

Monday, 17 March 2014

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General Licensing Committee

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Agenda

- 1 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2014 - Previously circulated.**
- 2 Apologies for absence.**
- 3 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) by members as required under Section 31 of the Localism Act and of other interests as required by the Code of Conduct (please see note at end of agenda).**
- 4 Questions by members of the public.**

On matters not already included on the agenda and for which prior written notice has been given (total time allowed 15 minutes).

5 Urgent items of business.

The Chairman to notify the Committee of any items of urgent business to be added to the agenda.

6 Right to address the meeting/order of business.

The Chairman to report any requests received to address the Committee from a member of the public or from a Councillor in respect of an item listed below and to invite the Committee to consider taking such items at the commencement of the meeting.

7 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Fee Amendment. (Pages 1 - 76)

Report of Senior Specialist Advisor.

Inspection of Background Papers – Please see contact details listed in each report.

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Agenda Item 7

BODY: General Licensing Committee

DATE: 17th March 2014

SUBJECT: Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing Fee Amendment

REPORT OF: Jay Virgo, Senior Specialist Advisor.

Ward(s): All

Purpose: To consider the representations received in during consultation on the proposals which were put before Committee on 13th January 2014 and to determine the future fee structure to be applied

Contact: Jay Virgo, Senior Specialist Advisor, Telephone 01323 415933 or internally on extension 5933
E-mail address jay.virgo@eastbourne.gov.uk

Recommendations: Members are recommended:

- 1) To consider the representations received in during the consultation process alongside the proposals for a new fee structure to come into effect on 1st April 2014
- 2) To determine the fee structure to be applied to the hackney carriage and private hire trade going forward.
- 3) To agree to remove the individual hackney carriage and private hire driver licences, whilst retaining the dual driver's licence.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Council's hackney carriage and private hire licensing function is self-financing. The fees which are levied are reviewed in consultation with Financial Management to ensure that there is neither a surplus nor deficit in the hackney carriage and private hire account.
- 1.2 On the 13th January 2014 this committee agreed to consult on proposals to amend the hackney carriage and private hire licensing fees. Minutes of that meeting and a copy of the report are contained in **Appendix 1**.

2.0 Fee-Setting: General Principles

- 2.1 In order to ensure that council tax payers are not subsidising the work involved in the administration of licensing functions, income is raised by licence fees. These fees must not be used to raise revenue but instead are set at a level which aims to cover the cost of administering the function within the constraints of regulation.
- 2.2 Case law has established a number of points relevant to fee-setting. It has confirmed that approximate calculations of anticipated costs are sufficient to discharge the requirement that the licensing authority endeavour to achieve a break-even position. Surpluses as well as deficits must be carried over year on year, for local authorities must not make a profit. A shortfall in one year may

moreover be rectified by increasing costs the following year where needed, although the council does not have to adjust the licence fee every year to reflect any previous deficit or surplus.

2.3 The setting of hackney carriage and private hire licensing fees is subject to the specific requirements of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, as outlined later in this report. It is a requirement that such fees are reasonable and imposed 'with a view to recovering the costs of issue and administration'. This can include the following:

- The reasonable cost of carrying out vehicle inspections to decide if a licence should be granted
- The reasonable costs of providing hackney carriage stands
- Any reasonable administrative or other costs in connection with vehicle inspection and providing hackney carriage stands and
- Any reasonable administrative or other costs in the control and supervision of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles, including the costs of assessing the suitability of applicants.

It will also include the costs of badge issuing and other administrative tasks, as well as enforcement undertaken in respect of licensed (but importantly not unlicensed) drivers.

3.0 Proposed Fee Amendment

3.1 The legislation governing this area is the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. Section 70 of that Act imposes a statutory requirement that the authority advertise proposed licence fee increases in the local press so as to give members of the public and the trade an opportunity to object to the proposals within 28 days of the advertisement.

3.2 In accordance with **Appendix 2**, the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provides that representations received in from either the trade or the public must be put before this Committee. The task of considering the representations and determining the new fee structure to be implemented falls to the Committee.

3.3 Accordingly a public notice was placed in the Eastbourne Gazette published on the 28th January 2014. It invited representations up until 3rd March 2014: a period which exceeds the statutory minimum. Notices were also exhibited at the Town Hall and at 1 Grove Road. Additionally, a public consultation page was also set up on the Councils website.

3.4 All members of the hackney carriage and private hire trade were in addition written to individually regarding the consultation and were invited to make representations regarding the proposed amendment to the fees. A copy of the letter sent to the trade is included in **Appendix 3**.

3.5 Specific attention was drawn to the following proposed amendments:

- 1) Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicle Licence Fee = £150 per annum, paid yearly
- 2) To retain a single dual drivers' Licence Fee of £315 paid every 3 years (an

equivalent of £105 p.a.). An additional £44 will also be payable for the Disclosure and Barring Service every three years. The dual licence fee will enable all members of the trade to drive either a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle, subject to suitable insurance.

- 3) The proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment is determined by the number of vehicles licenced by each operator, set out in Figure 1:

Figure 1: Proposed Operator Fees

Licence for 1 – 2 vehicles	£ 70.00
Licence for 3 – 4 vehicles	£ 85.00
Licence for 5 – 10 vehicles	£ 150.00
Licence for 11 – 15 vehicles	£ 200.00
Licence for 16 – 20 vehicles	£ 250.00
Licence for 21 – 30 vehicles	£ 350.00
Licence for 31 – 40 vehicles	£ 450.00
Licence for 41 – 60 vehicles	£ 700.00
Licence for 61 – 80 vehicles	£ 880.00
Licence for 81 – 100 vehicles	£1100.00
Licence for 101 – and above	£1400.00

4.0 Response Received to the Consultation

4.1 A copy of all representations received is included in **Appendix 4**.

4.2 Trade members were invited to respond to the following questions as laid out in the correspondence included in **Appendix 3**.

