

Report to Environment and Licensing Committee

Subject: Amended Taxi Licensing Fees
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Fees – Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver, Hackney Carriage, Private Hire Vehicle and Private Hire Operators Licences

Background:

Section 53 and Section 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 gives local authorities the ability to fix fees for driver, vehicle and operator licences. In accordance with these provisions the Council propose and increase the fees to ensure the cost of the service is covered. As part of the process the Council are required to advertise the fee increase in a local newspaper giving a 28 day period for objections. An advert was place in the Evening Post on 6th May 2013 (Appendix 1). The Council has received 1 objection on 13th May 2013 (Appendix 2).

Members are asked to note the objection, however, it is viewed that fees must be increased to cover increased costs from the employment of additional staff to address the increased workload from the doubling of applications and accordingly to reduce processing times, and also to cover other inflation related costs and the local government pay award.

Recommendation:

That Members approve the increase for the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver, Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle and Private Hire Operator fees as advertised in Appendix 1 to this report.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Notice of fee increases

Appendix 2: Objection Letter