

8 TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT OF LICENCE FEES FOR SPARE AND REPLACEMENT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES. THE TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

REPORT BY: Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

1. To consider a reduction in the cost for spare and replacement vehicle applications.

Legislation

2. The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s70 allows the local authority to levy fees in respect of applications.

Background

3. The current taxi fees were reviewed and increased in April 2007 (appendix 1).
4. Since the new fees have been in operation it has become evident that two of the application fees need adjustment. Complaints have been received and investigated resulting in this report.
5. It is proposed the fees adjustments should take affect from the date of this Committee agreeing the new fees and that appropriate refunds should be given for applicants who have paid the higher price since April 2007.

Proposal for amended fees.

6. The proposed table of fees compared to the existing fees is shown in Appendix 2.
7. The break down in costs are shown in Appendix 3

Risk Management

7. If the fees are not changed this may lead to increased complaints resulting in Officer time being taken up responding to them.

RECOMMENDATION

Further information on the subject of this report is available from
Suzanne Laughland Licensing Manager 01432361675.

THAT the changes to the fees be agreed and appropriate refunds issued to existing applicants who have paid the higher charge since April 2007.

Appendix 1

Taxi licensing fees		Fees from 10th April 2007
Hackney carriage vehicle	New / Renewal/Transfer plate (will require vehicle examination certificate Below)	210.00
Private hire vehicle	New / Renewal/Transfer plate (will require vehicle examination certificate Below)	210.00
Private hire operator	1 vehicle	80.00
	2-5 vehicles	120.00
	Over 5 vehicles	180.00
	Plus (Annual Standard CRB cost if applicant has not had one previously)	
Dual driver badge	New (will require a CRB, medical and knowledge test at an additional cost)	120.00
	3 year renewal (will require a CRB at additional cost)	85.00
	Annual Self declaration renewal (not new or 3 year renewal)	45.00
Change of proprietor of vehicle		65.00
Change of vehicle on plate	Plus (vehicle examination certificate Below)	210.00
Application to licence a spare vehicle	Plus (vehicle examination certificate Below)	210.00
Replacement of driver badge		10.50
Replacement of vehicle plate		35.00
CRB		36.00
Knowledge test		12.00
Vehicle test Rotherwas		42.00
Doctors examination	Cost payable by examination	
Doctors paper medical referral		30.00
Application that varies from standard conditions	(Plus New application fee)	150.00

Appendix 2

Proposed change in fees

Application to licence a spare vehicle	Current fee £210 + £42 (test fee) = £252	Proposed fee £120 + £42 (test fee) = £162
Change of vehicle on plate	£210 + £42 (test fee) = £252	3 months or less left on licence = £190 + £42 = £232 6 months or less left on licence = £155 + £42 = £197 9 months or less left on licence = £120 + £42 = £162

Appendix 3

Table illustrating costs

Cost	Activity
£85	Process application
£35	Make Plate
£35	Visit
£42	Rotherwas Test Centre