- Do you agree with the proposed vehicle licence fee amendment that would charge hackney Carriage and Private Hire proprietors the same fee? (Yes/No – Give reasons)
- Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No – Give reasons)
- Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure? (Yes/No – Give reasons)
- Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

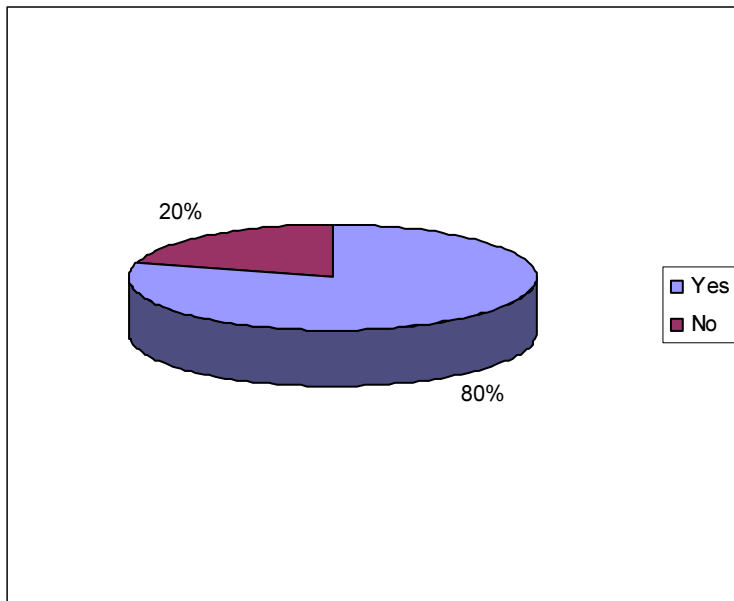
The rationale for the questions was to facilitate empirical measurement of the responses received.

4.3 In total 960 letters were sent to members of the trade. This included all drivers, proprietors and operators. This was to ensure that all members of the trade were included in the consultation process. The authority received 50 responses from the trade.

4.4 A copy of all representations received is included in **Appendix 3**.

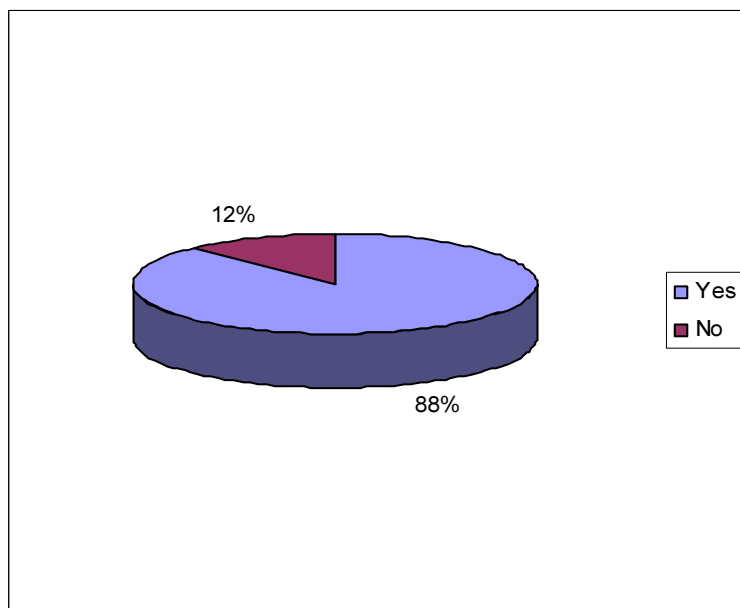
4.5 In response to the first question 80% agreed with the proposal and 20% disagreed, as per Figure 2:

Figure 2: Do you agree with the proposed vehicle licence fee amendment that would charge hackney Carriage and Private Hire proprietors the same fee?



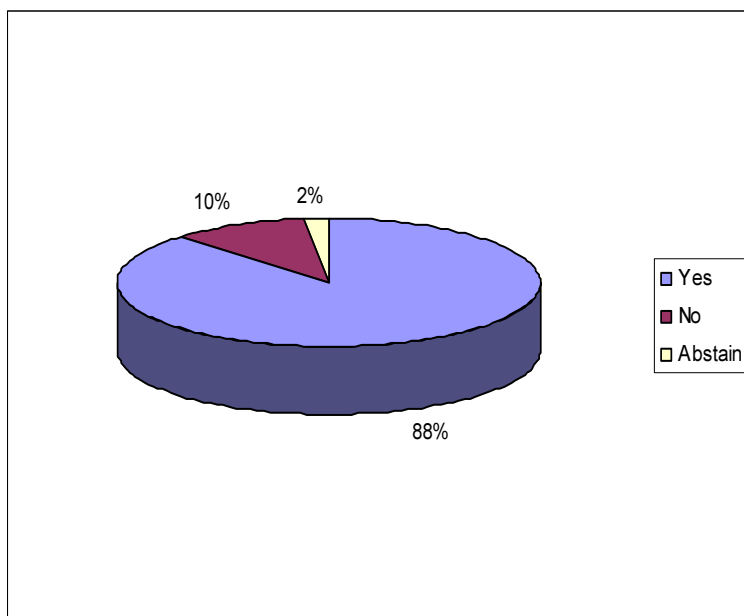
4.6 In response to the second question 88% agreed with the proposal and 12% disagreed, as per Figure 3:

Figure 3: Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee?



4.7 In response to the third question 88% agreed with the proposal, 10% disagreed and 2% abstained, as per Figure 4

Figure 4: Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure?



5.0 Implementation of New Fee Proposals

5.1 In accordance with **Appendix 2**, this Committee must consider all representations received in regarding the proposed licence fee amendment.

5.2 Having considered the representations, this Committee may either:

- Agree to adopt the proposed fee changes which were consulted upon, or
- Adopt an amended version of the proposals

It is not recommended that the Committee allow the fees to remain at their current level and form as the current level of fees charged will not cover the cost of the function on an ongoing basis.

5.3 While the new fee arrangements must come into effect no later than **1st June 2014** in order to accord with statutory timescales, it is recommended that the Committee agree that any new proposals come into force from 1st April 2014 so as to accord with the new financial year.

6.0 Legal Considerations

6.1 The Council's Legal Officer has been fully consulted.

7.0 Financial & Resource Implications

7.1 The Council's Finance Team is actively involved in the project to set fees and charges at fair and proportionate levels so that the income received does not exceed the cost of the function and the service is effectively self-financing. They have been fully consulted on this report and have been advised accordingly.

8.0 Human Rights

8.1 The provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998 must be borne in mind by the Committee when taking licensing decisions. Particular regard should be had to

Article 1 of the First Protocol, which relates to the protection of property and the peaceful enjoyment of possessions and property.

- 8.2 Article 8 relates to the right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence - should also be borne in mind. While the Human Rights Act makes it unlawful for a local authority to act or to fail to act in a way that is incompatible with a Convention right, Article 1 of the First Protocol and Article 8 are both qualified rights which means that interference - to a justifiable extent - may be permitted as long as what is done:
Has a basis in law;

- Is intended to pursue a legitimate purpose
- Is necessary and proportionate; and
- Is not discriminatory;

9.0 An Equality and Fairness Analysis

- 9.1 An Equality and Fairness analysis and scoping report will be carried out.

