

04 January 2017 at 6.00 pm

Conference Room, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks
Despatched: 21.12.16



Licensing Committee

Membership:

Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. Morris; Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Clark
Cllrs. Abraham, Mrs. Bosley, Dr. Canet, Cooke, Esler, Halford, Kelly, Lake,
McArthur, Parkin and Pett

Agenda

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Apologies for Absence		
1. Minutes To agree the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 20 September 2016, and Licensing Hearing held on 31 October 2016 as a correct record.	(Pages 1 - 4)	
2. Declarations of interest Any interests not already registered		
3. Actions from the previous meeting (if any)		
4. Gambling Act 2005: Licence Fees from April 2017	(Pages 5 - 10)	Claire Perry Tel: 01732 227325
5. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 - Licence Fees From April 2017	(Pages 11 - 14)	Claire Perry Tel: 01732 227325
6. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing: Licence Fees from April 2017	(Pages 15 - 22)	Claire Perry Tel: 01732 227325

EXEMPT INFORMATION

At the time of preparing this agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public.

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LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2016 commencing at 6.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Mrs. Morris (Chairman)

Cllr. Clark (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Abraham, Mrs. Bosley, Dr. Canet, Cooke, Esler, Kelly, Lake, McArthur, Parkin and Pett

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Scholey

15. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 13 July 2016, be approved and signed as the Chairman as correct record.

16. Declarations of interest

No additional declarations of interest were made.

17. Actions from the previous meeting

There were none.

18. Proposed implementation of the electronic Knowledge Test for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver applicants

The Chairman presented the report which sought approval to implement a computer based knowledge test and the requirement for all prospective applicants for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver licences to be subject to the knowledge test prior to application.

The implementation of an electronic knowledge test for both hackney carriage and private hire driver licence holders would tighten up the requirements for such licence holders and ensure they had knowledge of not just routes, but other aspects of policy, law and the highway code. It would also introduce consistency across the Partnership authorities. The Chairman highlighted that the Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency was withdrawing the provision of Taxi Assessments with effect from 31 December 2016.

In response to a question, the Licensing Partnership Manager confirmed that participants would be required to show photographic identification before taking the test. It was likely measures would be taken to prevent cheating, such as removing participants' mobile phones.

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Licensing Committee - Tuesday, 20 September 2016

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That Council be recommended to approve the implementation of the electronic knowledge test and the requirement for all prospective Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver applicants to be subject to the test prior to application.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 6.06 PM

CHAIRMAN

LICENSING HEARING

Minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2016 commencing at 10.30 am

Present: Cllrs. Lake, Parkin and Scholey

Also present: Applicant
Licensing Officer
Democratic Services Officer
Legal Officer

1. Appointment of Chairman

Resolved: That Cllr. Lake be appointed as Chairman of the meeting.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no additional declarations of interest.

3. Private Hire Driver License Application for Determination

The Chairman moved and it was

Resolved: That under section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public were excluded from the meeting when considering the report, on the grounds that likely disclosure of exempt information is involved as defined by Schedule 12A, paragraph 1 (information relating to any individual).

The Hearing gave consideration to a report by the Chief Officer Environmental & Operational Services giving details of an application for a Private Hire Driver Licence. The application did not currently meet the criteria within the Council's statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, as detailed within the exempted report. The report requested that the Sub-Committee determine the application.

The Hearing heard from the applicant who explained that he had misunderstood the application form and therefore it was only through misunderstanding that he had failed to declare all required information.

The applicant responded to questions concerning the information contained within the exempted report.

At 10:47 a.m. the Hearing Members withdrew to consider the issues raised accompanied by the Council's Legal Advisor and the Clerk to the Hearing for the purposes of providing advice only.

At 11: 20 a.m. the Hearing Members, Council's Legal Advisor and the Clerk to the Hearing returned to the Council Chamber.

