

Agenda

Environment and Licensing Committee

Date: **Tuesday 17 May 2022**

Time: **4.15 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber**

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Environment and Licensing Committee

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Chair Councillor Marje Paling

Vice-Chair Councillor Nicki Brooks

Councillor Pat Bosworth
Councillor Rachael Ellis
Councillor Des Gibbons
Councillor Julie Najuk
Councillor Alex Scroggie
Councillor Martin Smith
Councillor Sam Smith
Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
Councillor Paul Wilkinson

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MINUTES ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday 19 April 2022

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Julie Najuk
Councillor Pat Bosworth Councillor Alex Scroggie
Councillor Rachael Ellis Councillor Martin Smith
Councillor Andrew Ellwood Councillor Paul Wilkinson
Councillor Des Gibbons

Absent: Councillor Sam Smith and Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton

Officers in Attendance: C Allcock, B Hopewell and R Pentlow

40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Towsey-Hinton and Sam Smith.

41 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2022

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

42 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

43 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

44 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

RESOLVED:

That, the Members being satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing reports on the grounds that the report involves the likely

disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

45 APPLICATION FOR A THREE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE IF

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

46 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE MUT

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, regarding a change of circumstances following information received about the holder of a Joint Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver's Licence.

MUT attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making the decision the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines.

RESOLVED:

Issue a warning to MUT that such conduct fell short of the expected standard for Hackney Carriage Drivers and that further such incidents would result in another appearance before the Committee.

The meeting finished at 4.50 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date:

Report to Environment and Licensing Committee

Subject: Proposed Taxi Licensing Fees for 2022/2023

Date: 17th May 2022

Author: Report of Corporate Director

Purpose

To notify members of the objections received regarding the proposed fees for taxi driver, operators and vehicle licences for 2022/2023 as detailed in Appendix 1, that were advertisement in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 in January/February 2022.

To seek approval of the modified fees as detailed at Appendix 2, which are the current 2021/2022 rates, to allow for a full review of the fees to take place before introducing any further fee increases.

Recommendation(s)

That Members:

Approve the modified fees and charges as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report to come into effect from the 1 June 2022.

1 Background

- 1.1 The fixing of fees for hackney carriage and private hire drivers, vehicles and operators is a function of the Environment and Licensing Committee as laid out in the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000. At the Environment and Licensing Committee meeting held on 18 January 2022 it was resolved that:

Members approve the fees for taxi driver, operators and vehicle licences as detailed in Appendix 2 (Appendix 1 for the purposes of this report) for 2022/23 for advertisement in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, such fees to automatically come into force if no objections are received within the statutory period. If any objections are received within the statutory period that these be referred back to Committee for consideration in accordance with the legislation.

- 1.3 The proposed fees for driver, operator and vehicle licences (Appendix 1) were published in accordance with the legislation and the consultation was open for 28 days from 27th January 2022. A total of 2 objections were

received. A letter sent by email to the Chair on 17th January 2022 prior to the consultation period as detailed at Appendix 3, and a further objection sent via email to all Members on the 23 February 2022 as detailed at Appendix 4.

During the covid pandemic there were a number of changes to the licensing application process which will remain in place going forward. These include moving some services online and adjustments to the appointment process.

Given the changes to the procedures, whilst also bearing in mind the objections received including the way in which the taxi licensing budget is presented, it is felt appropriate at this time for a review of the setting of taxi license fees and the presentation of the taxi licence budget be undertaken to ensure that it is more transparent and to consider the impact of the changes in processes that have occurred.

Although the Council's taxi licensing regime is operated on a costs recovery basis and has currently been operating at a deficit and only the reasonable costs of what we are entitled to charge for has been included when fixing the fees, it is felt that there should not be any increase to the fees whilst the review is being undertaken.

As such it is the Corporate Director's opinion that the proposed fees as set out at Appendix 1 should not be implemented but instead the modified fees as set out at Appendix 2 should come into force. These modified fees replicate the current 2021/2022 fees so in essence prevents an increase in the fees at this time, which will allow for a full review to be undertaken.

Should the review result in any changes to the fees then the matter will be brought back to Members for consideration and any changes, if recommended and approved, would go out for advertisement in line with the legislation before coming into effect.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 For the reasons outlined above, it is proposed the Members approve the modified fees and charges as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report with effect from the 1 June 2022.