10.0 Summary

The report outlines the key elements of the procedural requirements required to implement a licence fee amendment. Subject to committee approval, it lays the foundation for proposals which ensure that the fee income received reflects the cost of running the function in accordance with the law.

Background papers

Taxi Licensing Law and Practice 3rd Ed, James Button

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Town Police Clauses Act 1847

Appendix 1: Report and Minutes from General Licensing Committee 13th Jan 2014 Agenda Item 7

BODY: General Licensing

DATE: 13th January 2014

SUBJECT: Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing Fee Amendment

REPORT OF: Jay Virgo, Senior Specialist Advisor.

Ward(s): All

Purpose: To ask the Committee to approve the publication of the proposed hackney carriage and private hire licence fees detailed in this report, and to agree that the Council charge the fees outlined here with effect from 1st April 2014 if no objections are received in during the required period.

Contact: Jay Virgo, Senior Specialist Advisor, Telephone 01323 415933 or internally on extension 5933
E-mail address jay.virgo@eastbourne.gov.uk

Recommendations: Members are recommended to:

- 1) approve the publication of the proposed hackney carriage and private hire licence fees detailed in this report at figures 3a and 3b in accordance with statutory requirements, and
- 2) To agree that the fees outlined here will come into effect from 1st April 2014 if no objections are received in during the required consultation period.

1.0 Background

1.1 The Council's hackney carriage and private hire licensing function is self-financing. The fees which are levied are reviewed in consultation with Financial Management to ensure that there is neither a surplus nor deficit in the hackney carriage and private hire account.

2.0 Fee-Setting: General Principles

2.1 In order to ensure that council tax payers are not subsidising the work involved in the administration of licensing functions, income is raised by licence fees. These fees must not be used to raise revenue but instead are set at a level which aims to cover the cost of administering the function within the constraints of regulation.

2.2 Case law has established a number of points relevant to fee-setting. It has confirmed that approximate calculations of anticipated costs are sufficient to discharge the requirement that the licensing authority endeavour to achieve a break-even position. Surpluses as well as deficits must be carried over year on year, for local authorities must not make a profit. A shortfall in one year may moreover be rectified by increasing costs the following year where needed, although the council does not have to adjust the licence fee every year to reflect any previous deficit or surplus.

2.3 The setting of hackney carriage and private hire licensing fees is subject to the specific requirements of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, as outlined later in this report. It is a requirement that such fees are reasonable and imposed 'with a view to recovering the costs of issue and administration'. This can include the following:

- The reasonable cost of carrying out vehicle inspections to decide if a licence should be granted
- The reasonable costs of providing hackney carriage stands
- Any reasonable administrative or other costs in connection with vehicle inspection and providing hackney carriage stands and
- Any reasonable administrative or other costs in the control and supervision of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles, including the costs of assessing the suitability of applicants.

It will also include the costs of badge issuing and other administrative tasks, as well as enforcement undertaken in respect of licensed (but importantly not unlicensed) drivers.

3.0 Fees: Current and Proposed

3.1 Individuals are currently required to obtain either a hackney carriage driver's licence, a private hire driver's licence or a dual driver's licence to enable them to drive a licensed vehicle. The vehicle that the driver utilises must also be licensed. Additionally, private hire operators require a licence in order for them to take bookings on behalf of the drivers/vehicles within their fleet.

3.2 The current table of licence fees is laid out in Figure 1 below:

Figure 1: Current table of fees:

2013-2014	Number	Fee	Annualised Fee
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	102	£187	£187
Private Hire Vehicles	342	£95	£95
Hackney Carriage Drivers	85	£255	£85
Private Hire Drivers	308	£255	£85
Dual Drivers Licence	103	£286	£95
Private Hire Operators	18	£62-£1277	£62-£1277

3.3 The private hire operator fee levied is dependant on the number of private hire vehicles that the operator has within the fleet. The current fees are tabulated in Figure 2 below:

Figure 2: Current Private Hire Operator Fees

Licence for 1 – 2 vehicles	£ 62.00
Licence for 3 – 4 vehicles	£ 82.00
Licence for 5 – 10 vehicles	£ 144.00
Licence for 11 – 15 vehicles	£ 196.00
Licence for 16 – 20 vehicles	£ 247.00
Licence for 21 – 30 vehicles	£ 350.00
Licence for 31 – 40 vehicles	£ 453.00
Licence for 41 – 60 vehicles	£ 659.00
Licence for 61 – 80 vehicles	£ 865.00
Licence for 81 – 100 vehicles	£1071.00
Licence for 101 – and above	£1277.00

- 3.4 Hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licence fees are paid annually, as is the private hire operator fee. The driver licence fees are however paid every three years. Figures 1 and Figure 3a include all fees – including the driver licence fees - expressed annually for comparative purposes.
- 3.5 The last fee amendment took place in April 2001. As a result, there has been no change in the fees levied for over twelve years.
- 3.6 **Appendix 1** tabulates all taxi and private hire fees and charges currently levied at the current time, including the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) fee of £44. This is an additional fee that is added to the relevant driver licence fee and is subsequently paid by the Council to the DBS.
- 3.7 It is envisaged that going forward members of the trade *may* utilise the DBS online service directly. Hence, in the future, payment of £44 for this service *may* not be included as an addition to the driver licence fee for all drivers. However, for the foreseeable future, a further £44 will be required from most drivers in addition to the fees tabulated in Figure 1 and the proposed fees tabulated in Figure 3a.
- 3.8 The proposed table of licence fees is laid out in Figure 3a and 3b below.

Figure 3a: Proposed table of fees:

2013-2014	Number	Fee	Annualised Fee
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	102	£150	£150
Private Hire Vehicles	342	£150	£150
Hackney Carriage Drivers	Remove	£0	£0
Private Hire Drivers	Remove	£0	£0
Dual Drivers Licence	496	£315	£105
Private Hire Operators	18	£70-£1400	£70-£1400

Figure 3b: Proposed Private Hire Operator Fees

Licence for 1 – 2 vehicles	£ 70.00
Licence for 3 – 4 vehicles	£ 85.00
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- 3.9 The proposed removal of the hackney carriage and private hire driver licences, whilst retaining the dual driver's licence, is intended to rationalise the fee structure. It is envisaged that in the future all drivers will utilise a universal (dual) driver's licence that may be used in conjunction with either a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licence. A single fee, payable every 3 years, will therefore enable a driver to drive either a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle.
- 3.10 The proposed reduction in the hackney carriage vehicle licence fee from £187 to £150 and the increase in the private hire vehicle licence fee from £95 to £150 will ensure that the fees are set at the same level going forward. Historically a difference in fees levied from the hackney carriage and private hire trades was required to fund a patent unmet demand survey in respect of the hackney carriage trade. At the current time, however, as a consequence of the Council's current delimitation policy, there is no requirement for a patent unmet demand survey. There is therefore no justification for not setting fees at the same level across both arms of the trade so as to reflect an even distribution of the costs of the Council performing this regulatory function.
- 3.11 Abridged accounts for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 are shown below in Figure 4.

