

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2022 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Clack (Chairman)

Cllr. Abraham (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Bonin, Dr. Canet, Edwards-Winsor, Hunter, Layland, Pett, Raikes and Waterton

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Carroll

Cllrs. Coleman and Parkin were also present via a virtual media platform which does not constitute attendance as recognised by the Local Government Act 1972.

18. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 2 November 2021 be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19. Declarations of interest

There were no additional declarations of interest.

20. Actions from the previous meeting

There were none

21. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing: Licence Fees and Charges 2022/2023

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report which highlighted the proposed fees and charges for implementation, as set out in Appendix B of the report.

Members considered the report, and comments received from the consultation. They discussed the impact of the potential changes to the trade and noted that the taxi licensing service was expected to remain self-financing and the proposed fees would ensure this was maintained.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impact equality assessments.

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Resolved: That having taken into account the responses received, the proposed fees and charges set out below be adopted with effect from 1 April 2022.

Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

	Proposed Cost
Knowledge Test	£51.50 per test
EQUO online test	£66
New Driver application	£264 for three years
Driver Renewal application	£183 for three years

Dual Driver Licence

	Proposed Cost
Knowledge Test	£51.50 per test
EQUO online test	£66
New Driver application	£264 for three years
Driver Renewal application	£183 for three years

Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence

	Proposed Cost
New and Renewal Application	£325 for one year

Private Hire Operator Licence

	Proposed Cost
New application for 5 year licence	£747
Renewal for 5 year licence	£586
New application for 3 year licence	£534
Renewal for 3 year licence	£374
New application for 1 year licence	£324
Renewal for 1 year licence	£164

Private Hire Driver Licence

	Proposed Cost
Knowledge Test	£51.50
EQUO Online Test	£66 per test
New Driver application	£264 for three years
Driver Renewal application	£183 for three years

Private Hire Vehicle Licence

	Proposed Cost
New and Renewal Application	£297 for one year

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Additional Costs

	Proposed Cost
DBS application	£40
DBS administration fee	£30
Change of Driver Licence type	£54
Replace Vehicle Plate	£18
Replace Driver Badge	£24
Change of Ownership of licensed vehicle	£27
Duplicate paper licence	£10
Temporary Replacement	£33
Add or remove a name from a vehicle licence	£18
Change of name and address (driver badge not included)	£18
Private hire exemption certificate	£42
General Admin Fee	£30

22. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing: Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff

Members considered the report which set out that a request accompanied by a petition from licensed drivers had been received to increase the charges set out in the Council's current tariff. The Council exercised a discretionary power to set the maximum fares for Hackney Carriages within the District. Hackney carriage drivers had the right to charge a lower amount should they wish to do so. The proposals were supported by 44 licence holders to increase the current Hackney Carriage fare tariff to assist the trade for losses incurred due to COVID lockdowns, and reflect that driving costs were increasing with petrol and service charges becoming increasingly more expensive.

The committee noted that that tariffs had not risen since 2019 and a rise could help in supporting the trade. The Chairman, with the support of the Committee, altered the motion to reflect that the consultation would also be with the public, through a public notice and on the Council's website.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impact equality assessments.

Resolved: That a consultation with all Hackney Carriage drivers and the public to ascertain their views on any proposed increase and/or changes be undertaken, and reported back to a future Committee.

23. Gambling Act 2005: Licence Fees From April 2022

Members considered the report which set out the proposed gambling licence fees 2022-2023. The fees ensured that the Council complied with its statutory duty and ensured that the Gambling Licensing service remained self-financing. It was noted that the fees had been set to include the current inflationary cost of 2%.

Members noted that the fees were approaching the statutory maxima, beyond which it would be difficult to recover costs.

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Resolved: That the level of fees and charges as set out below be approved from 1 April 2022.

	New Application proposed fee	New Application maximum fee possible	New Application current fee	Annual Fee proposed	Annual Fee maximum possible	Annual Fee currently
Existing Casinos	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Small Casino	8000	(8000)	8000	4619	(5000)	4528
New Large Casino	9579	(10000)	9391	7455	(10000)	7309
Bingo Club	2362	(3500)	2316	829	(1000)	813
Betting Premises (excluding Tracks)	2969	(3000)	2911	600	(600)	589
Tracks	1851	(2500)	1815	829	(1000)	813
Family entertainment Centres	1851	(2000)	1815	681	(750)	668
Adult Gaming centre	1851	(2000)	1815	750	(750)	750
Temporary Use Notice	239	(500)	234	n/a	n/a	n/a

	Application to Vary	Application to Transfer	Application for Re-Instatement	Application for Provisional Statement	Licence Application (provisional Statement holders)	Copy Licence	Notification of Change
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Existing Casinos	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Small Casino proposed fee	4000	1800	1800	8000	2990	12	30
New Small Casino maximum fee possible	(4000)	(1800)	(1800)	(8000)	(3000)	(25)	(50)
New Small Casino current fee	3986	1771	1771	8000	2931	12	30
New Large Casino proposed fee	4549	2150	2150	9584	4389	12	30
New Large Casino maximum fee possible	(5000)	(2150)	(2150)	(10000)	(5000)	(25)	(50)
New Large Casino current fee	4460	2150	2150	9396	4303	12	30
Bingo Club proposed fee	1750	1200	430	2362	1200	12	30
Bingo Club maximum fee possible	(1750)	(1200)	(1200)	(3500)	(1200)	(25)	(50)
Bingo Club current fee	1742	1200	422	2316	1200	12	30

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Betting Premises proposed fee	1500	1200	409	1851	1200	12	30
Betting Premises maximum fee possible	(1500)	(1200)	(1200)	(3000)	(1200)	(25)	(50)
Betting Premises current fee	1500	1200	401	1815	1200	12	30
Tracks proposed fee	1250	950	409	1804	950	12	30
Tracks maximum fee possible	(1250)	(950)	(1200)	(2500)	(950)	(25)	(50)
Tracks current fee	1250	950	401	1769	950	12	30
FEC's* proposed fee	1000	950	414	1846	950	12	30
FEC's maximum fee possible	(1000)	(950)	(050)	(2000)	(950)	(25)	(50)
FEC's current fee	1000	950	406	1810	950	12	30
Adult Gaming Centre proposed fee	1000	1200	414	1846	1200	12	30
Adult Gaming Centre maximum fee possible	(1000)	(1200)	(950)	(2000)	(1200)	(25)	(50)
Adult Gaming Centre current fee	1000	1200	406	1810	1200	12	30
TUN** proposed fee	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	30
TUN maximum fee possible	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(25)	(50)
TUN current fee	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	30

*FECs = Family Entertainment Centres

** TUN - Temporary Use Notice

24. Sexual Entertainment Licensing Fees

Members considered the report which set out the level of fees and charges for a Sexual Entertainment Licence. The fees were unchanged from 2021 - 2022, as the Licensing Department had not received or processed an application with the District.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impact equality assessments.

Resolved: That the level of fees and charges as set out below be approved from 1 April 2022

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Type of Application	Fee
New Application	3641
Renewal Application	3641
Transfer Application	1825

25. Work Plan

The work plan was noted that the response to the Hackney Carriage tariff consultation may be reported at the following meeting.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 7.50 PM

CHAIRMAN