

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE – 16 NOVEMBER 2007

EXPENDITURE PLANS 2008/09 TO 2011/12

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 On 2nd July 2007, Cabinet considered the financial strategy for revenue and capital expenditure covering the period from 2008/09 to 2011/12, and approved the guidelines to be followed in recommending proposals for income and expenditure.
- 1.2 On 7th November 2007, Cabinet agreed initial proposals for capital expenditure, fees and charges, and revenue expenditure/income bids and savings. The Committee is requested to consider the proposals and to report any comments back to the December Cabinet meeting.
- 1.3 In the light of the Council's financial position, further proposals will be identified in the coming months. These will also be presented to Review Panels/Committees for their consideration. To assist with this Members are asked, if possible, to identify and consider further options for reductions within net expenditure.

2. EXPENDITURE PLAN GUIDELINES

- 2.1 The financial strategy report approved by Cabinet in July 2007, set out the following guidelines;
 - The Council should set a balanced revenue budget if possible but be prepared to draw on reserves in the short term if efficiency opportunities are clearly identified but not deliverable in year 1.
 - The Council seeks to set a Council Tax increase in line with the Retail Price Index each year excluding the provision for service development proposals.
 - The General Fund balance should be a minimum of £2m.
 - All expenditure plan proposals (where they are service related) need to demonstrate their link to both the service planning process and the corporate plan.
 - Expenditure plan proposals should only be considered if:
 - ♦ The additional cost is unavoidable
 - ♦ There is very good pay back on the level of investment
 - ◆ The investment will significantly help the Council achieve one of its key priorities
 - Proposals must fully evaluate both the short and long term costs in order to allow the assessment of whole life costs.
 - Proposals must include a risk assessment of both progressing with the project and of not doing so.

 An affordable and deliverable capital programme should be developed that delivers corporate priorities or invest to save schemes that will reduce ongoing revenue expenditure

3. REVENUE EXPENDITURE BIDS AND SAVINGS

- 3.1 Appendix 1 summarises the bids and savings from all Portfolios / Committees. It shows that, if an inflationary council tax increase in the order of 3% is to be achieved, additional savings of £500,000 would still need to be identified. As Appendix 1 is sourced from detailed spreadsheets it may include small rounding issues in its totalling. Appendix 2 lists all the bids and savings for this Committee, followed by narrative explaining each item. The items are numbered for ease of reference, but the numbers do not reflect any prioritisation.
- 3.2 The presentation of bids and savings in this year's expenditure plans, shown in Appendix 2, is the same as was adopted last year. For example, a bid of £80,000 in 2008/09 reducing to £20,000 in each of the following years, is shown as follows:

2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
80,000	-60,000		

4. SUMMARY: REVENUE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The financial implications of the total of all the bids and savings identified in Appendix 2 for this Committee, for the period from 2008/09 to 2011/12, are summarised below:

	2008/09 £'000	2009/10 £'000	2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000
Bids / Income Reductions	38	-	-	-
Savings / Increased Income	-52	-	-	-
Net costs / Savings (-)	-14	-	-	-

5. FEES AND CHARGES

- 5.1 A schedule of the proposed fees and charges is attached as Appendix 3. All items have been reviewed in accordance with the Corporate Charging Policy that states that income should be maximised unless a conscious decision is made not to do so. The schedules contain the following information:
 - Current year charge
 - Proposed charge
 - Year on year percentage increase
 - An indicator box that identifies whether, this year:
 - M Market comparisons have been undertaken
 - L Local Authority comparisons have been undertaken
 - S Charge is statutory based

5.2 Where the proposed increases vary from an inflationary level of 3%, any significant financial implication of the excess/shortfall has been included in the revenue bids/savings schedule (Appendix 2).

6. ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME & DISORDER, EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Any environmental, crime and disorder or equality and diversity implications of proposals have been included, where appropriate, in the narrative describing individual items in the appendices.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Committee Members:

- 7.1 consider the proposed revenue expenditure bids and savings as set out in Appendix 2 and agree comments to be reported back to the December Cabinet. Specifically, Members are asked to identify any proposals, that they feel are not of high enough priority to justify funding, in light of the Council's financial position.
- 7.2 identify and consider any other options for reducing net revenue expenditure in either the short or medium term.
- 7.3 consider the proposed fees and charges as set out in Appendix 3 and agree comments to be reported back to the December Cabinet.

