5	Leeds	-	
=5	Liverpool	-	
=5	Nottingham	-	

Other Planning and Development Services

Fees and charges related to environmental initiatives (including environmental education), economic development (including markets income), economic research, business support (including letting of subsidised units for businesses) and community development.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Liverpool	£9.86	None found
2	Nottingham	£6.02	
3	Newcastle	£4.67	
4	Manchester	£3.11	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
5	Sheffield	£2.52	None found
6	Birmingham	£1.30	
7	Bristol	31.17	
8	Leeds*	£0.14	

* Markets income (£3.858m or £5.06 per head of population) and economic development industrial units / corporate estates (£973k or £1.27 per head of population) are included under trading accounts; other core cities include them in this section. If these are taken into account here then the total £ per head would be £6.47 increasing Leeds ranking to 2nd place.

Central Services

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages

Fees and charges relating to the registration of births, deaths and marriages.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Manchester	£2.86	None found
2	Newcastle	£2.58	
3	Bristol	£2.06	
4	Nottingham	£1.98	
5	Leeds	£1.83	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private citizenship ceremony • Baby naming and renewal of vows ceremony
6	Liverpool	£1.77	
7	Birmingham	£1.69	
8	Sheffield	-	

Elections

Fees and charges related to the registration of electors and conducting elections.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Manchester	£0.12	None found
2	Bristol	£0.07	
3	Leeds	£0.05	
4	Nottingham	£0.02	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges
=5	Birmingham	£0.01	
=5	Liverpool	£0.01	
=5	Newcastle	£0.01	
6	Sheffield	-	

Local Land Charges

Fees and charges related to maintenance of the register of local land charges, dealing with requests for certificates of searches and other enquires.

Ranking	Core City	£ Per Head	Potential New Fees and Charges
1	Bristol	£1.83	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refresher searches • Different range of charges for commercial searches
2	Newcastle	£0.96	
3	Nottingham	£0.84	
4	Leeds	£0.76	Areas with Lower Than Average Charges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard search (forms LLC1 & CON29R)
5	Birmingham	£0.66	
6	Manchester	£0.65	
7	Liverpool	-	
8	Sheffield	-	