

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE – 15 NOVEMBER 2013

FEES AND CHARGES – 2014/15

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report sets out the suggested fees and charges for 2014/15 for Council services forming part of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee. The report forms part of the Council's medium term financial plan and annual budget for 2014/15.

2. BACKGROUND

- # 2.1 A schedule of the proposed fees and charges for financial year 2014/15 is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 The schedule contains the following information:
- Current charges for 2013/14
 - Proposed charges for 2014/15
 - Year on year percentage increase
 - An indication that identifies whether, this year:
M Market comparisons have been made
L Local Authority comparisons have been made
S Charge is statutory based
- 2.3 The proposed increase in fees and charges are based on an increase indicator of between 2.7 – 3.2% to take into account the current rate of inflation where possible. In some cases the proposed increase is greater than the recommended indicator.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- # 3.1 The proposed fees and charges, detailed in Appendix 1 have been set principally in accordance with the Council's charging policy and financial targets for 2014/15. Where possible, opportunities have been taken to maximise income. In some areas charges have not been raised in order to safeguard demand levels or because statutory constraints require the charge to be set at predetermined levels.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None as a direct result of this report but the licensing and regulation of business and events that these fees apply to contributes positively to the general environment.

5. CRIME & DISORDER AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None directly arising from this report.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Fees and charges are proposed for the 2014/15 financial year. Any significant financial implications are reflected in the Portfolio Plan proposals.

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to approve the proposed fees and charges as set out in Appendix 1.

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Background Papers:

None

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PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2014/15

APPENDIX 1

	Charges 2013/14 £	Proposed Charges 2014/15 £	Increase %	Review Indicator
<u>HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE FEES*</u>				
Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers Joint Licence				
new 1 year (includes drivers badge)	70.00	72.00	2.9	L
renewal 3 years	90.00	98.00	8.9	L
Drivers Awareness Test	35.00	36.00	2.9	M
Private Hire Operator's Licences				
new 1 year	290.00	290.00	-	L
renewal per annum	150.00	155.00	3.3	L
Vehicle Licence				
Hackney Carriage per annum	187.00	192.00	2.7	L
Private Hire per annum	187.00	192.00	2.7	L
Hackney Carriage/Private Hire (Over 8 years old) per annum	236.00	242.00	2.5	L
Duplicate driver's badge	10.50	12.00	14.3	M
Vehicle plate - replacement	20.00	22.00	10.0	M
Vehicle plate - replacement of insert	10.00	11.00	10.0	M
Vehicle plate - replacement of bracket and fixings	10.00	11.00	10.0	M
Vehicle Re-test fee (set by Environmental Services)	49.00	50.00	2.0	L
Vehicle - private plate registration	49.00	50.00	2.0	M
<u>ANIMAL WELFARE LICENCE FEES</u>				
* Breeding of Dogs Act new Licence per annum (+ vets' fees)	142.00	146.00	2.8	L
* Breeding of Dogs Act Licence renewal per annum (+ vets' fees if necessary)	142.00	146.00	2.8	L
* Pet Animals Act Licence per annum (+ vets' fees where dangerous wild animals are sold)	142.00	146.00	2.8	L
* Animal Boarding Establishments Licence per annum (+ vets' fees if necessary)	202.00	206.00	2.0	L
* Smaller Animal Boarding Estab. Licence per annum	53.00	55.00	3.8	L
* Riding Establishments Act Licence annual fee (+ vets' fees)	176.00	176.00	-	L
per horse	17.00	17.00	-	L
Increase of horse numbers during licenced year per horse		17.00		L
Renewal of provisional licence	70.00	75.00	7.1	L
* Dangerous Wild Animals Acts Licence (+ vets' fees)	130.00	146.00	12.3	L
* Zoo Licence	<-----Actual Cost----->			
<u>HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICE CHARGES</u>				
Accident Reports (Provision of Accident Reports to Solicitors and other interested groups)	<-----Actual Cost----->			
Training Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace	52.00	54.00	3.8	L

REGISTER OF ELECTORS

Statutory Charges Apply - For further details please contact 023 8028 5445

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<u>OTHER LICENCE AND REGISTRATION FEES</u>				
Sex Shop Licence	3,959.00	3,969.00	0.3	L
Public Health (Amendments) Act 1907				
Pleasure Boat per annum including plate	81.00	83.00	2.5	L
Self Drive Crafts etc	20.00	23.00	15.0	L
Boatman Licences - new 1 year	69.00	71.00	2.9	L
Boatman Licences - renewal 3 years	83.00	86.00	3.6	L
Scrap Metal Dealers - Site Licence	127.00	137.00	7.9	L
Scrap Metal Dealers - Collectors Licence	93.00	101.00	8.6	L
Ear Piercing				
Registration of Premises	112.00	112.00	-	L
Registration of Practitioners	51.00	51.00	-	L
Tattooing - Electrolysis - Acupuncture				
Registration of Premises	125.00	130.00	4.0	L
Registration of Practitioners	53.00	53.00	-	L
Reissue of registration certificate where changes are requested		15.00		

LICENSING ACT 2003 & GAMBLING ACT 2005 FEES*

Statutory Fees Apply - For further details please contact Paul Weston 023 8028 5505

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

Review Indicator Key	
M	= Market Comparisons undertaken
L	= Local Authority Comparisons undertaken
S	= Statutory Charge Level