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Background Papers:

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Report B
Cabinet
7th November 2007

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT GENERAL FUND FORECAST 2008/09 TO 2011/12

	I GENERAL FUND F					
<u>08/11/2007</u>		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Net Portfolio Requirements		21088	21725	21997	22336	22687
Est. Inflation (salary related)		620	640	660	680	700
Other Inflation		248	200	200	210	210
	Sub Total (A)	21956	22565	22857	23226	23597
Conital Financia - Brovinia	Sub Total (A)			22007	23220	23397
Capital Financing Provision		-100	100			
	Sub Total (B)	21856	22665	22857	23226	23597
Less Interest on Balances(net)		-130	100	50	50	0
	Sub Total (C)	21726	22765	22907	23276	23597
Budget Requirements	Total (D)	21726	22765	22907	23276	23597
Add Expenditure Plan Bids						
Crime & Disorder		0	10	20	10	0
		0	_	38	_	0
Employment, Health & We	ellbeing	0	0	5	0	0
Environment		0	103	-10	0	0
Finance & Efficiency/Policy	y & Resources	0	676	118	26	0
General Purposes & Licen	sing Committee	0	38	0	0	0
Housing	3	0	8	1	1	0
Leisure		0	129	51	-128	1
	ntral Cammittae	_		_	_	-
Planning Development Co	ntroi Committee	0	12	0	0	0
Planning & Transportation		0	681	0	-28	0
Standards Committee		0	10	0	0	0
Sub Total Bids		0	1667	203	-119	1
Deduct Expenditure Plan Sav	rings					
Crime & Disorder	_	0	-84	-16	10	0
Employment, Health & We	llheina	0	-49	-15	0	0
Environment	oig	0	-147	17	-9	0
	, 9 Docouroos	_	-618	-114	-42	0
Finance & Efficiency/Policy		0				-
General Purposes & Licen	sing Committee	0	-52	0	0	0
Housing		0	-54	0	0	0
Leisure		0	-409	-110	-56	-23
Planning Development Co	ntrol Committee	0	-130	0	0	0
Planning & Transportation		0	-386	-5	-14	138
Standards Committee		0	-6	0	0	0
Sub Total Savings		0	-1935	-244	-111	115
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		24700	22.42=	2222	22242	
Forecast Budget Requiremer	nts Total (E)	21726	22497	22866	23046	23713
Further Efficiencies/Saving	gs(-)/Growth	-1	-500	-530	-359	-664
Budget Required after Res	serve Transfer	21725	21997	22336	22687	23049
FINANCED				L	L	
0-11	Б	4440-	44000	44666	44000	44000
Collection Fund /RSG/ ND	к	11426	11369	11369	11369	11369
Council Tax		10299	10628	10967	11318	11680
		21725	21997	22336	22687	23049
Council Tax		143.67	147.97	152.41	156.98	161.69
Council Tax Increase			3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Council Lax IIICIEase			3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE BUDGET BIDS AND SAVINGS 2008/09 TO 2011/12 BASED ON 2007/08 BUDGET

			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2007/08	2007/08
	Key 1	Š.	£	£	£	£	ORIGINAL	REVISED
							BUDGET	BUDGET
BIDS								
Enforcement Officer	Α	1	28,000				125,540	125,540
Legal Costs for Licensing Panel Appeals	А	2	10,000				168,070	
Sub Total Bids			38,000	-	-	-		
SAVINGS								
Electoral Admin Act - additional election costs	E	3	-37,500				74,500	74,500
Gambling Act	E	4	-2,000				5,330	
Admin Reduction	А	5	-12,000				116,440	
Sub Total Savings			-51,500	-	-	-		
Total Bids			38,000	-	-	-		
Total Savings			-51,500	-	-	-		
NET BIDS / SAVINGS (-)			-13,500	-	-	-		

Key 1

A - New bid/saving

E - Existing bid/saving from 2007/08 schedules

E/A - Existing bid/saving amended

Highlighted bids/savings are linked to each other

Bolded bids/savings are linked to capital schemes

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1 Enforcement Officer for Licensing Services (08/09: £28,000)

The recruitment of an enforcement officer will ensure compliance with the statutory duty to enforce conditions placed on licences under the Licensing Act 2003 & Gambling Act 2005. It will also help the more vigorous enforcement of other licensing responsibilities (e.g. hackney carriages & private hire).