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Licensing Hearing - Monday, 31 October 2016

The Chairman advised the Hearing that the Sub-Committee had had regard to the information provided by the applicant and that the Sub-Committee had been concerned about the information contained within the exempted report, however after hearing from the applicant they were now satisfied that the applicant was 'fit and proper' to hold a licence as a Private Hire Driver. If further infractions occurred before the renewal of the licence these would be taken very seriously. The Sub-Committee were satisfied that the applicant had been honest, that his evidence was credible and that the Council's application system had genuinely been misunderstood.

It was therefore

Resolved: That the Private Hire Driver Licence 16/02403/TXDPH be granted for 1 year only, with the informative that any further infractions would be taken seriously at the time of review.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 11.27 am

Chairman

GAMBLING ACT 2005: LICENCE FEES FROM APRIL 2017

Licensing Committee - 4 January 2017

Report of Chief Officer Environmental and Operational Services

Status: For Decision

Also considered by: Council - 21 February 2017

Key Decision: No

This report supports the Key Aim of Safe Communities to aid in the reduction of crime within the District.

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Anna Firth (Legal and Democratic Services)

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Recommendation to the Licensing Committee:

That Full Council is recommended to approve the appropriate fee levels as set out in Appendix A.

Recommendation to Council:

That subject to the comments of the Licensing Committee, the fees set out in Appendix A are approved.

Reason for recommendation: to ensure that the Council complies with its statutory duty and ensure that the licensing of Gambling premises is self financing, in accordance with the Council's Service and Budget Plan. A fees model, similar to the one used to first set the Gambling Act fees in 2007 was used.

Introduction and Background

- 1 The Gambling Act 2005 Section 212 gives the Secretary of State power to make regulations prescribing the fees payable to the Licensing Authority. It also gives the power to devolve to Licensing Authorities in England and Wales the freedom to set fees for premises licence applications, subject to any constraints the Secretary of State may prescribe which includes a maximum fee level. The government has decided that for England and Wales, Licensing Authorities will determine their own fees for gambling premises licences but that the Secretary of State will prescribe the maximum fee payable for each category of licence.
- 2 The maximum levels have been included in Appendix A in brackets for comparison purposes. The previous years fees are printed in italics for your

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information. Those cells that are shaded in the body of the table are where we have reached the maximum fee level that may be set.

- 3 There is an initial fee to cover the cost of application and an annual fee.
- 4 Licensing Authorities have been asked to set fees to ensure full cost recovery and that the fee levels represent fairness and value for money for the gambling industry. All Licensing Authorities must set their fees upon a cost recovery basis only and will be required to review their fee levels on an annual basis to ensure this.
- 5 Fees must be set for all types of premises licences and Temporary Use Notices (TUN's).

Premises type

- Casinos
 - Bingo
 - Betting (off-course)
 - Tracks (on-course betting)
 - Adult Gaming Centres
 - Family Entertainment Centres
- 6 Fees must be set by each Licensing Authority for the following:
 - Application for a (new) premises licence
 - Application to vary a premises licence
 - Application to transfer the licence
 - Application for re-instatement of the premises licence
 - Application for a provisional statement
 - Application for a premises licence for a premises which already has a provisional statement
 - Fee to accompany a request for a copy of the premises licence
 - Fee to accompany a notification of change of circumstances (only relevant change is that of address)
 - Fee to accompany a temporary use notice

- 7 The District currently has six betting premises that will be affected by the proposed fee increases. There are no other gambling premises currently operating in the District. The betting premises are:
- William Hill - Swanley
 - Betfred - Swanley
 - Ladbrokes - Swanley
 - Coral - St. John's Hill, Sevenoaks
 - Coral - London Road, Sevenoaks
 - Coral - Edenbridge
- 8 The fees have been calculated by examining the time it takes to carry out the various tasks in processing the application and who in the authority is likely to carry them out. The hourly rates of staff are fed in to a spread sheet (originally produced by LACORS to calculate the Gambling Act fees) to calculate costs for each type of activity.
- 9 The type of tasks involved in Gambling premises application include assistance to applicant, checking of an application upon receipt, processing the application, assess representations for relevance, undertake informal mediation, undertaking site visits where necessary. Once processed determining the licence or arranging a hearing and holding a hearing, notification of the decision, prepare and issue the licence, update the records/register, appeal preparation and holding an appeal hearing.
- 10 The costs associated with an appeal and hearings have been estimated and an estimation has been made as to the likelihood of these events occurring is entered into the final calculations. The risk of appeals and hearings occurring has been based on the experience of our partners within the Licensing Partnership.
- 11 The result of the calculations is set out in Appendix A of the report. There are three figures for each licence type/fee. The figure in bold font is the new proposed fee, the figure in brackets is the maximum fee set by the legislation and the figure in italics is the existing fee. Those cells that are shaded in the body of the table are where we have reached the maximum level of fee that can be set.

