

REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

(Meeting held on 8 January 2021)

1. FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2021-2022 - LICENSING SERVICE (MINUTE NO. 25)

As part of the annual review of budgets, the Committee has reviewed non-statutory fees and charges for the Licensing Service for 2021/2022.

The Committee noted that the Coronavirus pandemic has had a significant impact on the economy, and businesses in the New Forest have been affected by a reduction in trade and loss of income. The Service has worked with the businesses to assist them in continuing to operate as far as possible.

In order to further support the continuation of those businesses who have struggled financially this year, the Committee is recommending not raising licensing fees for 2021/22. It is proposed that fees be fully reviewed for 2022/23, when the impact of the pandemic should be known and the business climate will be more stable. Any financial implications have been reported for budgetary control and as part of the financial plan.

RECOMMENDED:

That the recommended fees for the financial year 2021/22 as set out in Appendix A to General Purposes and Licensing Committee Report 4 of the Committee agenda, be agreed.

**CLLR S J CLARKE
CHAIRMAN**