

Committee: Licensing Committee

Agenda Item

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Title: 2010/11 Fees and charges

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Item for decision

Summary

1. This report asks the Committee to set its fees & charges for 2010/11, as set out in Appendix A.
2. Where the Council has discretion over its fees & charges, a review has been carried out by officers which takes into account economic conditions, service objectives and expected activity levels.
3. With licensing fees there is an objective to ensure that income levels are aligned with the costs of providing the service (including overheads). Following a review of fees this Committee approved a reduction in drivers licence fees at the Extraordinary meeting on 21 December 2009.
4. Licensing fees are not subject to VAT so the recent rate change has had no effect.
5. Changes in fees & charges are within the context of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and 2010/11 Budget Strategy. Inflation (Consumer Prices Index) is currently (November 2009) 1.9%.
6. As detailed in the Members Bulletin issued on 4 December, a new pricing & concessions policy shall be developed and consulted upon during 2010, for implementation in 2011/12.

Recommendations

7. The Committee is recommended to approve the 2010/11 fees & charges as set out in Appendix A.

Background Papers

[Medium Term Financial Strategy](#) approved by Full Council 19 February 2009
[MTFS update report](#) to Finance & Administration Committee 12 October 2009
[2010/11 Budget Strategy report](#) to Finance & Administration Committee 12 October 2009

Impact

Communication/Consultation	Drivers licence fees or charges are not subject to statutory requirements for communication and consultation. However the relevant trade organisation was fully consulted regarding the changes approved on 21 December 2009 and supported the same. No changes are proposed for the licence fees for vehicles or operators and the statutory consultation procedure is not therefore engaged.
Community Safety	No specific implications.
Equalities	A new pricing & concessions policy is currently in development.
Finance	The 2010/11 budget has been prepared on the assumption that the fees & charges will be approved. In the event of any variation, the budget may need to be amended.
Health and Safety	No specific implications.
Human Rights	No specific implications.
Legal implications	The level of charges for some services is subject to statutory provisions.
Sustainability	No specific implications.
Ward-specific impacts	No specific implications.
Workforce/Workplace	No specific implications.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Fees & charges do not have the desired effect on service outcomes or budgeted income levels	2 (some risk that variances will occur)	2 (potential impact which could adversely affect service outcomes and/or the council's financial position if not managed)	Budgetary control framework Annual review of fees & charges

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary,

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.

TAXI LICENSING

	2009/10 Charge	2010/11 Proposed Charge	Comments (including date of last increase and rationale for 2010/11 charge)	Effect on income levels in 2010/11 compared with 2009/10
Private Hire/Hackney Carriage	£	£		
Private hire vehicle	170.00	170.00		No change
Private hire driver	105.00 reduced to 60 for licenses renewed with effect from 1/1/10	60.00	Fee reduction in order to ensure income is more closely aligned with costs	Reduction of approx. £25,000
Private hire operator	80.00	80.00		No change
Joint driver	115.00 reduced to 60 for licenses renewed with effect from 1/1/10	60.00	Reduced fee as per rationale above	Reduced income as above
Hackney carriage driver	115.00 reduced to 60 for licenses renewed with effect from 1/1/10	60.00	Reduced fee as per rationale above	Reduced income as above
Hackney carriage vehicle	170.00	170.00		No change
CRB check	36.00	36.00		No change
Vehicle transfer fee	50.00	50.00		No change
Vehicle inspection fee	35.00	N/A	We do not inspect vehicles any more	
Replacement bracket set	10.00	10.00		No change
Replacement adhesive pad	2.00	2.00		No change
Replacement plastic plate	10.00	10.00		No change
Replacement driver ID badge	10.00	10.00		No change

LIQUOR LICENSING (LICENSING ACT 2003)