Other Options Considered and/or Rejected

- 12 If the Licensing Committee were minded not to approve these fees the Council would not be able to meet the Council's Service and Budget Plan or ensure the licensing of Gambling premises was self-financing.

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Key Implications

Financial

The cost of licence fees takes into account the need to maintain a 'self financing' position for the service. The proposals contained in this report will achieve this. The current number of premises that will be subject to Gambling Act 2005 fees is six betting shops, whose annual fees will generate £3,390, a reduction in income of £495 in the budget.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

Should parts of industry believe the authority's fees are at a level which is greater than the costs of the statutory functions then it would be open to them to undertake a judicial review proceeding. Should this arise, the authority would need to evidence how it arrived at the fee levels to demonstrate that they have been calculated on a cost recovery basis only.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Appendices

Appendix A - Gambling Act 2005 fees from 2017

Background Papers

None

Richard Wilson

Chief Officer Environmental and Operational Services

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL'S GAMBLING ACT 2005 - FEES
From April 2017

Premises Type	New Application			Annual Fee		
	£			£		
Existing Casinos	n/a			n/a		
New Small Casino	7820	(8,000)	7700	4340	(5000)	4275
New Large Casino	9000	(10,000)	8845	7005	(10000)	6900
Bingo Club	2220	(3500)	2190	780	(1000)	770
Betting Premises (excluding Tracks)	2790	(3000)	2750	565	(600)	555
Tracks	1740	(2500)	1710	780	(1000)	770
Family Entertainment Centres	1740	(2000)	1710	640	(750)	630
Adult Gaming Centre	1740	(2000)	1710	780	(750)	770
Temporary Use Notice	225	(500)	220	N/A		

	Application to Vary	Application to Transfer	Application for Re-Instatement	Application for Provisional Statement	Licence Application (provisional Statement holders)	Copy Licence	Notification of Change
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Existing Casinos	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Small Casino	3820	1645	1645	7875	2810	12	28
	(4000)	(1800)	(1800)	(8000)	(3000)	(25)	(50)
	<i>3760</i>	<i>1620</i>	<i>1620</i>	<i>7760</i>	<i>2700</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>27</i>
New Large Casino	4275	2090	2090	9005	4125	12	28
	(5000)	(2150)	(2150)	(10000)	(5000)	(25)	(50)
	<i>4210</i>	<i>2060</i>	<i>2060</i>	<i>8870</i>	<i>4065</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>27</i>
Bingo Club	1670	1200	405	2220	1200	12	28
	(1750)	(1200)	(1200)	(3500)	(1200)	(25)	(50)
	<i>1645</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>2190</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>27</i>
Betting Premises (excluding tracks)	1500	1200	385	1740	1200	12	28
	(1500)	(1200)	(1200)	(3000)	(1200)	(25)	(50)
	<i>1480</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>380</i>	<i>1715</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>27</i>
Tracks	1250	950	385	1695	950	12	28
	(1250)	(950)	(1200)	(2500)	(950)	(25)	(50)
	<i>1250</i>	<i>950</i>	<i>380</i>	<i>1670</i>	<i>950</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>27</i>
Family Entertainment Centres	1000	950	390	1735	950	12	28
	(1000)	(950)	(950)	(2000)	(950)	(25)	(50)
	<i>1000</i>	<i>950</i>	<i>385</i>	<i>1710</i>	<i>950</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>27</i>
Adult Gaming Centre	1000	1200	390	1735	1200	12	28
	(1000)	(1200)	(950)	(2000)	(1200)	(25)	(50)
	<i>1000</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>385</i>	<i>1710</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>27</i>
Temporary Use Notice	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	28
						(25)	(50)
						<i>11</i>	<i>27</i>

