



COUNCIL – 10TH MARCH 2014

SUBJECT: LICENSING/REGISTRATION/PERMIT FEES – 2015/16

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES

- 1.1 The attached report, which proposed the Licensing/Registration/Permit Fees for the next financial year, was considered by the Licensing Committee on 16th February 2015.
- 1.2 The report detailed fees in a number of areas, which are reviewed annually to recover reasonable costs of providing the service. The report recommended fees, which were detailed in Appendix 1 and 3 of the report, and Members were asked to note that the proposed fees for hackney carriage/private hire vehicles and operators would be advertised in the local press for 28 days to allow for any trade objections. Historically the Licensing Committee, have been given delegated authority to consider any objections received, determine the fees and the date they come into force. If objections were received a further report would be submitted to the Licensing Committee regarding this matter. If there are no objections the fees automatically come into force at the end of the statutory 28-day consultation.
- 1.3 Members discussed the report and it was noted that the Government, as outlined in Appendix 4 of the report currently sets any fees charged in connection with the Licensing Act 2003. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 enables Local Authorities in future to set their own fees and it was noted that the Government have indicated a move to locally set fees, however the date is not yet confirmed.
- 1.4 Following discussion on the content of the report, the Licensing Committee noted the level of fees charged in connection with the Licensing Act 2003 and unanimously recommended to Council that for the reasons contained therein:-
 - (i) Where appropriate, the fees proposed for 2015/16, as outlined in Appendices 1 and 3 to the report, be implemented with effect from 1st April 2015.
 - (ii) The proposed fees for hackney carriage/private hire vehicles and private hire vehicle operator licences be advertised and the Licensing Committee be given delegated powers to consider any objections received and to determine the fees to be charged and the date on which any variations should come into force.
- 1.4 Members are asked to consider the recommendations.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Report to Licensing Committee on 16th February 2015