

REVIEW OF LICENSING FEES**Report By: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING STANDARDS****Wards Affected**

1. County wide

Purpose

2. To consider implementing revised licence fees for the specified councils licensing functions issued by the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Licensing Section.

Background

3. The fees have not been increased since March 2005.
4. The proposed table of fees and the existing fees are shown in appendix 1
5. The table in Appendix 2 lists the type of licences issued by the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Licensing Service and indicated whether the council has power to set their own fees or whether the fees have been set by statute.
6. Where the council has been permitted to set its own the fees the legislation requires the local authority to charge a reasonable price to cover the cost of administering the licences.
7. The fees have been set at a rate intended to cover the cost to the council of issuing the licences and to ensure the council does not make a profit from the fees.

Options

8. It is for the Regulatory Committee to decide whether to:
 - a) adopt the licence fees as Council policy
 - b) set its own fees; or
 - c) reach some other conclusion.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposed licensing fees, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report, be adopted.