The proposed new fees as shown in bold type in the table above. For ease of reference the maximum fees identified by DCMS that could be charged are shown in brackets and last year's fees are in italics. Those cells that are shaded in the body of the table are where we have reached the maximum level of fee that can be set.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982: LICENCE FEES FROM APRIL 2017

Licensing Committee - 4 January 2017

Report of Chief Officer Environmental and Operational Services

Status: For Decision

Also considered by: Council - 21 February 2017

Key Decision: No

This report supports the Key Aim of Safe Communities to aid in the reduction of crime within the District.

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Anna Firth (Legal and Democratic Services)

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Recommendation to the Licensing Committee:

That Full Council is recommended to approve the appropriate fee levels as set out in paragraph 4.

Recommendation to Council:

That subject to the comments of the Licensing Committee, the fees set out in paragraph 4 are approved.

Reason for recommendation: to ensure that the Council complies with its statutory duty and ensure that the licensing of Sexual Establishments is self financing, in accordance with the Council's Service and Budget Plan. A fees model, similar to the one used to first set the Gambling Act fees in 2007 was used.

Introduction and Background

- 1 The fees have been calculated by examining the time it takes to carry out the various tasks in processing the application and who in the authority is likely to carry them out. The hourly rates of staff are fed in to a spread sheet (originally produced by LACORS to calculate the Gambling Act fees) to calculate costs for each type of activity.
- 2 The type of tasks involved in Sexual Establishment premises application include assistance to applicant, checking of an application upon receipt, processing the application, assess representations for relevance, undertake informal mediation, undertaking site visits where necessary. Once processed determining the licence or arranging a hearing and holding a hearing,

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notification of the decision, prepare and issue the licence, update the records/register, appeal preparation and holding an appeal hearing.

- 3 The costs associated with an appeal and hearings have been estimated and an estimation has been made as to the likelihood of these events occurring is entered into the final calculations. The risk of appeals and hearings occurring has been based on the experience of our partners within the Licensing Partnership. This has been increased in likelihood following the recent applications at Maidstone Borough Council.
- 4 The result of the calculations is that a fee of £3,580 is set for a new application or a renewal application. The experience of our partners is that as many representations are received for a new and renewal application. However, there is less likely to be a hearing for a transfer of an application and therefore this cost is set at £1,795. The existing fee is £3,100 for all licence types.

Other Options Considered and/or Rejected

- 5 If the Licensing Committee were minded not to approve these fees the Council would not be able to meet the Council's Service and Budget Plan or ensure the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venue premises was self-financing.

Key Implications

Financial

The cost of licence fees takes into account the need to maintain a 'self financing' position for the service. The proposals contained in this report will achieve this. However, there are no Sexual Entertainment Venues within the District at the moment.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

Should parts of industry believe the authority's fees are at a level which is greater than the costs of the statutory functions then it would be open to them to undertake a judicial review proceeding. Should this arise, the authority would need to evidence how it arrived at the fee levels to demonstrate that they have been calculated on a cost recovery basis only.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

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HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING: LICENCE FEES FROM APRIL 2017

Licensing Committee - 4 January 2017

Report of Chief Officer Environmental and Operational Services

Status: For Decision

Key Decision: No

This report supports the Key Aim of Safe and Caring Communities and Dynamic and Sustainable Economy

Portfolio Holder Cllr Firth (Legal and Democratic Services)

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Recommendation to Licensing Committee:

That the Licensing Committee recommend that the fee levels as set out in paragraph 10 of the report are appropriate for consultation with the taxi trade.