3 Alternative Options

- 3.1 An alternative option would be to introduced the fees without modification or approve a different fee regime for 2022/2023 entirely. This may result in additional or less monies being received depending upon the approach adopted. However, as set out within the body of the report, it is considered appropriate at this stage to review the processes behind the issuing of taxi licences and their accompanying costs.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Approving the modified fees for 2022/23 will mean that they will not receive the proposed 5.5% increase at this time, and this will affect the delivery of income targets / efficiencies. The impact of the review on the level of the fees, at this stage is unclear. The results of the review, when it is complete, will be considered, which may or may not result in an increase to the fees.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The fixing of fees for hackney carriage and private hire drivers, vehicles and operators is a function of the Environment and Licensing Committee as laid out in the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000.

The statutory power for the setting of the modified fees is governed by sections 53 and 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

6 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 None

7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications

- 7.1 None

8 Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 - Taxi driver, vehicles and operator proposed fees 2022/2023
Appendix 2 – Modified Taxi driver, vehicles and operator proposed fees 2022/2023
Appendix 3 - Copy of written objection received by the Chair on 17th January 2022 prior to the consultation period.
Appendix 4 – Copy of email objection received on the 23 February 2022

9 Background Papers

- 9.1 None

Statutory Officer approval

Approved by:

Date:

On behalf of the Chief Financial Officer

Approved by:

Date:

On behalf of the Monitoring Officer



Taxi driver, vehicles and operator proposed fees 2022/2023

Type of Fee	2022/23 £
Taxi Licence	
Driver Licence Fee 1 year	166.50
Driver Licence Fee 3 year – (If a 3 year licence is refused or not granted for any reason £100 of the application fee will be refunded to the applicant)	431.50
Vehicle Licence Fee	162.50
Operator's Licence 1 year	123.50 plus 123.50 per additional vehicle
Operator's Licence 5 year	654 plus 184.50 per additional vehicle

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Modified Taxi driver, vehicles and operator proposed fees 2022/2023

Type of Fee	2022/23 £
Taxi Licence	
Driver Licence Fee 1 year	158
Driver Licence Fee 3 year – (If a 3 year licence is refused or not granted for any reason £100 of the application fee will be refunded to the applicant)	409
Vehicle Licence Fee	154
Operator's Licence 1 year	117 plus 117 per additional vehicle
Operator's Licence 5 year	620 plus 175 per additional vehicle

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Appendix 3

Dear Councillor Paling

I write regarding the fee increase proposed by taxi licensing.

As you will appreciate the trade, although improved, has not returned to normal levels. Also taking into account the proposed increase GBC will be the most expensive of similar councils locally. See below, links provided.

	Broxtowe B C	Rushcliffe B C	Gedling B C (proposed)
1Year Licence	114	134	166.50
3 Year Licence	224	257.50	431.50
6 Month Plate	185	188.49	260
1 Year Plate	216	188.49	260

<https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/for-business/licences-permits/licensing-charges/taxi-charges/>

<https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/aboutus/aboutthecouncil/informationthecouncilmustmakepublic/feesandcharges/accordion/#driver>

I ask on behalf of the trade that the fees are not increased this year. I understand that you have a responsibility to the council finances, however, only a very few drivers (I suspect less than 100 of over 900) qualified for the grants that GBC offered. It would not seem fair to increase charges on those drivers for whom GBC offered no support during the worst days of Covid. I appeal to your sense of fairness.

I would appreciate it if you could distribute this letter to other committee councillors, and I thank you for your valuable time.

Please acknowledge receipt of my email.

Kind regards

[Redacted Signature]

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Budget Report and Representations for The ELC

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver, Vehicle and Operator Licensing Fee Increase

1. Section 53 (2) of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states the following in relation to **driver and private hire vehicle** licensing for hackney carriage or private hire:

'Notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of 1847, a district council may demand and recover for the grant to any person of a licence to drive a hackney carriage, or a private hire vehicle, as the case may be, such a fee as they consider **reasonable with a view to recovering the costs of issue and administration** and may remit the **whole or part of the fee in respect of a private hire vehicle** in any case in which they think it appropriate to do so.'