Figure 4: Abridged accounts for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013

	2011-2012	2012-2013
Total Expenditure	£148,348	£129,111
Net Income	£115,294	£120,267
Net Annual Expenditure	£33,054	£8,844
Net cumulative Surplus	£21,772	£12,928

- 3.12 While expenditure has exceeded income during the last two financial years, the surplus which has been carried forward has offset this. However the Council's *projected* budget at the 2013/14 year end for the costs of administering and ensuring compliance with the scheme indicates a **potential budget deficit** of **£12K**. Therefore the proposed licence fee amendment is intended to address this projected deficit in the short to medium term.

- 3.13 For comparative purposes Figure 5 includes the fees charged by neighbouring authorities for licensed vehicles and drivers. All fees are on an annualised basis:

Figure 5: Neighbouring Authority Fees

Neighbouring Authority	Hackney Carriage Fee	Private Hire Vehicle Fee	Driver Licence Fee
Hastings	£205	£205	£100
Lewes	£180	£180	£120
Adur	£352	£259	£88
Worthing	£230	£191	£92
Ashford	£270	£270	£49
Mid Sussex	£226	£192	£46
Rother	£225	£225	£105
Wealden	£200	£185	£100
Eastbourne (Proposed)	£150	£150	£105 (ex DBS fee)

- 3.14 The data in Figure 5 clearly indicates that the proposed level of fees is highly competitive when viewed alongside the charges levied by neighbouring authorities. Monthly budget monitoring, to enable predicted year end budgets, will facilitate the requirement for licence fee reviews going forward. This will ensure that as far as foreseeable, the service runs at cost.

4.0 Implementation of New Fee Proposals

- 4.1 The legislation governing this area is the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. Section 70 of that Act imposes a statutory requirement that the authority advertise proposed licence fee increases in the local press so as to give members of the public and the trade an opportunity to object to the proposals within 28 days of the advertisement. The procedure is documented in **Appendix 2**.
- 4.2 As part of the consultation process, all members of the hackney carriage and private hire trade will be individually written to outlining the proposals for the fee change and inviting representations. This will give the trade the opportunity to raise objections.
- 4.3 In accordance with **Appendix 2**, if any objections are received in from either the trade or the public then before any new scheme is implemented the matter will instead be brought back before this Committee. The task of considering the objections and determining the new fee structure to be implemented will then fall to members.
- 4.4 If no objections are received then the proposed new fee structure will be implemented from 1 April 2014.

5.0 Legal Considerations

- 5.1 The Council's Legal Officer has been fully consulted.

6.0 Financial & Resource Implications

- 6.1 The Council's Finance Team is actively involved in the project to set fees and charges

at fair and proportionate levels so that the income received does not exceed the cost of the function and the service is effectively self-financing. They have been fully consulted on this report and have advised accordingly.

7.0 Human Rights

- 7.1 The provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998 must be borne in mind by the Committee when taking licensing decisions. Particular regard should be had to Article 1 of the First Protocol, which relates to the protection of property and the peaceful enjoyment of possessions and property.
- 7.2 Article 8 relates to the right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence - should also be borne in mind. While the Human Rights Act makes it unlawful for a local authority to act or to fail to act in a way that is incompatible with a Convention right, Article 1 of the First Protocol and Article 8 are both qualified rights which means that interference - to a justifiable extent - may be permitted as long as what is done:
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- 8.1 An Equality and Fairness analysis and scoping report will be carried out.

9.0 Summary

- 9.1 The report explains the key elements of the procedural requirements required to implement a proposed licence fee amendment. Subject to committee approval, it lays the foundation for proposals which ensure that the fee income received reflects the cost of running the function in accordance with the law.

Background papers

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Appendix 1: Taxi and Private Hire Fees and Charges Effective 1st April 2013

Driver's Licence

£

Three year Hackney Carriage, Private Hire or Dual Driver's Licence *incl. £44 for your 3 year Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check
299.00

(* If you have made a DBS check application since 17/6/2013 and subscribe to the DBS Update Service a new DBS check application may not be required. Go to www.gov.uk/dbs for further information)

Vehicle Licence

Hackney Carriage187.00

Private Hire95.00

Vehicle Suitability Test (VST) (including MOT)

Fee to be paid and booking made directly with Contractor See "How to Book Tests"

NEW VEHICLES TO THE TRADE

Before you buy any vehicle, please contact the office at 1 Grove Road to check that the vehicle is approved.

Following purchase, details of the vehicle and insurance must be sent to this office.