If following consultation there are no adverse comments to the proposed levels the recommendation is that the proposed fees and charges are implemented from 1 April 2017 and no further meeting is required to confirm the fees.

Reason for recommendation:

To ensure that the Council complies with its statutory duty and ensure that the 'Taxi Licensing' service remains self-financing, in accordance with the Council's Service and Budget Plan.

Introduction and Background

- 1 This taxi licensing service is required to be self-financing and the proposed increases to fees will ensure this is maintained.
- 2 The licence fees and associated costs of 'taxi' licensing are proposed to be increased in line with the Council's Service and Budget Plan. A fees model, similar to the one used to first set the Gambling Act fees in 2007 was used to calculate the fees and charges. The fees have been calculated by examining the time it takes to carry out the various tasks in processing the application and who in the authority is likely to carry them out. The hourly rates of staff are fed in to a spread sheet to calculate costs for each type of activity.
- 3 Careful monitoring of income and expenditure has been carried out over the current financial year and the income from licence fees and associated

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costs, together with expenditure has been in accordance with the objectives laid out in the budget plan. There are minimal changes to the fees this year due to efficiency savings that have been made within the Licensing Partnership.

- 4 The type of tasks involved in taxi licensing applications include assistance to applicant, checking of an application upon receipt, processing the application. Once processed determining the licence or arranging a hearing and holding a hearing, notification of the decision, prepare and issue the licence, update the records/register, appeal preparation and holding an appeal hearing. Compliance tests of drivers, vehicles and operators. Training of Officers and Members has also been included, as well as the cost of consumables.
- 5 As a result of using this method for the first time last year some of the fees resulted in a considerable rise in the fees. Therefore, last year a part increase in the fees was proposed and accepted. The remaining increase in fees has been proposed this year. The principle fee that is affected is the fee for a new Hackney Carriage driver. All other fees remain very similar to those imposed last year.
- 6 Following the introduction of the online forms more applicants, particularly renewal applicants are using this facility and therefore the cost for renewals has not increased. However, the licensing of a new driver is more time intensive and therefore we have not been able to mitigate the required increase in fee level.
- 7 In September 2016 all Council Chief Executives were contacted by the Driving Standards Agency (DVSA) to advise them that they were withdrawing the service of testing the driving standards for new drivers. The Council found an alternative test which costs applicants less money but maintains the standards of the previous test. The fee is now £70. All new drivers are required to take the test in accordance with the Council's 'Taxi Licensing Policy'. The fee is paid by the applicant directly to TGTraining.
- 8 The Cedars Surgery at Swanley is the current approved Centre for medical examinations with respect to Driver Licence applications in accordance with the Taxi Licensing Policy. Cedars Surgery won the tender during 2015 with a reduced fee payable by the applicant of £45, previously the cost was £50. This is the second reduction in the cost of the medical fee.
- 9 The fee for the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) Enhanced Search remains the same at £44. However, applicants can now register online when they apply for a DBS search. The registration lasts for one year and costs £13 per year. This would save an applicant £5 over three years. It allows applicants to take their search certificate from one job to the next and removes the need for an enhanced search to be carried out upon renewal. The Licensing Team promotes the uptake of the online checking service as it assists in streamlining the online form application process.

- 10 The three costs mentioned in the two preceding paragraphs, which a new applicant has to pay, means, that in addition to the licence fee set by Members, a new applicant for a Hackney Carriage driver licence will have to pay, if the recommended licence fee increase is approved, a total of £389 from 1 April 2017 whilst an applicant for a renewal of a licence will pay a total of £189 from the same date.

