

REPORT TO	DATE OF MEETING
GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE	14th April 2015

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SUBJECT	PORTFOLIO	AUTHOR	ITEM
Taxi Licensing Fees & Charges	REGENERATION, LEISURE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES	Wajed Iqbal	

SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 contains provisions for a Licencing Authority to determine the fees it charges for taxi and private hire services.

Section 53(2) provides the mechanism for charging for Hackney and Private Hire Driver's badges, with section 70 providing for Hackney Carriage, Private Hire Vehicles and Private Hire Operators fees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee to approve the proposed fees following no representations / objections / comments after placing a Public Notice in the local newspaper.

DETAILS AND REASONING

Recent cases have highlighted the need for the Licensing Authority to ensure that it keeps its fees and charges under review.

The Council's fees in respect of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing should be set with a view to recovering the costs of issue and administration. They cannot be charged to fund the costs of enforcement action against un-licensed drivers or vehicles.

Following the previous Committee meeting on 24th February 2015, a Public Notice was placed in the Lancashire Evening Post with the proposals of the new Licensing fees.

The final date for representations / objections was 30th March 2015.

There were no representations / objections / comments received at the Licensing Office in relation to the proposed fees.

Therefore, the Committee are requested to approve the proposed fees to affirm the earlier decision.

WIDER IMPLICATIONS

In the preparation of this report, consideration has been given to the impact of its proposals in all the areas shown below. A risk assessment has also been carried out. The table shows the implications in respect of each of these.

FINANCIAL	None arising from consultation
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LEGAL	None arising from consultation
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RISK	None arising from consultation
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THE IMPACT ON EQUALITY	None
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OTHER (see below)	
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<i>Asset Management</i>	<i>Corporate Plans and Policies</i>	<i>Crime and Disorder</i>	<i>Efficiency Savings/Value for Money</i>
<i>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion</i>	<i>Freedom of Information/ Data Protection</i>	<i>Health and Safety</i>	<i>Health Inequalities</i>
<i>Human Rights Act 1998</i>	<i>Implementing Electronic Government</i>	<i>Staffing, Training and Development</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>