Section 70 (1) of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states the following in relation to **vehicle** and **operator** licensing for hackney carriage and private hire:

'Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, a district council may charge such fees for the grant of vehicle and operators' licences as may be resolved by them from time to time and as may be sufficient in the aggregate to cover in whole or in part—

(a) the **reasonable** cost of the carrying out by or on behalf of the district council of **inspections of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles** for the purpose of determining whether any such licence should be granted or renewed;

(b) the **reasonable** cost of **providing hackney carriage stands**; and

(c) any **reasonable administrative or other costs in connection with the foregoing and with the control and supervision of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles**.'

The legislation is clear, and is unequivocal, in **whole or in part**, not in **excess**, in short, the budget for the licensing of drivers, vehicles and operators in relation to the hackney carriage and private hire section of Gedling Borough Council, must be run at either **cost or less than cost**, it cannot legally be run at a profit, and funds also cannot be obtained through fees, and then allocated elsewhere to matters unrelated to hackney carriage and private hire licensing, as stated in the aforementioned legislation.

2. Fees charged in relation to specific areas, must be equal to or at least close to (within a very small margin of error) the cost of those services. As an example, if the inspection alone of a hackney carriage vehicle costs Gedling Borough Council £65 in costs, the proprietor must pay either £65 for that inspection, or less than £65, it cannot legally be more. As a further example, if the administration, control and supervision of that hackney carriage vehicle costs Gedling Borough Council £100 for a six month period, the proprietor must pay either £100 for that service, or less, it cannot legally be more.

It is also at this point essential to note, that Gedling Borough Council are not legally permitted to '**cross recover**', in essence, the **recovery must be specific**. The cost of anything to do with Section 53 (2), cannot be billed under Section 70 (1) and vice versa, nor can the cost of anything to do with Section 70 (1) (a) be billed under Section 70 (1) (b) or (c) and vice versa, they must be separate. This was affirmed in the legal case at the Court of Appeal in **R (Rehman) V The Council of the City of Wakefield [2019] EWCA Civ 2166**.

Furthermore, Gedling Borough Council must, by law as was made clear in **R (Cummings) V Cardiff City Council [2014] EWHC 2544**, keep separate accounts for the regimes under which they charge all licence fees for hackney carriage and private hire drivers, vehicle and operator licences:

'A local authority must keep separate accounts for and ensure when determining hackney carriage and private hire licence fees under sections 53 and 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 that any surplus and deficit accrued under each of the determining hackney carriage and private hire licensing regimes, and between each licence within those regimes, are only accounted for and taken into account within the regime under which they have accrued and a surplus from one licensing regime shall not be used to subsidise a deficit in another.'

Therefore to in effect, lump all expenditure together at any point, without '**cross recovery**' analysis, would be **unlawful**.

3. **I have attached three files to this report as annexes:**

The first two annexes were obtained by way of a Freedom of Information Act 2000 request and were provided by the Finance Department at Gedling Borough Council, the documents are as I was sent them, bar the numbers annotated in black ink, these are to make the sections distinguishable. The third annex is with figures obtained by me, both online and by speaking directly with Licensing Officers in those councils.

Annex A – The licensing budget for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers, Vehicles and Operators Licenses for the financial years of 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.

Annex B – The proposed licensing budget for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers, Vehicles and Operators Licenses for the financial year 2022/2023, which has led to the recommendation for the fee increase of 5.5%.

Annex C – Vehicle Licence information and costs for other Borough/City/District Councils.

4. After reviewing the documents, it would appear that they show potential **unlawful activity** by Gedling Borough Council, in essence the **overcharging of fees** in relation to Section 53 (2) and Section 70 (1) (a), (b) and (c) of the 1976 act.

5. It is also important to note that Gedling Borough Council had **1068** hackney carriage vehicles licensed in 2019, the current figure, as of 26th January 2022 is only **600**. That is a decrease of approximately 45% altogether and within the following years:

- 2019 – 1068
- 2020 – 980
- 2021 – 840
- 2022 – 600

Furthermore, the number of private hire vehicles licensed by Gedling Borough Council in 2019 was **111**, as of 1st February 2022, the number is **97**, a decrease of around **13%**. The number of drivers licenses held, these are dual licenses, was **944** as of 31st December 2019, and is as of 1st February 2022, **781**. This is a reduction of **18%**. However it is essential to note, that a Gedling Borough Council licensed driver, can only drive a Gedling Borough Council licensed hackney carriage or private hire vehicle, therefore considering the number of vehicles left on license, it would appear around **85** of these drivers may be inactive and waiting on expiry. This is specifically important in relation the **One Stop Shop**, element of the budgets, however I will expand on this later.

