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 1 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.

MEAS receives a request or contact via phone, email or letter for discretionary advisory services

MEAS discusses with requester scope of advisory service and provides quotation / fee estimate and confirms deadline (see Table 6).

Applicant / requester provides written agreement (usually by email) and details for invoicing.

MEAS completes work and sends to applicant / requester - on a case by case basis there may be a requirement for follow-up advice that will be agreed in writing.

MEAS issues invoice, payment due within 14 working days.

Note: An applicant can also request MEAS input through the formal pre-application process and other MEAS data products.

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.	To be agreed with the requester on a case by case basis.	Agreed on a case by case basis, chargeable time as per fee rates 2 and 3, in Table 7, exclusive of VAT.
Core work (e.g. planning applications, local plans, and Part IIA contaminated land) within LCR where allocated time threshold has been exceeded by a Council.	Charges on basis of agreed scope and time taken to complete work. Invoices evidenced by time recording to 15 minute periods.	Normally within 15 working days from written acceptance of quotation by requester. 30 working days for EIA development.	Chargeable time basis as per rate 2, in Table 7. For Service Level Agreements on a chargeable time basis as per rate 1 in Table 7.
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.	Agreed in writing on a case by case basis.	Chargeable time basis as per rate 2, in Table 7.
Commissioned work from non-core partners such as LCR LEP, LCR Combined Authority, Mersey Travel 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 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 rate 3, in Table 7.
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 rates 2 and 3, in Table 7 and section 3.2 for HERAS Appendix 2.

1. The daily and hourly fee rates for MEAS advice are set out in Table 7 below.

Table 7 – MEAS Charges effective from 01 April 2017

Staff Level	Core	Core	Non-Core within LCR	Non-Core within LCR	Non-Core outside LCR and/or no legal agreement	Non-Core outside LCR and/or no legal agreement
See note 1	Fee Rate 1	Fee Rate 1	Fee Rate 2	Fee Rate 2	Fee Rate 3	Fee Rate 3
	Daily (note 2)	Hourly	Daily	Hourly	Daily	Hourly
Support Staff	N/A	N/A	£177.89	£24.71	£201.10	£27.93
Technical Officer	£212.53	£29.52	£244.41	£33.95	£276.29	£38.37
Technical Specialist	£242.74	£33.71	£279.15	£38.77	£315.57	£43.83
Principal	£279.45	£38.81	£321.36	£44.63	£363.28	£50.46
Team Leader	£307.70	£42.74	£353.85	£49.15	£400.01	£55.56
Director	£476.25	£66.15	£547.69	£76.07	£619.13	£85.99

Notes

2. MEAS fee rates may be amended at any time at the discretion of MEAS. The charging policy detailing current fee rates is published at http://www.meas.org.uk/1282 However, if work has commenced with an agreed fee rate (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 with the written agreement of the requester.

^{1:} Support staff e.g. administration officer; Technical officer e.g. technician, project officer; Technical Specialist e.g. planning archaeologist, contaminated land officer; ecologist; Principal e.g. contaminated land principal officer, LERC Manager.

^{2: 7.2} hour working days

^{3:} VAT is chargeable on all fees in Table 2.