

LICENSING COMMITTEE 17 March 2016



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

Report of the Strategic Director of Communities & Place

# Approval of Taxi Licensing Feesand Charges 2016/17

# SUMMARY

1.1 The report provides information on the outcome of the consultation exercise on the proposed licence fees and charges for driver, vehicle and operator licences and other charges for 2016/17.

# RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To approve the proposed licence fees and charges for driver, vehicle and operator licences and other charges for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 2.

# **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 Any changes to the licensing fees and charges must be approved and in place prior to the commencement of the new financial year.

# SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The hackney carriage and private hire licensing fees and charges are reviewed regularly. These licensing functions are self-financing and non-profit making and must be set at a level to recover the total costs incurred in providing the service.
- 4.2 At the last meeting, the Committee approved proposed licence fees and charges for driver, vehicle and operator licences and other charges for 2016/17.
- 4.3 In accordance with the requirements set out in Section 70(3)(b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the proposed fees and charges have been published in a local newspaper inviting any representations to be lodged within 28 days. The closing date for these to be received was 4.00 pm on 24 February 2016.

- 4.4 The Act provides that where a representation is made and not withdrawn, the Council must consider it. Although one representation was received within the time period set out, this was subsequently withdrawn following further clarification and agreement with officers.
- 4.5 The proposed final licence fees and charges for driver, vehicle and operator licences and other charges for 2016/17 are set out in Appendix 2.

# **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 None. Fees and charges need to be set at a level to recover the total costs incurred in providing the service and proposals were set out at the last meeting for consultation.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	Lucie Keeler
Financial officer	
Human Resources officer	
Service Director(s)	
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Background papers:	None	
List of Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications	
	Appendix 2 – Proposed final licence fees and charges for driver, vehicle	
	and operator licences and other charges for 2016/17	

# IMPLICATIONS

#### Financial

1.1 None directly arising from this report.

#### Legal

2.1 The Council may, taking in to account statutory guidance and relevant case law, charge such fees for the grant of licences to cover the whole or part of the recoverable costs associated with the administration and compliance of licensing functions.

On 21 January 2016 the Licensing Committee approved the proposed licence fees and charges for driver, vehicle and operator licences and other charges for 2016/17. Following consultation there are no representations for the Licensing Committee to consider, therefore the Fees and Charges 2016/17 should now be approved.

#### Personnel

3.1 None directly arising from this report.

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#### **Equalities Impact**

5.1 The fees and charges set out in the report have been calculated using methodology which reflects the actual resources being used by each licence type. This will need to be undertaken each year to ensure it remains relevant and fair.

#### Health and Safety

6.1 None directly arising from this report.

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

7.1 None directly arising from this report.

#### **Property and Asset Management**

8.1 None directly arising from this report.

#### **Risk Management**

9.1 None directly arising from this report.

# Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 The proposals set out in this report will deliver **better outcomes for our communities**, **more efficient and effective services** and **improved value for money for our customers**.

Appendix 2

# PROPOSED FINAL LICENCE FEES & CHARGES FOR DRIVER, VEHICLE & OPERATOR LICENCES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR 2016/17

Vehicle Licences			
Annual Private Hire Vehicle (New & Renewal)	£79.00		
Annual Hackney Carriage (Renewal)	£86.00		
Annual Hackney Carriage (New) incl. internal, quarter-light stickers & fitting	£156.00		
Five Yearly Private Hire Vehicle Operator Licences			
Per Vehicle	£76.00		
Drivers Licences			
*Annual Hackney Carriage Driver	£115.00		
*Annual Private Hire Driver	£117.00		
Three Yearly Hackney Carriage Driver	£304.00		
Three Yearly Private Hire Driver	£308.00		
*Annual licences will only apply if issued by Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee			
Other Related Charges			
Knowledge Test Fee	£89.00		
Hackney Carriage Drive Test	£49.00		
Enhanced Disclosure and Barring (DBS) Check (incl. Admin Fee)	£57.00		
Changing dates of knowledge tests	£10.00		
Change of vehicle registration number	£27.00		
Change of vehicle records	£17.00		
Subject access data request for information	£10.00		
Other requests for information that fall outside subject access	£28.00		
Document Replacement	£24.00		
Replacement Badges	£19.00		
Replacement Plates	£28.00		
Replacement Hackney Carriage Quarter Light Stickers	£70.00		
Replacement Hackney Carriage Internal Signs	£48.00		