

GENERAL LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES 2011/12

SUMMARY

- 1.1 In order to maximise income and contribute to meeting budget challenges, it is proposed to increase certain fees and charges with effect from 1 April 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To approve the increases in fees and charges set out in Appendix 2 to be implemented from 1 April 2011.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The proposals contribute to funding the pressures within the Department in 2011/12, and are in line with the principles approved by the Council Cabinet.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 At their meeting on 14 December 2010, Council Cabinet considered a report reviewing fees and charges across the Council and agreed to:
- note the action taken so far in relation to fees and charge setting.
 - approve the principles outlined in paragraph 6.1 of the report.
 - delegate the implementation of specific detailed proposals to the relevant Cabinet Members in conjunction with the relevant Strategic Director.

- 4.2 The principles referred to in paragraph 6.1 of the Cabinet report were:
- the January 2011 VAT increase will be passed on to customers. This is particularly relevant to VAT inclusive supplies
 - standard inflation is assumed at 4.6% for 2011/12
 - standard inflation for 2012/13 to 2014/15 is estimated at 2.5% for budget modelling purposes to account for the assumed levelling-off of inflation rates over a longer period
 - above standard inflationary increases will be applied where practical and appropriate, without having a detrimental effect on demand
 - some income will be exempt from the increase because either the fees are nationally set, or the current rates form part of an existing agreement for a period of time
 - new charges will be applied, which have never previously been charged, or to a new client group based on changes to eligibility
- 4.3 A review of fees and charges within the Environment and Regulatory Services Department has been undertaken. Proposals for increases, in line with the principles set out in paragraph 4.2 above, are set out in Appendix 2 of this report.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Comparisons have been made with fees and charges levied by other local authorities in the region and, where appropriate, the proposals in Appendix 2 have been set to reflect regional average charges.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	Stuart Leslie
Financial officer	Toni Heathcote
Human Resources officer	Not applicable
Service Director(s)	Not applicable
Other(s)	

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Proposed fees and charges for General Licensing

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 As set out in the report.

Legal

- 2.1 Fees and charges for the items set out in appendix 2 are not fixed in statute and are set at the discretion of the local authority.

Personnel

- 3.1 None.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 The proposed changes will apply equally to all groups within the community and no particular group(s) will be disadvantaged.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None.

Carbon commitment

- 6.1 None.

Value for money

- 7.1 None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 8.1 None.

Appendix 2

General Licensing Charges Review - Jan 2011

Environmental & Regulatory Services Department

Section	Description of charge	Proposed charge Feb 11 to Mar 12 £	Current charge £	Comment
Sex Shop				
	New	5700.00	3000.00	Increase comparable with other LA's.
	Renewal	4380.00	1500.00	Increase comparable with other LA's.
Gambling Act 2005 Existing Casino's				
	New Application		0.00	Gov limit no's no new app allowed
	Annual Fee	2630.00	2000.00	Gov set limit @ 3000.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App to vary	1300.00	980.00	Gov set limit @ 2000.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App to transfer	1250.00	920.00	Gov set limit @ 1350.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App for reinstatement	1250.00	920.00	Gov set limit @ 1350.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App for provisional statement	0.00	0.00	Gov not set limit
	Licence application (provisional holders)	0.00	0.00	Gov not set limit
	Copy Licence	25.00	20.00	Gov set limit @ 25.00
	Notification of change	50.00	40.00	Gov set limit @ 50.00
Gambling Act 2005 Bingo Club				
	New Application	3070.00	1740.00	Gov set limit @ 3500.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	Annual Fee	920.00	700.00	Gov set limit @ 1000.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App to vary	1670.00	980.00	Gov set limit @ 1750.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App to transfer	1150.00	880.00	Gov set limit @ 1200.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App for reinstatement	1150.00	880.00	Gov set limit @ 1200.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App for provisional statement	3070.00	1740.00	Gov set limit @ 3500.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	Licence application (provisional holders)	1240.00	880.00	Gov set limit @ 1750.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	Copy Licence	23.25	20.00	Gov set limit @ 25.00
	Notification of change	43.50	40.00	Gov set limit @ 50.00
Gambling Act 2005				
	New Application	2700.00	1700.00	Gov set limit @ 3000.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.

Betting premises (excluding tracks)	Annual Fee	570.00	450.00	Gov set limit @ 600.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App to vary	1425.00	940.00	Gov set limit @ 1500.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App to transfer	1115.00	880.00	Gov set limit @ 1200.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App for reinstatement	1115.00	880.00	Gov set limit @ 1200.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App for provisional statement	2700.00	1700.00	Gov set limit @ 3000.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	Licence application (provisional holders)	1115.00	880.00	Gov set limit @ 1200.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	Copy Licence	23.25	20.00	Gov set limit @ 25.00
	Notification of change	43.50	40.00	Gov set limit @ 50.00
Gambling Act 2005 Betting premises (tracks)				
	New Application	2270.00	1120.00	Gov set limit @ 2500.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	Annual Fee	920.00	700.00	Gov set limit @ 1000.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App to vary	1200.00	840.00	Gov set limit @ 1250.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App to transfer	950.00	700.00	Gov set limit @ 950.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App for reinstatement	950.00	700.00	Gov set limit @ 950.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App for provisional statement	2170.00	1120.00	Gov set limit @ 2500.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	Licence application (provisional holders)	1058.75	700.00	Gov set limit @ 950.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
Gambling Act 2005 Adult Gaming Centre				
	New Application	1820.00	1200.00	Gov set Limit @ 2000.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	Annual Fee	920.00	700.00	Gov set limit @ 1000.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App to vary	1000.00	740.00	Gov set limit @ 1000.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App to transfer	1115.00	880.00	Gov set limit @ 1200.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App for reinstatement	1115.00	880.00	Gov set limit @ 1200.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App for provisional statement	1820.00	1200.00	Gov set limit @ 2000.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	Licence application (provisional holders)	1180.00	880.00	Gov set limit @ 1200.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
Gambling Act 2005 Family Entertainment Centres				
	New Application	1820.00	1200.00	Gov set limit @ 2000.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	Annual Fee	720.00	560.00	Gov set limit @750.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App to vary	1000.00	740.00	Gov set limit @ 1000.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App to transfer	915.00	700.00	Gov set limit @ 950.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	App for reinstatement	915.00	700.00	Gov set limit @ 950.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.

	App for provisional statement	1820.00	1200.00	Gov set limit @ 2000.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	Licence application (provisional holders)	995.00	700.00	Gov set limit @ 950.00. Increase comparable with other LA's.
	Copy Licence	23.25	20.00	Gov set limit @ 25.00
	Notification of change	43.50	40.00	Gov set limit @ 50.00
Miscellaneous				
	Dog Adoption	60.00	100.00	Previous charge incl spaying/neutering voucher. New charge does not but does include identi-chip.
	Pet Shop Licence	110.00	104.60	Plus vet fees where applicable
	Boarding	130.00	125.90	Plus vet fees where applicable
	Keeping dangerous wild animals	110.00	101.50	Plus vet fees where applicable
	Riding Establishments	285.00	n/a	Plus vet fees where applicable
	Dog Breeding	95.00	n/a	Plus vet fees where applicable
	Permit for distribution of free printed literature	50-400	50-400	Fees dependent on numerous factors. New scheme recently introduced in 11/10