- 2 Legal costs for licensing panel appeals (08/09: £10,000)
 - Public, businesses, responsible authorities and licence applicants have a statutory right to appeal against the decisions of licensing panels. This bid makes provision for the costs incurred on such appeals.
- **Electoral Admin Act (08/09 -£37,500)** Due to the increased requirements of the Electoral Administration Act, additional budgetary provision of £50,000 was added to the 2007/08 base budget of £24,500 for the 2007 District and Parish Council elections. The budget can now be reduced to the lower amount of £37,000, which is the new annual contribution to the reserve in preparation for the next elections.
- **4 Gambling Act (08/09 -£2,000)** This is the final tranche of cost reductions, following the initially increased budgets to implement the provisions of the Gambling Act in 06/07.
- 5 Admin Reduction (08/09: -£12,000)

A saving of £12k will be achieved through employee cost savings, following the reversion of a licensing assistant to part time working.

	Charges 2007/08 £	Proposed Charges 2008/09 £	% Increase	Review Indicator
HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE FEES* Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers Joint Licence new 1 year (includes drivers badge) renewal 3 years	62.00 72.00	64.00 74.00	3.2	/ /
Private Hire Operator's Licences new 1 year renewal per annum	268.00 133.00	276.00 137.00	3.0	/ /
Vehicle Licence (50% of fees payable in default on annual Hackney Carriage per annum Private Hire per annum Hackney Carriage/Private Hire (Over 8 years old) per annum	168.00 168.00 206.00	173.00 173.00 212.00	3.0 3.0 2.9	/ / / /
Duplicate driver's badge	12.00	12.00	-	/ /
Vehicle plate - replacement	18.00	18.00	-	/ /
HEALTH SERVICE LICENCE FEES * Breeding of Dogs Act new Licence per annum	125.00 125.00 122.00	129.00 129.00 126.00	3.2 3.2 3.3 3.3	
* Animal Boarding Establishments Licence per annum	182.00	187.00	2.7	/ /
* Smaller Animal Boarding Estab. Licence per annum	41.00	42.00	2.4	/ /
* Riding Establishments Act Licence annual fee (+ vets' fees) per horse (+ vets' fees) renewal of provisional licence (+ vets' fees)	157.00 16.00 61.00	162.00 16.00 63.00	3.2	/ / / / / /
* Dangerous Wild Animals Acts Licence (+ vets' fees) * Zoo Licence	103.00	106.00	2.9	/ /
Skin Piercing registration of premises registration of persons	108.00 49.00	111.00 50.00	2.8	//
Accident Reports Provision of Accident Reports to Solicitors and other interested	48.00 d groups	49.00	2.1	/ /

Review Indicator Key

M = Market Comparisons undertakenL = Local Authority Comparisons undertaken

s = Statutory Charge Level

NOTE:

VAT: Charges are inclusive of 17.5% VAT unless otherwise shown.

Charges which are zero rated or not subject to VAT are marked*either individually or by service.

APPENDIX 3

		Charges 2007/08 £	Proposed Charges 2008/09 £	% Increase	Review Indicator		
REGISTER OF ELECTORS Copies of Names etc	per 1,000 names	5.00	5.00	<u>-</u>	/\$/		
Computer Disc	plus transaction fee per 1,000 names plus transaction fee	10.00 1.50 20.00	10.00 1.50 20.00	-	/\$ / /\$ / /\$ /		
OTHER LICENCE FEES* All current fees listed below will cease t please contact the Licensing section.	o continue from second	appointed day.	Should you requ	uire clarificatio	n		
Sex Shop Licence		6,556.00	6753.00	3.0	/ /		
Public Entertainment - Indoor and Outdoor on Private Land							
Gaming Act 1968 registration / rer	newal	32.00	32.00	-	/8/		
Lotteries & Amusements Act 1976 registration renewal		35.00 17.50	35.00 17.50	-	/\$/ /\$/		
Game Dealers licence per annum pads each		43.00 3.00	44.00 3.00	2.3	/ / / /		
Public Health (Amendments) Act 1907 Pleasure Boat per annum including Boatman Licences	plate	76.00 61.00	78.00 63.00	2.6	/ / / /		
Registration of Motor Salvage Operator	S	106.00	109.00	2.8	/ /		
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Proposed
Charges Charges % Review
2007/08 2008/09 Increase Indicator
£ £