Plate Deposit 50.00

Replacement Plate40.00

Operator's Licence Renewals

Licence for 1 – 2 vehicles 62.00

Licence for 3 – 4 vehicles 82.00

Licence for 5 – 10 vehicles 144.00

Licence for 11 – 15 vehicles196.00

Licence for 16 – 20 vehicles247.00

Licence for 21 – 30 vehicles350.00

Licence for 31 – 40 vehicles453.00

Licence for 41 – 60 vehicles659.00

Licence for 61 – 80 vehicles865.00

Licence for 81 – 100 vehicles1071.00

Licence for 101 – and above1277.00

New Driver Application

(the CRB fee of £44 and DVLC licence check of £5.00 is included)
143.00

Knowledge re-test following fail
45.00

Replacement Driver's Badge
10.50

Set of Byelaws
10.00

Change of Vehicle – Transfer of Licence
35.00

Replacement Copy of Driver/Vehicle Licence
10.50

Approved Taximeter Agents

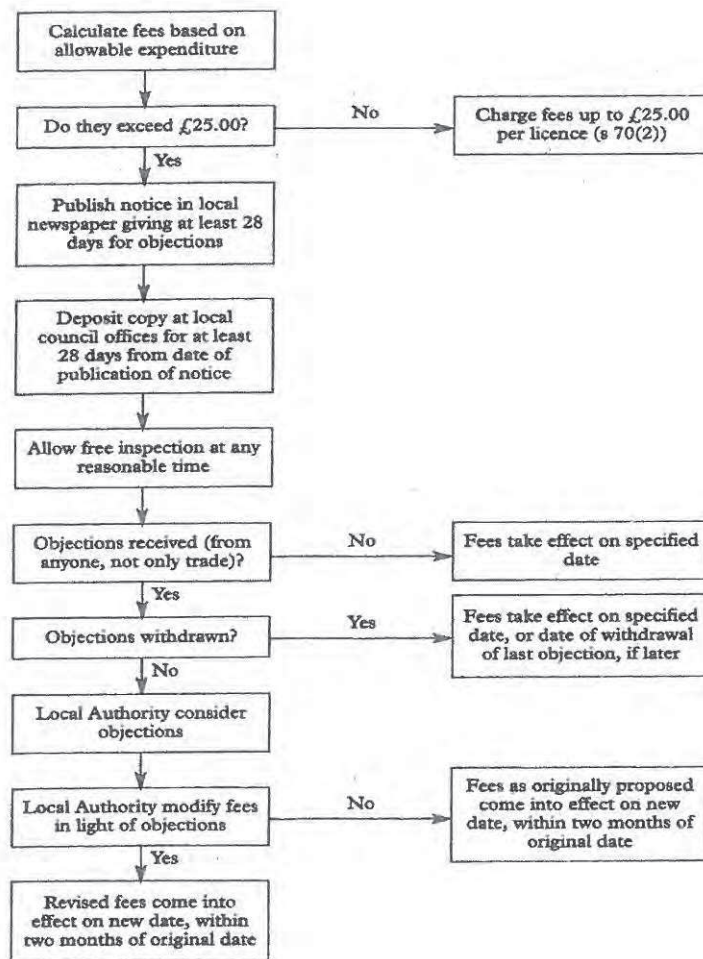
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Smith and Humphreys

Radio Relay Smith and Humphreys

Appendix 2: Flow Chart for Fee Setting

FLOW CHART FOR FEES SET UNDER SECTION 70 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976



(Taxis Licensing Law and Practice 3rd Ed, p106, James Button)

Monday, 13 January 2014
at 6.00 pm



General Licensing Committee

Members: Councillor Shuttleworth (Chairman), Councillors Ansell, Coles, Cooke, Hearn, Liddiard, Murdoch, Warner and West

(Apologies for absence were reported from Councillors Murray, Stanley, Thompson and Ungar)

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2013 were submitted and approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

2 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) by members as required under Section 31 of the Localism Act and of other interests as required by the Code of Conduct

None were received.

3 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Fee Amendment.

The Committee considered the report of the Senior Specialist Advisor in relation to the proposed amendment to the hackney carriage and private hire licensing fees.

The Council's hackney carriage and private hire licensing function were self-financing. The fees that are levied are reviewed in consultation with Financial Management to ensure that there was neither a surplus nor deficit in the hackney carriage and private hire account.

The Senior Specialist Advisor gave an overview to the Committee on the general principles of fee-setting. Income was raised by licence fees in order to ensure that council tax payers were not subsidising the work involved in the administration of licensing functions. The fees were not used to increase revenue but instead were set at a level which aimed to cover the cost of administering the function within the constraints of regulation.

Case law confirmed that approximate calculations were sufficient to discharge the requirement that the licensing authority endeavour to achieve a break even position. Surpluses in addition to deficits are required to be carried over year on year in order for local authorities to not make a profit. For example a shortfall in one year could be rectified by increasing costs the following year, although the authority does not have to adjust the licence fee every year to reflect a previous deficit or surplus.

It is a requirement that such fees are reasonable and imposed 'with a view to recovering the costs of issue and administration'. This included such matters as the reasonable cost of carrying out vehicle inspections to decide if a licence should be granted and the costs of assessing the suitability of applicants. This also included the cost of badge issuing and other administrative tasks as well as enforcement undertaken in respect of licensed drivers.

Currently individuals are required to obtain either a hackney carriage driver's licence, a private hire driver's licence or a dual driver's licence to enable them to drive a licensed vehicle. All vehicles that a driver utilised were required to be licensed and in addition private hire operators required a licence in order to take bookings on behalf of the drivers/vehicles within their fleet. Current licence fees were included in Figure 1 as part of section 3.2 of the report. The private hire operator fees levied was dependant on the number of private hire vehicles that the operator has within the fleet. The current fees for private hire operators were included in Figure 2 as part of Section 3.3 of the report.

The last amendment made to the fees took place in April 2001; therefore no change in the fees had been made in over twelve years. Appendix 1 of the report tabulated all taxi and private hire fees and charges currently levied, including the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) fee of £44. This was an additional fee added to the relevant driver's licence fee and was subsequently paid by the Council to the DBS. The Committee was advised that going forward it was envisaged that the trade may utilise the DBS online service directly at a cost of a £15 fee. This could result in the additional payment of £44 not being included in the driver licence fee which the licensing authority charges all drivers.

The proposed table of licence fees was laid out in Figures 3a and 3b of the report. It was proposed that the hackney carriage and private hire driver licences be removed, whilst retaining the dual driver's licence, so as to rationalise the fee structure. It was envisaged that all drivers would utilise a universal (dual) driver's licence that could be used in conjunction with either a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licence. The single fee, that would be payable every 3 years, would enable a driver to drive either a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle. The proposals also ensured that the hackney carriage and private hire licence fees were set at an equal level of £150.

The Council's abridged accounts for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 were included in Figure 4 as part of 3.11 of the report. Whilst expenditure had exceeded income during the last two financial years, this had been offset by the surplus which had been carried forward. The Committee was advised that the Council's projected budget at the 2013/14 year end for the costs of administering and ensuring compliance with the scheme indicated a potential budget deficit of £12,000. The proposed licence fee amendment was intended to address the projected deficit in the short to medium term. A comparison with neighbouring authorities for licensed vehicles and driver's fees were included in Figure 5 as part of 3.13 of the report. The data clearly indicated that the proposed level of fees were highly

competitive. Councillor Cooke enquired whether the driver licence fee column, part of Figure 5 was for a dual licence. This was confirmed by the Senior Specialist Advisor, who advised the Committee that combining the two licences was a popular option amongst the trade.

