

I Want Other MEAS Technical Advisory Services

This could include all other discretionary and technical advisory services provided by MEAS included those detailed in Table 6 of the Charging Policy and are within the technical scope of MEAS. The key part of the process is agreement of scope of the advice. MEAS will use its best endeavours to provide the advisory services through a swift and efficient process and according to the timescales of the applicant / requester.

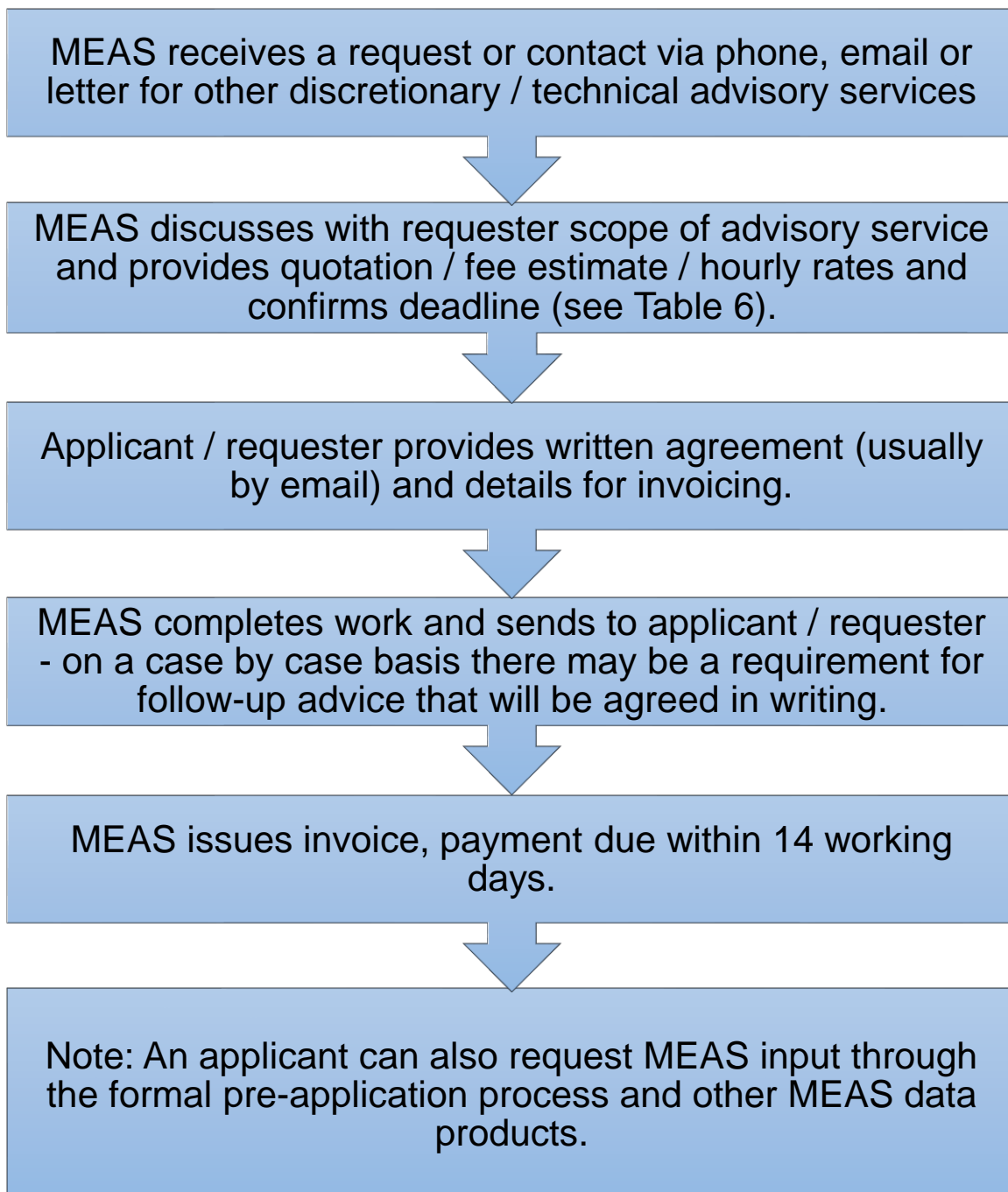


Table 6 – Other MEAS Technical Advisory Services

Other MEAS Technical Advisory Services	Description	Standard of Service	Charges
Planning Performance Agreements	Agreements for enhanced MEAS service. MEAS is happy to enter into dialogue with requesters who are seeking an enhance level of service e.g. Planning Performance Agreement for major applications on a case by case basis.	Normally within 15 working days from written acceptance of quotation by requester. 30 working days for EIA development.	Chargeable time as per Fee Rate 4, in Table 7, exclusive of VAT.
Core work (e.g. planning applications, local plans, and Part IIA contaminated land) within LCR where allocated annual core service time threshold has been exceeded by a Local Authority.	Charged on basis of agreed scope and time taken to complete work over and above the annual core service time threshold. Invoices evidenced by time recording to 15-minute periods and supported by regular reporting.	Levels of service are exactly the same as those specified in core service level legal agreements.	Fee Rate 1 for Core Authorities which hold consequential liabilities via Legal Agreement. Fee Rate 2 for Service Level Agreements. Fee Rate 3, for exceedance above hours-based agreements for LCR and Associate local authorities. All rates shown in Table 7.
Discretionary Advice Services including Pay-by-project work for LCR Local Authority non-core work.	Scope to be agreed with individual requester but will be dependent on available capacity within MEAS. Written estimate provided – charges on basis of time taken and evidenced by time recording to 15-minute periods. The scope of the work is outside the scope of the core services which are agreed with each Local Authority	Agreed in writing on a case by case basis with the Local Authority service / department requesting the service.	Chargeable time basis as per Fee Rate 4, in Table 7.
Commissioned work from non-core partners such as LCR LEP, LCR Combined Authority, Merseytravel and MRWA	Scope to be agreed with individual requester but will be dependent on available capacity within MEAS. Written estimate provided – charges on basis of time taken and evidenced by time recording to 15-minute periods.	Agreed in writing on a case by case basis.	Chargeable time basis as per Fee Rate 3, in Table 7.
Commissioned work from Local Authorities or other public bodies outside of the LCR	Scope to be agreed with individual requester but will be dependent on available capacity within MEAS. Written estimate provided – charges on basis of time taken and evidenced by time recording to 15-minute periods.	Agreed in writing on a case by case basis.	Chargeable time basis as per Fee Rate 4, in Table 7.