LICENSING ACT 2003 LICENCES*

Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates

Licences need to be obtained for the sale/supply of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment and the provision of late night refreshment. New licences and certificates, variations and annual renewals have statutory fees based on the non-domestic rateable value of the premises. Exemptions for paying the related fees may be available for certain categories of premises and are detailed in note iv at the end of this section. Please contact the Licensing Section if you require advice.

New Grant or variation fees

Rateable Value	Band				
No Rateable value to £4,300	Α	100.00	100.00	-	/S/
£4,300 to £33,000	В	190.00	190.00	-	/S/
£33,001 to £87,000	С	315.00	315.00	-	/S/
i £87,001 to £125,000	D	450.00	450.00	-	/S/
i £125,001 and above	E	635.00	635.00	-	/S/

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- i Where the application relates to a premises in Band D or Band E and the premises is used exclusively or primarily for the carrying on on the premises of the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises, the amount of the fee shall be -
 - (a) in the case of premises in Band D, two time the amount of the fee applicable and
 - (b) in the case of premises in Band E, three times the amount of the fee applicable.
- Under certain circumstances, where the maximum number of persons on the premises at the same time is 5,000 or more, an additional fee detailed below will be payable. (Please contact the Licensing Section for further details).

Additional Fee for exceptionally large events

1,000.00	1,000.00	/S/
2,000.00	2,000.00	/S/
4,000.00	4,000.00	/S/
8,000.00	8,000.00	/S/
16,000.00	16,000.00	/S/
24,000.00	24,000.00	/S/
32,000.00	32,000.00	/S/
40,000.00	40,000.00	/S/
48,000.00	48,000.00	/S/
56,000.00	56,000.00	/S/
64,000.00	64,000.00	/S/

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	Proposed		
Charges	Charges	%	Review
2007/08	2008/09	Increase	Indicator
£	£		

Annual Fees

Each band attracts a different level of fee, to be paid annually on the anniversary of the grant of the first licence.

	Rateable Value	Band				
	No Rateable value to £4,300	Α	70.00	70.00	-	/S/
	£4,300 to £33,000	В	180.00	180.00	-	/S/
	£33,001 to £87,000	С	295.00	295.00	-	/S/
iii	£87,001 to £125,000	D	320.00	320.00	-	/S/
iii	£125,001 and above	Е	350.00	350.00	-	/S/

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- iii In the case of premises in Band D or Band E that are relevant premises (see note i), the amount of the annual fee shall be -
 - (a) in the case of premises in Band D, two times the amount of the fee and
 - (b) in the case of Band E, three times the amount of the fee.
- iv Under certain circumstances, where the maximum number of persons on the premises at the same time is 5,000 or more, an additional fee detailed below will be payable (Please contact the Licensing Section for further details).

Additional Fee for exceptionally large events

Number of persons
5,000 to 9,999
10,000 to 14,999
15,000 to 19,999
20,000 to 29,999
30,000 to 39,999
40,000 to 49,999
50,000 to 59,999
60,000 to 69,999
70,000 to 79,999
80,000 to 89,999
90,000 and over

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500.00
1,000.00
2,000.00
4,000.00
8,000.00
12,000.00
16,000.00
20,000.00
24,000.00
28,000.00
32,000.00

