

To: General Purposes Licensing Committee

Date: 3 February 2020

Report of: Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety

Title of Report: Miscellaneous Licensing: Licence Fees & Charges for the 2020/21 financial year

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To seek agreement of the licence fees for 2020/21 where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

Policy Framework: Vibrant Sustainable Economy
Street Trading Policy 2019

Recommendation: The Committee is recommended to agree the licence fees and charges for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix A and recommend them to Council.

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to seek agreement to the licence fees and charges that should apply for 2020/21 for those activities where the Council has discretion as administered within the functions of the Business Regulation Team.
2. The fees and charges detailed within this report and found at Appendix A relate solely to the functions of the Business Regulation Team. A separate report is being provided to Members in relation to the fees and charges related to the functions of the General Licensing Team.
3. The statutory principle in relation to the setting of fees is that they should be reasonable and should relate to the costs of performing the function, including staffing, administration, testing, inspections, hearings and regulation.
4. Licence fees set by the Council and administered in the Miscellaneous Licensing function comprise the following: Acupuncture, Ear Piercing, Electrolysis & Tattooing, Animal Boarding, Dangerous Wild Animals, Dog Breeding, Pavement Cafes, Pet Shops, Exhibiting Animals, Riding Establishments, Street Trading and Zoos.
5. An inflationary increase is proposed to the 2019/20 fees and charges to ensure the full cost recovery of the services provided, with the exception of Street Trading

Consent Fees where no variation to the Consent Fees is proposed in order to promote and support street trading

Financial Implications

6. The Council is responsible for collecting licence fees for these functions. Predicted income from licence fees is included in the Council's budget estimates for 2020/21.

Legal Implications

7. The power to levy fees is contained in the legislation relevant to each function or in the Local Government Act 2003 in relation to discretionary services. Licensing is not a revenue raising function and fees and charges should be reasonable and proportionate to the costs of the procedures and formalities of carrying out the function.

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Appendix A: Proposed Fees & Charges for 2020/2021 applicable to the Miscellaneous Licensing functions within the Business Regulation Team

	2019/20 Charge	2020/21 Charge	Increase/ (Decrease)	Increase/ (Decrease)
	£	£	£	%
Street Trading Consents - subject to approval by General Purposes Licensing Committee				
City Centre & Late Night Traders				
Application Fee	335.00	345.00	10.00	2.99
Annual consent (Pro Rata for period of Consent)	8,180.00	8,180.00	0.00	0.00
Weekly Consent (Weekly Rota)	183.00	183.00	0.00	0.00
All other traders				
Application Fee	335.00	345.00	10.00	2.99
Annual consent (Pro Rata for period of Consent)	2,780.00	2,780.00	0.00	0.00
Peripatetic traders (mobile traders- e.g. icecream vans, sandwich vans)				
Application fee	110.00	115.00	5.00	4.55
Annual consent (Pro Rata for period of Consent)	1,445.00	1,445.00	0.00	0.00
General Charges				
Replacement Consent	33.50	34.50	1.00	2.99
Identification badge (per badge)	33.50	34.50	1.00	2.99
Events				
Street Trading at event for commercial benefit (up to 5 days) - per stall	28.50	29.50	1.00	3.51
Street Trading at event for commercial benefit (6-14 days) - per stall	46.00	47.50	1.50	3.26
Street Trading at event for community / charity benefit	No Fee	No Fee		
Street Café Licences - subject to approval by General Purposes Licensing Committee				
Annual Fee	790.00	815.00	25.00	3.16
Annual Neighbourhood Shopping Centre Fee based on location as per Local Plan	360.00	370.00	10.00	2.78
Miscellaneous Licensing - subject to approval by General Purposes Licensing Committee				
Acupuncture, ear piercing, electrolysis & tattooing (only payable on first registration - person)	122.00	126.00	4.00	3.28
Acupuncture, ear piercing, electrolysis & tattooing (only payable on first registration - premises)	245.00	253.00	8.00	3.27
Boarding for cats and/or dogs	297 + vet fee	306 + vet fee	9.00	3.03
Hiring out horses	297 + vet fee	306 + vet fee	9.00	3.03
Breeding dogs	297 + vet fee	306 + vet fee	9.00	3.03
Selling animals as pets	297 + vet fee	306 + vet fee	9.00	3.03
Keeping or training animals for exhibition	280 + vet fee	285 + vet fee	5.00	1.79
Request for variation	128.00	132.00	4.00	3.13
Request for re-inspection	128 + vet fee	132 + vet fee	4.00	3.13
Dangerous Wild Animals	440 + vet fee	455 + vet fee	15.00	3.41
Zoo	440 + vet fee	455 + vet fee	15.00	3.41

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