# Service Charges and apportionment





## Apportionment

Most of Octavia's charges are apportioned by a points system. Our service charge accountants look at the number of bedrooms and the maximum occupancy. Using this data they apply a point allocation.

Using a fictitious scheme called Juniper Square, below is a table with the point allocation example.

Name	Address	Bedroom Size	Maximum Occupancy	Point Allocation
Mr James	Flat 1 Junipar Square, Test Street, Shenley, WD7 9ET	3	į	5 9
Mr Lane	Flat 2 Junipar Square, Test Street, Shenley, WD7 9ET	2		1 8
Mr Smith	Flat 3 Junipar Square, Test Street, Shenley, WD7 9ET	1		2 6
Mr Snyder	Flat 4 Junipar Square, Test Street, Shenley, WD7 9ET	2		3 7
Ms Hill	Flat 5 Junipar Square, Test Street, Shenley, WD7 9ET	3	ş .	5 9





<sup>\*</sup> Some schemes have costs apportioned using rateable which is set out in homeowners leases.



## Apportionment Continued

Below is an example of how we apportion an invoice.



We have received an entry phone invoice for the value of £302.15, this is an estate invoice and therefore all residents are going to pay a portion of the invoices.

Total Number of points for the scheme = 39

Invoice total £302.15 divided by the total scheme points =£7.75 times by the unit point allocation of the property- using Mr. James points of 9 = £69.73

Therefore, Mr. James would be billed £69.73 as his contribution to the invoice.

Name	Address	Point Allocation	Portion to pay	
Mr James	Flat 1 Junipar Square, Test Street, Shenley, WD7 9ET	Ç	)	£69.73
Ms Lane	Flat 2 Junipar Square, Test Street, Shenley, WD7 9ET	8	3	£61.98
Mr Smith	Flat 3 Junipar Square, Test Street, Shenley, WD7 9ET	6		£46.48
Mr Snyder	Flat 4 Junipar Square, Test Street, Shenley, WD7 9ET	7	7	£54.23
Ms Hill	Flat 5 Junipar Square, Test Street, Shenley, WD7 9ET	Ç	)	£69.73
	Totals	39	)	£302.15



## Different Tenures can mean different Service Charges

#### Leaseholders/Shared Owners Example

	Annual share of estimated
Description	charges
Responsive repairs (block)	£120.00
Building insurance	£190.00
Window cleaning	£15.00
Grounds maintenance	£50.00
Fly-tipping removal	£16.20
Cleaning	£220.68
Cyclical fund	£169.20
Fire safety equipment	
maintenance	£30.00
Door Entry	£33.02
Electricity (common parts)	£58.74
Management fee	£201.60
Total	£1,104.44

#### Assured Tenancies/ Intermediate Rents Example

Description	Annual share of estimated charges
Responsive repairs (block)	£120.00
Window cleaning	£15.00
Grounds maintenance	£50.00
Fly-tipping removal	£16.20
Cleaning	£220.68
Fire safety equipment	
maintenance	£30.00
Door Entry	£33.02
Electricity (common parts)	£58.74
Management fee	£201.60
Total	£745.24

The homeowners can pay more service charges than tenants, this is because leaseholders and shared owners are obliged to pay buildings insurance, cyclical and/or sinking funds as per their lease. Whereas we cannot recharge this to tenants. This often prompts residents to ask why they pay more than their neighbour. It is important to remember that this does not mean homeowners subsidises the tenants.

