

To: GENERAL PURPOSE LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: 3 February 2009 **Item No:**

Report of: Head of Environmental Development

Title of Report: Licence Fees 2009/10

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To seek agreement of the licence fees for 2009/10 where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

Report Approved by:
Finance – Andy Collett
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Policy Framework: N/A

Recommendation(s):

- (a) To note the licence fees set by statute.
- (b) To agree the licence fees for 2009/10 as laid out in this report.
- (c) To receive a further report in 2009/10 reviewing hackney carriage and private hire licence fees.

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to agree licence fees for 2009/10, where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged. This report covers fees other than Licensing and Gambling Act fees, which will be the subject of a separate report to the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee. The proposed fees are set out in the appendices.
2. The general principles when setting fees are that they must be reasonable and relate to the cost of performing the function. Costs include staffing, administration, testing, inspections, hearings, enforcement and appeals.

Licence fees set by the Council

Street Trading Consents
Pavement Café Licences
Animal Boarding Establishments

Dangerous Wild Animals
Pet Shop
Riding Establishments
Acupuncture, tattooing, electrolysis and ear piercing
Motor Salvage Operators
Sex Establishments
HMO Licences
Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licenses

Licence fees set by statute

Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Permits

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Fees

3. The procedure for reviewing hackney carriage and private hire fees requires consultation on the proposed variation and any relevant objections must be considered before bringing the variation into force. The fees were last increased in November 2007. It is proposed that a review of these fees is carried out at the beginning of the 2009/10 financial year and a report taken to Committee to consider any proposed variation.

Financial Implications

4. The Council is responsible for collecting licence fees for these functions. Predicted income from licence fees is included in the Council's budget.

Legal Implications

5. The Committee's responsibilities are set out in the Council's Constitution and include setting and reviewing licensing fees other than those covered by the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005.

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