	Application for a new HC driver licence	Renewal of a HC driver's licence	Application for a new PH driver licence	Renewal of a PH driver's licence
Application	£230.00	£100	£150	£100
DBS enhanced search	£44.00	£44.00	£44.00	£44.00
Medical	£45.00	£45.00	£45.00	£45.00
Driving Standards Assessment test	£70	Not applicable	£70	Not applicable
Total	£389	£189	£309	£189

	Existing Fees	New Fees from April 2017
Hackney Carriage Driver Licence		
On initial application	£180 for three years	£230 for three years
Disclosure Barring Service search fee	£44 every three years or £13 per year if they sign up to the DBS online service	£44 every three years or £13 per year if they sign up to the DBS online service
Total (including DBS fee)	£224 for three years	£274 for three years
On renewal	£100 for three years	£100 for three years

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	Existing Fees	New Fees from April 2017
Disclosure Barring Service search fee	£44 every three years or £13 per year if they sign up to the DBS online service	£44 every three years or £13 per year if they sign up to the DBS online service
Total (including DBS fee)	£144 for three years	£144 for three years
Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	£325 for one year	£325 for one year
Private Hire Operator Licence		
On initial application - 5 year licence	£470 for five years	£480 for five years
On renewal - 5 year licence	£460 for five years	£465 for five years
On initial application - 3 year licence	£325 for three years	£330 for three years
On renewal - 3 year licence	£310 for three years	£315 for three years
On initial application - 1 year licence	£180 for one year	£180 for one year
On renewal - 1 year licence	£165 for one year	£170 for one year
Private Hire Driver Licence		
On initial application	£150	£150
Disclosure Barring Service search fee	£44 every three years or £13 per year if they sign up to the DBS online service	£44 every three years or £13 per year if they sign up to the DBS online service
Total (including DBS fee)	£194 for three years	£194 for three years
On renewal	£100 for three years	£100 for three years

	Existing Fees	New Fees from April 2017
Disclosure Barring Service search fee	£44 every three years or £13 per year if they sign up to the DBS online service	£44 every three years or £13 per year if they sign up to the DBS online service
Total (including DBS fee)	£144 for three years	£144 for three years
Private Hire Vehicle Licence	£325 for one year	£325 for one year
Additional Costs		
Change from Hackney Carriage to Private Hire	£70	£70
Change from Private Hire to Hackney Carriage	£90	£90
Replace vehicle plate	£23	£23
Replace driver badge	£9.50	£10
Vehicle re-test	£54.85	£54.85
Vehicle partial re-test	£27.43	£27.43
Change of ownership of licensed vehicle	£69	£69
Attempting “Knowledge Test” after one failure	£50	£50
Failure to attend in time for the vehicle test (10 minutes prior to the test start time)	£27.43	£27.43
Failure to attend with correct documentation	£27.43	£27.43
Copy of existing paper licence	£11	£12

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	Existing Fees	New Fees from April 2017
Change of address details for a replacement licence	£11	£12
Change of name for a vehicle or operator licence	£11	£12
Change of name and address for a driver badge	£20	£21
Medical fee for a new and renewal driver licence for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire payable directly to The Cedars Surgery	£50 for three years payable directly to the surgery	£45 for three years payable directly to the surgery
<p>Replacement Vehicles</p> <p>If a licensed vehicle is replaced during the valid licence period then the cost of licensing the replacement vehicle will be £290. However, if the vehicle is replaced within six months of the issue of the licence then the fee will be reduced by £60.</p> <p>If a licensed vehicle is replaced temporarily for up to 2 months because of damage to it then the fee will be £99 to test and licence the replacement vehicle and a further £99 to test and re-licence the original vehicle.</p>		

- 11 The figures provided for the types of licence are as a result of using the spreadsheets as detailed above. This provides us with a far more accurate method of determining whether the Council is covering its costs for the Taxis and Private Hire Licensing service.
- 12 The Licensing Partnership will email those Hackney Carriage Proprietors, Private Hire Operators and Drivers where we have their email addresses to advise them of the proposed fees. Should adverse comments be received regarding the fees a further Licensing Committee meeting will be held to provide them the opportunity to make comment. A Notice will also be available on the Council's website.

Other Options Considered and/or Rejected

- 13 If the Licensing Committee were minded not to approve these fees the Council would not be able to meet the Council's Service and Budget Plan or ensure the Taxi Licensing Service was self-financing.

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