6. Firstly I turn to the budgets for the **three previous financial years**, and I will leave aside the '**One Stop Shop**' element, to which I will return.

7. The **Vehicle Inspections** part is simple and is covered by **Section 70 (1) (a)**:

2018/2019 – Cost: £122,654.40 and Fees Paid: £146,152.00 – **Profit: £23,497.60**

2019/2020 – Cost: £121,239.20 and Fees Paid: £155,514.50 – **Profit: £34,275.30**

2020/2021 – Cost: £105,753.80 and Fees Paid: £140,036.00 – **Profit: £34,282.20**

Total Profit: £92,055.10

This is clear, over a period of three financial years, Gedling Borough Council would appear to have made a substantial profit, which is not recovery in whole or in part, and would appear to therefore be **unlawful**.

8. The **Vehicle License Control and Supervision**, and provision of **Hackney Carriage Stands** income under **Section 70 (1) (c)**, would appear to be very clear:

2018/2019 – Fees Paid: £230,365.00

2019/2020 – Fees Paid: £249,864.00

2020/2021 – Fees Paid: £225,647.00

Total Income 2018 – 2021: £705,876.00

This would mean that within the budgets at **Annex A and Annex B** it must be clear that the amounts above have specifically been spent on **Vehicle Control and Supervision** and the provision of **hackney carriage stands**. Once a vehicle is inspected by the workshop (which is paid for by the vehicle inspection fee, which Gedling Borough Council has already made a substantial profit on, see above) it would be on the council to show that **control and supervision**, along with **reasonable costs of providing hackney carriage stands**, equates to nearly a quarter of a million pounds each year. I do not see how this is possible, I fail to see how this can be judged as **reasonable**.

9. The **Driver License Administration and Issue** income (including **topography**, which is part of driver's licence issue, as the knowledge test is only ever taken for the first license issued to the driver) under **Section 53 (2)**, would appear to be clear:

2018/2019 – Fees Paid: £133,164.00

2019/2020 – Fees Paid: £151,704.00

2020/2021 – Fees Paid: £119,031.00

This would again mean that within the budget's at **Annex A and Annex B** it must be clear that the amounts above have specifically been spent on **Driver License Administration and Issue**, I do not see how this is possible looking at the budgets, it is plain to see. This needs to be justified, currently on the face of it, this looks **unreasonable**.

10. The **Operator's Licence Control and Supervision** income under **Section 70 (1) (c)**, would appear to be very clear:

2018/2019 – Fees Paid: £6608.00

2019/2020 - Fees Paid: £3735.00

2020/2021 – Fees Paid: £2596.20

Looking within the budget's at **Annex A and Annex B** it must be clear that the amounts above have specifically been spent on **Operator Control and Supervision**, again I would ask this be justified, I can't see how it is **reasonable**.

11. Another area within the budgets for the last three financial years, that warrants further investigation, is that entitled as **Licensing Miscellaneous**. The expenditure is as follows:

2018/2019 - £27,335.92

2019/2020 - £23,521.51

2020/2021 - £23,880.19

Total Expenditure: £74,737.31

I have been informed that this expenditure covers equipment and materials for producing driver badges and vehicle plates, and advertising in newspapers for fee rises, and any other expenditure that does not fit in any other categories. This would appear to be **unreasonable and unjustifiable**, with the amount of vehicles and drivers being licensed decreasing by around 30% (as above, by year on year, including private hire and hackney carriage), this cost expenditure amount **cannot possibly be static**. It just doesn't add up, on the face of it, this appears to be **unreasonable**.