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-	/S/

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	Charges 2007/08 £	Proposed Charges 2008/09 £	% Increase	Review Indicator
Permitted Temporary Activities, Personal Licences and M	/liscellaneous			
Theft, loss etc. of premises licence or summary	10.50	10.50	-	/S/
Application for provisional statement where premises being built	315.00	315.00	-	/S/
Notification of change of name or address Application to vary licence to specify individual as	10.50	10.50	-	/\$/
premises supervisor	23.00	23.00	-	/\$/
Application for transfer of premises licence Interim authority notice following death etc. of	23.00	23.00	-	/\$/
licence holder	23.00	23.00	-	/\$/
Theft, loss etc. of certificate or summary Notification of change of name or alteration of rules	10.50	10.50	-	/\$/
of club	10.50	10.50	-	/\$/
Change of relevant registered address of club	10.50	10.50	-	/\$/
Temporary events notice	21.00	21.00	-	/\$/
Theft, loss etc. of temporary events notice	10.50	10.50	-	/\$/
Application for a grant or renewal of personal licence	37.00	37.00	-	/\$/
Theft, loss etc. of personal licence	10.50	10.50	-	/\$/
Duty to notify change of name or address Right of freeholder etc. to be notified of licencing	10.50	10.50	-	/\$/
matters	21.00	21.00	-	/S/
	Review Indica	tor Key Market Comparisons	s undertaken	
		Local Authority Com		ken
	S = 3	Statutory Charge Le	vel	

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v Exemption from the payment of an application fee is provided in respect of applications relating only to regulated entertainment made in respect of certain premises where conditions are met, these being schools or colleges where the school or college premises are used for the entertainment by the school or college on behalf of the school or college or the use of church halls, village halls and the like for the provision of entertainment. A similar exemption is provided from the requirment to pay an annual fee in these circumstances provided conditions are met at the time an annual fee falls due to be paid.



Gambling Act 2005 Fees and charges (£) – Premises Licences

	Existing Casinos	New Small Casinos	New Large Casino	Regional Casino	Bingo Club	Betting Premises (non track)	Track Betting	Family Entertainment Centre	Adult Gaming Centre
Transitional Fast-track Application	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	150	150	150	120	120
Transitional Non-Fast Track Application	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	875	750	625	400	400
New Application	n/a	tba	tba	tba	1750	1500	1250	800	800
Annual Fee	n/a	tba	tba	tba	500	300	500	300	400
Application to Vary	n/a	tba	tba	tba	875	750	625	400	400
Application to Transfer	n/a	tba	tba	tba	600	600	475	380	480
Application for Re- Instatement	n/a	tba	tba	tba	1200	600	475	380	480
Application for Provisional	n/a	tba	tba	tba	3500	1500	1250	800	800

Statement									
New Application for Holders of a Provisional Statement	n/a	tba	tba	tba	600	600	475	380	480
Copy Licence	n/a	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Notification of Change	n/a	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50

Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit Fees

Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits	Fee (£)
Application for a Gaming Machine Permit	150
Application for a Gaming Machine Permit (Existing Operator)	100
Application to Vary a Gaming Machine Permit	100
Application to Transfer a Gaming Machine Permit	25
Gaming Machine Permit First Annual Fee (payable within 30days following Issue Date)	50
Gaming Machine Permit Annual Fee	50
Copy of a Prize Gaming Permit & Family Entertainment Centre Machine Permit	15
Request to Change the Name on a Gaming Machine Permit	25
Request a Copy of a Gaming Machine Permit	15

Prize Gaming Permits and Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permits

Prize Gaming and Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permits	Fee (£)
Application for a Prize Gaming and Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit	300
Application for a Prize Gaming and Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit (Existing Operator)	100
Renewal of a Prize Gaming and Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit	300

Change of Name on a Prize Gaming and Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit	25
Copy of a Prize Gaming and Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit	15

Club Gaming and Club Machine Permits

Club Gaming and Club Machine Permits	Fee (£)
Application for a Club Gaming or Machine Permit	200
Application for a Club Gaming or Machine Permit (Existing Holder)	100
Application for a Club Gaming or Machine Permit ((where the applicants is the holder of a Club Premises	
Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003)	100
Renewal of a Club Gaming or Machine Permit	200
Renewal of a Club Gaming or Machine Permit (where the applicants is the holder of a Club Premises Certificate	
under the Licensing Act 2003)	100
First Annual Fee for a of a Club Gaming or Machine Permit (payable within 30days following Issue Date)	50
Annual Fee for a of a Club Gaming or Machine Permit	50
Application to Vary a of a Club Gaming or Machine Permit	100
Copy of a of a Club Gaming or Machine Permit	15