	2009/10 Charge	2010/11 Proposed Charge	Comments (including date of last increase and rationale for 2010/11 charge)	Effect on income levels in 2010/11 compared with 2009/10
Premises/club application	£100 to £635 (5 bands)	£100 to £635 (5 bands)	No change	None
Premises/club annual fee	£70 to £350 (5 bands)	£70 to £350 (5 bands)	No change	None
Fee for a minor variation of a licence	£89	£89	New statutory charge from July 2009. Fees for a full variation are as for a new licence.	None
S117 personal licence	£37	£37	No change	None
S100 Temporary event notice	£21	£21	No change	None
S25 replacement licence	£10.50	£10.50	No change	None
S29 application for provisional statement	£315	£315	No change	None
S33 change of name/address	£10.50	£10.50	No change	None
S37 Change of premises supervisor	£23	£23	No change	None
S42 Premises transfer	£23	£23	No change	None
S47 interim notice	£23	£23	No change	None
S79 replacement certificate	£10.50	£10.50	No change	None
S82 change of club name/rules	£10.50	£10.50	No change	None
S83 change of club address	£10.50	£10.50	No change	None
S110 replacement temporary event notice	£10.50	£10.50	No change	None
S126 replacement personal licence	£10.50	£10.50	No change	None
S127 duty to notify	£10.50	£10.50	No change	None
S178 Notification of Interest	£21	£21	No change	None

GAMBLING ACT 2005

	2009/10 Charge	2010/11 Proposed Charge	Comments (including date of last increase and rationale for 2010/11 charge)	Effect on income levels in 2010/11 compared with 2009/10
Application Fee				
Fast Track transitional	£300	£300	No change	None
Betting Premises	£1500	£1500	No change	None
Adult Gaming Centre	£1000	£1000	No change	None
Family Entertainment Centre	£1000	£1000	No change	None
Betting Premises (track)	£1250	£1250	No change	None
New Applications				
Betting Premises	£3000	£3000	No change	None
Adult Gaming Centre	£2000	£2000	No change	None
Family Entertainment Centre	£2000	£2000	No change	None
Betting Premises (track)	£2500	£2500	No change	None
Annual Fee				
Betting Premises	£600	£600	No change	None
Adult Gaming Centre	£1000	£1000	No change	None
Family Entertainment Centre	£750	£750	No change	None
Betting Premises (track)	£1000	£1000	No change	None

GAMBLING (CONTINUED)

	2009/10 Charge	2010/11 Proposed Charge	Comments (including date of last increase and rationale for 2010/11 charge)	Effect on income levels in 2010/11 compared with 2009/10
Variation				
Betting Premises	£1500	£1500	No change	None
Adult Gaming Centre	£1000	£1000	No change	None
Family Entertainment Centre	£1000	£1000	No change	None
Betting Premises (track)	£1250	£1250	No change	None
Transfer				
Betting Premises	£1200	£1200	No change	None
Adult Gaming Centre	£1200	£1200	No change	None
Family Entertainment Centre	£950	£950	No change	None
Betting Premises (track)	£950	£950	No change	None
Reinstatement				
Betting Premises	£1200	£1200	No change	None
Adult Gaming Centre	£1200	£1200	No change	None
Family Entertainment Centre	£950	£950	No change	None
Betting Premises (track)	£950	£950	No change	None

GAMBLING (CONTINUED)

	2009/10 Charge	2010/11 Proposed Charge	Comments (including date of last increase and rationale for 2010/11 charge)	Effect on income levels in 2010/11 compared with 2009/10
Provisional statement				
Betting Premises	£3000	£3000	No change	None
Adult Gaming Centre	£2000	£2000	No change	None
Family Entertainment Centre	£2000	£2000	No change	None
Betting Premises (track)	£2500	£2500	No change	None
				None
Change of circumstances	£50	£50	No change	None
Copy of licence	£25	£25	No change	None
				None
Society Lotteries	£20	£20	No change	None
Family Entertainment Centre	£750	£750	No change	None
Adult Gaming Centre	£1000	£1000	No change	None
Club gaming permit	£100 application £50 annual fee	£100 application £50 annual fee	No change	None
Notification of Intention to have gaming machines	£50	£50	No change	None
Family entertainment centre gaming machine permit	£300	£300	No change	None
Betting premises licence	£600	£600	No change	None
Unlicensed family entertainment centre	£100	£100	No change	None

MISCELLANEOUS

	2009/10 Charge	2010/11 Proposed Charge	Comments (including date of last increase and rationale for 2010/11 charge)	Effect on income levels in 2010/11 compared with 2009/10
Motor Salvage operator	£70	£70	No change	None
Table & chairs permission	£125	£125	No change	None
Pools promoter	£350	£350	No change	None
Sex establishment	£4500	£4500	No change	None