12. Furthermore, in relation to the budget at **Annex A**, for the financial year **2020/2021**, there is notification that **£17,600.00** was taken from license fees paid by drivers, vehicle proprietors and operators, to fund the **crime and community reserves** and that a further **£5000.00** was also taken for **housing benefit reserves**, apparently miscoded, and now believed to be for **licensing**. I have been informed that these amounts are transferred to the reserves for the eventuality of the backfilling of staff for licensing. This needs to be **reasonable**, I fail to see how, in accordance with the legislation above, it can be.

13. Secondly, I now turn to the **proposed budget** for the financial year **2022/2023**, it would appear to be clear:

Vehicle Inspection Fees – Forecast Income - **£125,200.00**

Vehicle Licence Fees – Forecast Income - **£228,300.00**

Driver's Licence Fees (Including Topography) – Forecast Income - **£192,000.00**

Operator's Licence Fees – Forecast Income - **£12,500.00**

Total Forecast Income from Fees: £558,000.00

14. The expenditure is also clear, and equates to **£590,100** of which £307,900 relates to the **One Stop Shop**, I fail to see how such a large expenditure can be **reasonable**, and even if it can be justified, it needs to be subjected to a '**cross recovery**' analysis across the board, as to me it would be clear this is still happening, and it is **unlawful**.

15. Thirdly, I now turn to the issue of the '**One Stop Shop**', for both the last three financial years, and the proposed budget. The expenditure is obscene:

2018/2019 - £259,509.61

2019/2020 - £239,217.04

2020/2021 - £261,417.24

Proposed Budget – 2022/2023 - £307,900

Total Expenditure: £1,068,043,89

The above figure doesn't even take into account the expenditure for the 2021/2022 financial year, as that budget isn't complete as far as I am aware.

16. Each financial year, this classification has made up for almost 50% of expenditure, and in the proposed budget it makes up for over 55% of the total proposed expenditure. I have been informed that this relates to the cost of visits and telephone calls to customer services, in relation to hackney carriage and private hire licensing, each financial year. This is quite frankly, bizarre.

I am aware there are twenty two customer service advisors employed within Customer Services at Gedling Borough Council, they are not all full time. The average salary for a customer service advisor in the United Kingdom as of 15th February 2022, is £19,335 per year. This would mean that sixteen of those customer service advisors could be employed full time, on the average UK wage, to deal specifically with hackney carriage and private hire licensing within Gedling Borough Council on the proposed expenditure, in the proposed budget for 2022/2023. This to me, is unjustifiable, and needs further qualification and investigation, even taking into account pension costs and benefits packages, the number would be only slightly less than sixteen.

17. Furthermore, as shown above, since 2019, the number of hackney carriage vehicles has decreased by 45%, the private hire vehicle numbers have decreased by 13%, and the number of driver licenses in force has decreased by at least 18%, I suspect far more. On this basis, the expenditure for the **One Stop Shop** should be decreasing, not remaining static, and certainly not increasing as indicated, as the numbers of visits and calls will naturally decrease in line with the vehicle and driver drop. Even when taking into account inflation, the expenditure just doesn't appear to be legitimate.

Also, in order to fully comply with the legislation, to in essence prevent '**cross recovery**', the calls and visits would have to be **collated as to nature**, and then the expenditure distributed correctly across each area of recovery, to make sure the fees being charged to drivers, vehicle proprietors and operators, were commensurate with recovery **in whole or in part**. I request the council look into if this has taken place, and will take place moving forward.

18. Fourthly, at **Annex C** I have included the costs other councils charge for vehicle licences for their hackney carriage and private hire trade. It would appear that charges for drivers licenses and operator licenses are in line, broadly speaking, the charges for vehicle licences levied by Gedling Borough Council are obscene, and in some cases nearly triple that which is charged by other councils. I request this is also investigated, it just doesn't seem **reasonable**, not by a long shot.

19. Lastly, I do not claim that everything I have said above is 100% on point, which is why I ask for an investigation to be carried out, along with an audit to make sure that Gedling Borough Council are complying with Sections 53 (2) and 70 (1) (a), (b) and (c) of the 1976 act, before any increase in fees is authorised, and also hope that the previous financial years can be looked at, to see if the situation can be put right for drivers, vehicle proprietors and operators.

20. I am happy to answer any questions the Environment and Licensing Committee have in relation to this report, and will attend the meeting where the representations are discussed.

Kind regards,

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FY = 18/19.