The setting of hackney carriage and private hire licensing fees was subject to the specific requirements of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The Act imposed a statutory requirement that the authority advertise the proposed increase of the licence fee in the local press, giving members of the public and the trade an opportunity to object to the proposals within 28 days of the advertisement. The full procedure was included at appendix 2 of the report. If any objections were received from the trade or the public, the matter would be referred back to the General Licensing Committee before any scheme was implemented. If no objections were received, the new fee structure would be implemented from 1 April 2014.

Mr Peter Smith, UNITE Hackney Carriage trade addressed the Committee and raised several concerns with the proposed fees. He made reference to the fact that the fees had last been amended 12 years ago in April 2001. In his view the hackney carriage trade had subsidised the private hire trade for a number of years. While the proposed fees might appear a reduction on paper, it was actually an increase. Mr Smith stressed that the hackney carriage trade had been harshly treated. He suggested a reduced fee arrangement for the hackney carriage proprietors.

He also feared that creating a single dual licence would lower the standards of driving in the trade. Currently hackney carriage drivers were expected to know a location in the town without the aid of a satellite navigation system, unlike drivers of private hire vehicles who sometimes utilise sat-nav systems. Mr Smith stated that he did not think private hire proprietors reach the standard of hackney carriage proprietors despite passing the compulsory knowledge test that all drivers are required to take. While a satellite navigation system would be useful if an address is picked up, problems would arise if an address could not be found by the system. Mr Smith advised that he did not have any objections to equal costs for licensing fees.

Mr Smith made reference to figure 5, as part of 3.13 of the report. He pointed out that the column for driver licence fee did not specify whether the fees charged by neighbouring authorities excluded the DBS fee of £44. He then raised concerns over the low and inconsistent fees proposed for private hire operator vehicles, going up the scale included at figure 3b, as part of 3.8 of the report. Mr Smith concluded by reiterating his concerns with the proposed fees. This included the proposed licence fee for hackney carriage vehicles, the anomaly that led to the hackney carriage trade paying more than required, the annual costs, the potential of standards being lowered in the trade and the cost of operation that Mr Smith felt had not been taken into account sufficiently.

Following a question from the Committee, the Senior Specialist Advisor clarified that currently when an individual passed the knowledge test they had an option to go for a dual licence and advised that there was no

difference in expectations for either licence. The proposed fees were designed to rationalise the service.

Councillor Warner enquired about the quality checking on driver standards amongst the trade. The Senior Specialist Advisor responded that the testing procedure had evolved over the past year. Prior to last year, four questions were asked to drivers at their knowledge test. This had now changed and the questions had been expanded and were regularly added to and at a knowledge test, twenty questions were picked at random. Mr Smith suggested that drivers were supplying questions and answers to each other to assist in the testing phase.

Councillor Liddiard asked how often new routes would be added to the knowledge test. The Senior Specialist Advisor responded that this was down to the Specialist Advisor's discretion but to avoid repetition the body of questions were added to regularly.

Councillor Warner enquired whether drivers were monitored after they had passed their knowledge tests. The Senior Specialist Advisor responded that once an individual passed a knowledge test, they had reached the customer expectation. It was a possibility that practical tests could be completed in an individual's car when required. If a driver failed a knowledge test, they could apply for a re-set with a new set of questions.

Councillor Liddiard suggested the idea of a mystery shopper style test for monitoring drivers. The Senior Specialist Advisor took onboard the suggestion and advised that this could be an option in the future. Currently if an individual contacted the Council regarding a driver, the Council would investigate and the appropriate action carried out.

Councillor Shuttleworth addressed the anomaly that had been raised by Mr Smith and assured that the Council was looking to put it right for the future. Councillor Ansell enquired what would occur if an undercharge occurred. The Senior Specialist Advisor responded that this would be addressed early by the Council's finance team and that it would flag up on the system.

Following a question from the Committee in relation to operator fees for quantity of vehicles, the Senior Specialist Advisor advised that Wealden District Council charged £120 per year irrespective of size of company/individual. For example the company Road Runner who operate 150 vehicles would pay the same cost per vehicle as an operator with one vehicle.

Councillor Hearn asked whether there was a difference in the tests for hackney carriage and private hire drivers. The Senior Specialist Advisor confirmed that the same test applied for all drivers.

Councillor Coles enquired about the consultation process and how many responses are normally received from the Trade. The Senior Specialist Advisor advised that the authority writes to all drivers and invites them to make a representation. This goes above the statutory requirement but the authority can't force a driver to respond.

Councillor Cooke asked about the proposed private operator fees and whether a set fee of £X per private hire vehicle licensed under the operator would be more appropriate. The Senior Specialist Advisor responded that the proposed fees were designed to not disadvantage those with a higher quantity of vehicles and reiterated that Wealden charged a flat fee across the board, regardless of vehicle quantity.

Councillor Murdoch reiterated the anomaly that had been raised by Mr Smith. He asked how regularly the fees would be monitored to avoid a repeat of the mistake that had led to the hackney carriage trade being overcharged. The Senior Specialist Advisor advised that monthly budget monitoring would take place, thus enabling year end budgets to facilitate the requirement for licence fee reviews going forward. The Committee was informed that it would be possible to revisit the fees set in the future.

Councillor West asked what legal steps could be taken to address the fact that hackney carriage drivers had been wrongly levied. The Monitoring Officer responded that this would need to be investigated in a different forum. Councillor Warner, Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee advised that the issue could be looked at by the Scrutiny Committee. This was supported by Councillor Shuttleworth, Deputy Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED: (Unanimously) (1) That the publication of the proposed hackney carriage and private hire licence fees, detailed in the report at figures 3a and 3b be approved in accordance with statutory requirements.

(2) That the approved fees come into effect from 1st April 2014, if no objections are received in during the required consultation period.

