

Appendix 5

Proposed licence fees (£) based on scenarios set out in the consultation on 'Deregulation changes to taxi licensing'

Licence Type	Current Fees	Published Fees	Option A Less Staff	Option B Same Staff	Option C More licences	Option D Other Option	Notes
Private hire drivers	n/a	246	249	324	286	-	3 yr. licence
Hackney carriage drivers	n/a	249	246	321	272	-	3 yr. licence
Private hire operators	23 (one year)	88	86	100	100	-	5 yr. licence
Private hire vehicles	73	83	83	83	83	-	1 yr. licence
Hackney carriage vehicles	74	91	91	91	91	-	1 yr. licence
Private hire drivers - 1 year	104	123	124	124	110	-	1 yr. licence
Hackney carriage drivers - 1 year	102	126	123	123	103	-	1 yr. licence

Option A is the preferred option as this is based on the published fees and is anticipated to reflect the staffing levels required following the introduction of the deregulation legislation. Option B sets out the costs of the service without any reductions to staffing levels. The purpose of Option C was to consider the introduction of a low cost fee option designed to attract licences from outside the city. In order for the costs to be significantly lower, the amount of additional licences that would be required is unrealistic and is therefore no longer considered an option. No alternative options have been proposed under Option D so no costs have been included. Further work has been carried out on refining the fees to ensure they reflect the costs of providing the service

which has led to some minor changes to those published. Whichever option is considered, they will apply from 1 October 2015 to 31 March 2016 and the exercise will be repeated again to calculate the fees and charges for the period 2016/17.