Division(T)	Cost Centre(T)	Account(T)	Sub Analysis(T)	Actuals
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Salary Basic Pay	73,957.51
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Salary Back Pay	87.72
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Salary Non Contractual Overtime	115.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Sick Pay	1,133.54
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	First Aid Allowance	5.16
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Vacancy Provision	0.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employer National Insurance	Nat'l Ins. Salaries	7,420.51
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employer National Insurance	Apprentice Levy	284.44
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employer Superannuation	Superann.(Salaries)	11,332.39
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employer Superannuation	Superannuation Fixed Recharge	4,567.97
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Course Fees	Training Expenses General	222.10
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Professional Fees(vel.incentiv)		0.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Public Transport Employees	Parking & Fares	99,126.34
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Car Allowances - Employees	Mileage	10.70
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages			56.25
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Stationery	General	86.96
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Telephones	Mobile Devices	121.49
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Criminal Records Bureau Pay's		3.83
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Licences		17,292.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages			27,336.92
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages			44,763.24
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Vehicle Inspection Costs		122,654.40
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Miscellaneous Insurances		1,452.11
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages			124,106.51
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	IT Administration		5,741.62
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	IT Network		1,765.43
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	IT Telephones		270.10
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	IT Direct Licences		2,079.06
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Safety Officer		725.94
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Personal Services		1,884.97
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Postages		2,938.69
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Print Room		84.76
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Civic Centre		7,053.34
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Jubilee House		2,568.82
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Accountancy		4,780.84
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Payroll		629.73
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Creditors		770.83
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	One Stop Shop		269,509.61
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Corporate Admin		3,384.17
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Director - Pub, Prot, Health & Wellbel		5,670.31
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Resources		93.40
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages			289,941.71
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Tax	Hackney Car. CRB Checks	-15,842.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Tax	Hackney Car. Vehicle Inspection	-146,152.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Tax	Hackney Carr. Topography	-18,260.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Tax	Hackney Carr. Driving Lic.Fee	-114,904.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Tax	Hackney Carr. Operators Licence	-6,608.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Tax	Hackney Carr. Vehicle Lic.Fee	-230,365.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Tax	DVLA Income	-135.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - General	Fees & Charges Refunds	2,485.96
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages			-629,780.04
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages			38,213.71
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Division(1)	Cost Centre(1)	Account(1)	Sub Analysis(1)	Actuals
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Salary Basic Pay	79,235.66
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Salary Back Pay	0.89
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Salary Non Contractual Overtime	91.51
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Holiday Pay	72.25
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Pay in Lieu	3,621.98
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Sick Pay	309.79
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	First Aid Allowance	5.16
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Compensation/Redundancy	13,300.87
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Vacancy Provision	0.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employer National Insurance	Nat. Ins. Salaries	8,106.41
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employer National Insurance	Apprentice Levy	357.79
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employer Superannuation	Superann. (Salaries)	12,029.24
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employer Superannuation	Superannuation Fixed Recharge	4,557.82
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Course Fees	Trailing Expenses General	176.80
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Professional Fees(related incantv)		250.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Premises Rents		122,116.07
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Public Transport Employees		258.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Car Allowances - Employees	Parking & Fares	2.64
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Telephones	Mileage	14.04
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Subsistence-Employees	Mobile Devices	14.03
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Criminal Records Bureau Pay'ts	Subsistence	1.49
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Licences	Licensing miscellaneous	10,916.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Vehicle Inspection Costs		23,521.51
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Miscellaneous insurances		34,433.03
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	IT Administration		121,239.20
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	IT Network		1,039.12
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	IT Telephones		122,278.32
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	IT Direct Licences		4,661.33
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Safety Officer		3,335.45
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Personnel Services		0.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Postages		4,818.82
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Print Room		617.74
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Civic Centre		1,358.15
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Jubilee House		0.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Accountancy		78.79
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Payroll		4,068.17
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Creditors		1,800.71
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	One Stop Shop		5,028.64
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Corporate Admin		485.71
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Director - Pub, Prot, Health & Wellbeing		351.76
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Resources		239,217.04
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Taxi		0.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Taxi		2,857.15
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Taxi		88.18
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Taxi		268,778.64
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Taxi		-11,190.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Taxi		-155,514.50
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Taxi		-14,430.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Taxi		-137,274.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Taxi		-3,735.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Taxi		-249,864.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - General		-570,314.09
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - General		-23,012.35
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Division(T)	Cost Centre(T)	Account(T)	Sub Analysis(T)	Actuals
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Salary Basic Pay	70,834.27
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Salary Back Pay	746.95
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Salary Non Contractual Overtime	169.91
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	Sick Pay	2,983.60
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee Salaries	First Aid Allowance	0.27
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employee National Insurance	Vacancy Provision	0.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employer National Insurance	Nat. Ins. Salaries	7,028.97
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employer Superannuation	Apprentice Levy	302.43
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Employer Superannuation	Superann.(Salaries)	13,861.50
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Course Fees	Superannuation Fixed Recharge	3,118.36
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Professional Fees(frst Incentiv)	Training Expenses General	130.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Public Transport Employees	Parking & Fare	99,076.28
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Car Allowances - Employees	Mileage	7.75
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Telephones		8.35
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Projects & Activities	Mobile Devices	16.10
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Criminal Records Bureau Pay's	Track & Trace Contain Funding	4.43
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Licences		0.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Vehicle Inspection Costs		5,760.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Miscellaneous Insurances		23,880.19
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Contribution to Reserves		29,644.62
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Contribution to Reserves		105,753.80
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Contribution to Reserves		1,136.81
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Contribution to Reserves		106,880.61
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Contribution to Reserves		17,600.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Contribution to Reserves		5,000.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Contribution to Reserves		22,600.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	IT Administration		5,284.24
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	IT Network		1,102.28
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	IT Direct Licences		2,285.73
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Safety Officer		535.22
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Personnel Services		1,283.49
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Print Room		66.21
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Civic Centre		3,359.93
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Jubilee House		2,246.62
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Accountancy		5,475.74
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Payroll		551.14
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Creditors		339.87
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	One Stop Shop		261,417.24
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Director - Pub. Prot. Health & Wellbeing		2,984.55
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Resources		103.57
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Government Grants		287,027.81
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Tax	Track & Trace Contain Funding	-26,400.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Tax	Hackney Car. CRB Checks	-6,138.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Tax	Hackney Car.Vehicle Inspection	-140,036.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Tax	Hackney Carr. Topography	-1,055.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Tax	Hackney Carr. Driving Lic. Fee	-117,976.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Tax	Hackney Carr.Operators Licence	-2,596.20
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - Environment Tax	Hackney Carr.Vehicle Lic.Fee	-225,847.00
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - General	Fees & Charges Refunds	424.33
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages	Fees&Charges - General	Miscellaneous Fees & Charges	-597.02
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages			-522,020.89
Licensing & Hackney Carriages	Hackney Carriages			23,234.51
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Cost of a one year continuous hackney carriage vehicle license – Gedling Borough Council