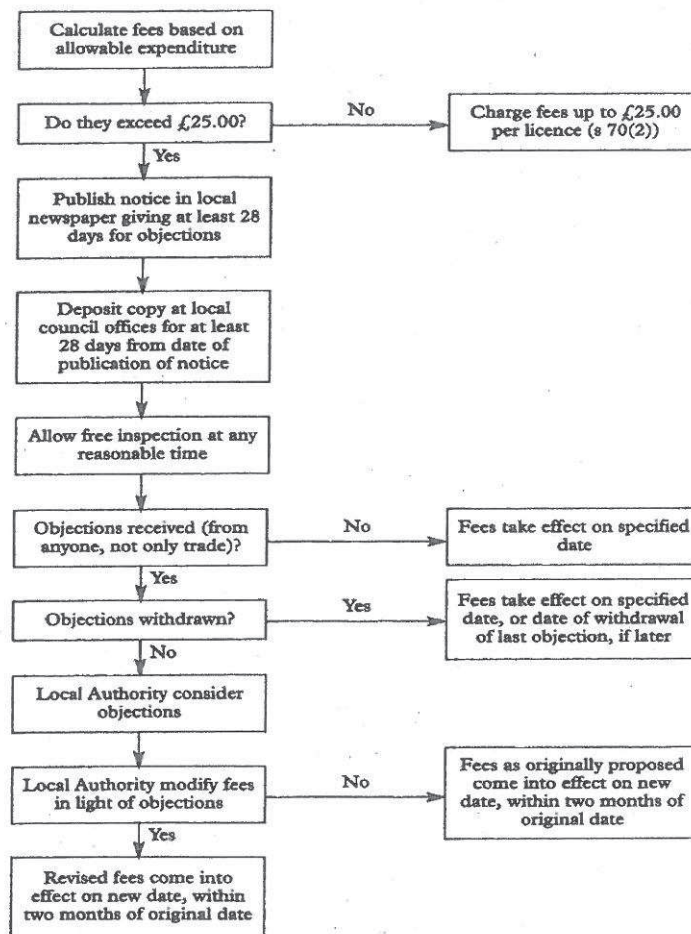
The meeting closed at 7.09 pm

**Councillor Shuttleworth
(Chairman)**

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Appendix 2: Flow Chart for Fee Setting

FLOW CHART FOR FEES SET UNDER SECTION 70 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976



(Taxis Licensing Law and Practice 3rd Ed, p106, James Button)

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Appendix 3: Correspondence Sent to Trade Members



«name»
«addr1»
«addr2»
«addr3»
«addr5»

24th January 2014

Dear «shortname»

Consultation: Proposed Amendment to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licence Fees and Private Hire Operator Fee

On the 13th January 2014, Eastbourne Borough Councils General Licensing Committee proposed to amend the licence fees that are levied from licensees in the Borough. The proposed amendments are set out below:

Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicle Licence Fee = £150 per annum, paid yearly.

The Committee also propose to retain a single dual drivers' Licence Fee of £315 paid every 3 years (an equivalent of £105 p.a.). An additional £44 will also be payable for the Disclosure and Barring Service every three years. The dual licence fee will enable all members of the trade to drive either a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle, subject to suitable insurance.

The proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment is determined by the number of vehicles licenced by each operator:

Licence for 1 – 2 vehicles	£ 70.00
Licence for 3 – 4 vehicles	£ 85.00
Licence for 5 – 10 vehicles	£ 150.00
Licence for 11 – 15 vehicles	£ 200.00
Licence for 16 – 20 vehicles	£ 250.00
Licence for 21 – 30 vehicles	£ 350.00
Licence for 31 – 40 vehicles	£ 450.00
Licence for 41 – 60 vehicles	£ 700.00
Licence for 61 – 80 vehicles	£ 880.00
Licence for 81 – 100 vehicles	£1100.00
Licence for 101 – and above	£1400.00

In all other respects, it is proposed that the fees remain the same.

Customer First, 1 Grove Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 4TW

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Email: customerfirst@eastbourne.gov.uk Web: www.eastbourne.gov.uk/licensing

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Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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(Licensing)

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Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No – Give reasons)

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure (Yes/No – Give reasons)

Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

Name:

Signed:

Date:

Virgo, Jay

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 28 February 2014 12:06

To: Virgo, Jay

Subject: Re: Assist Training

Hi Jay, good morning, hope you are well

with regards to the licence fee consultation that ends today

As you are aware from my presentation to the licensing council meeting the trade has several concerns, apart from the H/C trade over payment which is being dealt with by scrutiny later, I am concerned at the variable cost per operators licence dependant on the numbers on each licence, I propose that operator licences should be issued at £15 per car in 10 car sections, this will give a flexibility to operators whilst creating a fair charge across the range so as not to penalise the small operator, these 10 car sections should be over the whole range of any licence without any maxim charge at which the fee should stop, £15 per car per 10 car section of the licence to infinitum

This will also help to redress the subsidy that the H/C plate holders have erroneously contributed to the running costs of your department over the last 10 + years, I appreciate that the operators will not be happy but this is only the amounts they should have paid and be paying if all the licence fees had been properly levied over the last 10 years

Peter Smith (128)

INCOMING EMAIL

From: [REDACTED]
To: CustomerFirst <CustomerFirst@eastbourne.gov.uk>
CC: [REDACTED]
Date: 10/02/2014 22:05:10
Subject: Re: Consultation on the Proposed Amendment to Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Fees

Sent from Windows Mail

The fee for Hackney Carriages vehicles should be greater than the fee for Private Hire vehicles because the Council sets the fare structure for the Hackney Carriages which requires consultations and the advertising of the table of fares in a local paper. The Council can not expect the proprietors of Private Hire vehicles to bear that cost.

Regards

Mr Roland Groves, DD 135.

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LG(MP)A 1976, s 70 (1) (b) the reasonable cost of providing hackney carriage stands -
PHH should not pay for providing Hackney Carriage stands.
Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No - Give reasons)

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure (Yes/No - Give reasons)

I question the justification of a sliding scale.
Is there any greater work or cost involved
Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?
in issuing a licence to operate 1 vehicle
or 101+, or in checking their
records.

PLEASE justify.

Name:

R. GROVES

Signed:

ll

Date:

31/1/2014.

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EASTBOURNE BOROUGH
COUNCIL

27. FEB 2014

ORIGINAL AUTHENTICATED
POST ROOM

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Do you agree with the proposed vehicle licence fee amendment that would charge hackney Carriage and Private Hire proprietors the same fee? (Yes/No - Give reasons) *YES - CONCERNED ABOUT LEVEL OF FEE - PARTICULARLY THE LARGE AMT OF PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE FEES.*

Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No - Give reasons) *YES.*

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure (Yes/No - Give reasons) *YES.*

Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEVEL OF INCREASES ASKED FOR, THE COUNCIL ARE CONCERN ABOUT A DEFICIT OVER THE YEAR OF £12,000 FROM THE INCREASES ASKED FOR, THE INCREASED INCOME WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY £24,000.

Name: *GLENN HIGGRAVE*

Signed: *G/Higgrave*

Date: *26/2/14*

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Give reasons)

Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (☒ Yes/No - Give reasons)

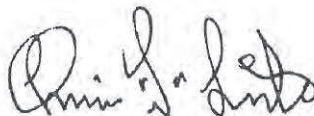
Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and
structure (☒ Yes/No - Give reasons)

Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

Name:

CHRISTOPHER J LISTER

Signed:



Date:

29/02/14.