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Site visits	Not normally undertaken. Scope to be agreed with individual requester but will be dependent on available capacity within MEAS. Written estimate provided – charges on basis of actual time taken and evidenced by time recording to 15-minute periods.	Agreed in writing on a case by case basis – may be seasonally and weather determined.	Chargeable time basis as per Fee Rate 3, in Table 7 and for MHER in Appendix 2.2.

- MEAS comprises a team of environmental technical specialists covering a wide range of [expertise](#). Daily (7.2 hours) and hourly fee rates for MEAS advice in 2021/22 are set out in Table 7 below. These rates apply to our discretionary advice services, pre-application advice services and other technical services as set out in this policy document. The Fee Rates are effective from 01 April 2021, reviewed annually.

Table 7 – MEAS Charges effective from 01 April 2021

Staff Level – refer to Note 1	Fee Rate 1 Hourly	Fee Rate 1 Daily - refer to Note 2	Fee Rate 2 Hourly	Fee Rate 2 Daily - refer to Note 2
Support Staff	£24.79	£178.48	£27.27	£196.33
Technical Officer	£28.77	£207.17	£31.65	£227.89
Senior e.g. Ecologist, HER, Contamination land officer	£32.86	£236.63	£36.15	£260.29
Principal e.g. Principal Ecologist, Principal CL Officer, MBB Manager	£37.83	£272.41	£41.62	£299.65
Team Leader	£43.65	£314.25	£48.01	£345.67
Development Management Lead, Policy Lead	£45.57	£328.13	£50.13	£360.94
Director / Head of Service	£68.13	£490.52	£74.94	£539.57
Average	£36.61		£46.47	
Staff Level	Fee Rate 3 Hourly - refer to Note 3	Fee Rate 3 Daily - refer to Notes 2 & 3	Fee Rate 4 Hourly - refer to Note 3	Fee Rate 4 Daily - refer to Notes 2 & 3
Support Staff	£29.75	£214.18	£32.23	£232.03
Technical Officer	£34.53	£248.61	£37.41	£269.33
Senior e.g. Ecologist, HER, Contamination land officer	£39.44	£283.95	£42.72	£307.62
Principal e.g. Principal Ecologist, Principal CL Officer, MBB Manager	£45.40	£326.89	£49.18	£354.13
Team Leader	£52.37	£377.09	£56.74	£408.52
Development Management Lead, Policy Lead	£54.69	£393.75	£59.25	£426.57
Director / Head of Service	£81.75	£588.63	£88.57	£637.68
Average	£43.93	<i>refer to Note 4</i>	£47.59	
Notes				

1: Support staff e.g. administration officer; **Technical officer** e.g. Business Support Officer, Assistant Ecologist; Senior e.g. Planning Archaeologist, Contaminated Land Officer; Ecologist; **Principal** e.g. Contaminated Land Principal Officer, LERC Manager, Principal Ecologist.
2: 7.2 hour working days **3:** VAT is chargeable. **4:** Used to calculate Core Exceedance Fees.

2. MEAS fee rates may be amended at any time during the financial year at the discretion of MEAS. The charging policy detailing current fee rates is published at: <http://www.meas.org.uk/1282>
3. If work has commenced with a fee rate agreed (in a quotation or exchange of correspondence) that rate will be used unless agreed otherwise in writing. MEAS also reserves the right to vary the fee rates from those in the published charging policy on the basis of the technical demands, capacity and timescale pressure but only with prior the written agreement of the requester.