Gedling Borough Council currently charge **£494** per year for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle License, **which includes two inspections**, which do not produce an MOT Certificate, therefore we also have to have an MOT (I have two per year, only one is required however). This does not include the plate deposit. Gedling Borough Council are looking to raise them to **£521**.

Other councils are as follows, the figures are for a one year continuous HC License, some even INCLUDE plate deposit, whereas Gedling Borough Council charge a further £40:

Nottingham City: £303 (includes two MOTs)
Erewash Borough: £260.40 (includes two inspections)
Broxtowe Borough: £370 (includes two inspections)
Ashfield District: £290 (includes two inspections)
Rushcliffe Borough: £376.98 (includes two inspections)
Wolverhampton City: £135 (includes one inspection)
Birmingham City: £123 (includes one inspection)
Newark and Sherwood: £235
Lincoln City: £171 (includes two MOTs)
North Kesteven District: £195 (includes two MOTs)
Derby City: £179 (includes two MOTs)

MOTs are usually carried out at independent test centres, and on average cost around £40 per MOT, this is included in the fees above, for ease of reference.

These figures are for a diesel vehicle registered in 2016, with emissions of 92 g/km CO₂, collated from the websites of the councils named above, and also from direct contact with Licensing Officers within those councils, they are of course open to be checked, and if incorrect, corrected.

Drivers Licenses fees within Gedling Borough Council are roughly in line with the other councils mentioned above.

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