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Give reasons)

YES. - CONCERNED ABOUT LEVEL OF FEE
PARTICULARLY THE LARGE RISE OF PRIVATE HIRE
LICENCE FEES.

Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No - Give reasons)

YES

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and
structure (Yes/No - Give reasons)

YES.

Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

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INCREASES. ASKED FOR. THE INCREASED INCOME
WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY £24,000.

Name: M.S. Ali.

Signed:



Date: 22/2/14

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Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/~~No~~ - Give reasons) *I DO AGREE THAT THERE SHOULD BE 1 LICENCE FOR BOTH CARS, HOWEVER ON THE OTHER HAND THERE WOULD BE FOR THOSE WITH A DUAL LICENCE AN INCREASE OF APPROX 9%*

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure (Yes/~~No~~ - Give reasons) *DEE TO THE INCREASE IN DRIVER NUMBERS, THEN I FEEL THIS ACCEPTABLE.*

Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

I FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THE INCREASE IN DRIVER NUMBERS AND THE INCREASE IN WORK, PLUS OTHER COSTS RISING, I FEEL THAT THE % INCREASES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL DRIVER IS TOO HIGH. I THINK A SMALLER % INCREASE MIGHT BE MORE ACCEPTABLE.

Name: *KEVIN BOTTLE*

Signed: *[Signature]*

Date: *18/2/2014*

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Because private hire proprietors don't earn enough money

Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (~~Yes~~/No - Give reasons)

Too expensive - i only need a private hire licence

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure (~~Yes~~/No - Give reasons)

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Give reasons)

ABOUT TIME! AS THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
ADMINISTERING HACKNEY AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENCES

Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/~~No~~ - Give reasons)

ITS COMMON SENSE AND WILL REDUCE COSTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and
structure (Yes/~~No~~ - Give reasons)

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IT SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED YEARS AGO

Name:

Signed:

Date:

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YES - BUT CONCERNED ABOUT LEVEL OF FEES

Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No - Give reasons)

YES

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure (Yes/No - Give reasons)

YES

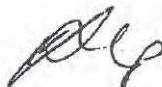
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Name:

K J. KEMP

Signed:



Date:

20/2/14

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WHY IS THE LOWER FEE (£95) FOR PRIVATE HIRE BEING INCREASED TO THE HACKNEY RATE (£150) AND NOT A FIGURE IN THE MIDDLE (say £125)?

Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No) Give reasons)

FOR SOMEONE OPERATING A PURELY PRIVATE HIRE BUSINESS WHY WOULD I NEED A HACKNEY LICENCE. I ACTUALLY CHANGED FROM DUAL LICENCE AS I COULD SEE NO BENEFIT.

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure (Yes/No - Give reasons)

THIS INCREASE SEEMS FAIR.

Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

THESE FEE INCREASES AT A TIME WHEN MOST, IF NOT ALL, DRIVERS ARE STRUGGLING SEEMS UNNECESSARY. I CANNOT SEE WHAT GROUNDS SUCH LARGE INCREASES CAN BE JUSTIFIED ON. IF THEY GO AHEAD THEY WILL HAVE TO BE PASSED ON TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH INCREASED FARES.

MAJOR

DATA

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Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (~~Yes~~/No - Give reasons)

Too expensive - i only need a private hire licence.

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Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No - Give reasons)
Yes.

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure (Yes/No - Give reasons)
Yes.

Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

I agree in principle as this would reduce your outgoing. We as a trade are suffering from this recession, yet supply a service to Eastbourne Residents without a rise in charge for around 4 years. Please don't put us under more pressure

Name: *Mrs Janet Sargent* Signed: *J. Sargent*

Date: *23rd Feb'14*

S. Hopkins - 304.

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Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No - Give reasons)

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Name: **S. HOPKINS.**

Signed: **Sue Hopkins**

Date: **26/2/14**

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GINA HOPKINS

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Name:

GINA HOPKINS

Signed:

Gina Hopkins

**PLATE
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Date:

26-2-14

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Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

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Name:

H. Pines

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

26/2/14.

R. Holland - 241.

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Name:

**ROBERT ALLAN
HOLLAND**

Signed:



Date:

28/2/14

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S. GOWER - 268

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Name: *S. GOWER*

Signed: *S. GOWER*

Date: *28/02/14*

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YES.

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YES.

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Name: **STEVE ADAMS.**
312 151

Signed: **SAD**

Date: **26 2 14**

DAVE BEER - 71

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Name: DAVID BEER

Signed:

DAVID BEER (71)

Date: 3/3/2014

Brian Bigsby

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Name: **BRIAN J BIGSBY**

Signed: 

Date: **25-2-14**

JOAN CARR. PLATE SS.

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Name:

J. A. CARR

Signed:



Date:

26.2.14

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Name: C. CHAMBERLAIN
(PLATE NO 524)

Signed: J. Miller

Date: 24-2-14

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Name: **GENTIAN CECO**

Signed: **GE**

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Date: **26/02/014**

H. JAVISON. 449.

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Name:

Helen Davis
Helen Davison

Signed:

H. Davis

Date:

2/3/14

ORIGINAL POST P. DONOGHUE 9 FIELDMILL C. SK
PH PLATE No 350.

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Name: **P. DONOGHUE**

Signed:



Date: **20.2**

Andrew Whiting 90.

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Name: **Andrew Whiting**

Signed: 

Date: **26/2/14.**

M. M. Zayed
Mr M M Zayed

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Name:

MD

Signed:



Date:

2/3/14

J. STEVENS - 157

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Name:

JAMES STOWES

Signed:



Date:

26-2-2014

K. SANDS - 26

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Name:

K. SANDS

Signed:

(26)

Date:

26/2/14

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YES

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure (Yes/No - Give reasons)

YES

Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

THE COUNCIL ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A DEFICIT OF £12K, OVER THE YEAR! FROM THE PROPOSED INCREASES, YOUR INCOME WOULD BE ~ £24K! ??

Name: D. PELLEGRINO

Signed: *D. Pellegrino*

Date: 26/2/14

George Pearce - No. 167.

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Name:

George Pearce

Signed:

George

Date:

26/2/14

S. MORRIS - ISP

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Name:

S. MORRIS

Signed:



Date:

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Mansour Masoumi Plate 26

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Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No - Give reasons)
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Name: **Mansour Masoumi**

Signed: **M. Masoumi**

Date: **24.2.14**

GRANHAM LAKE - 186.

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Name:

Granham Lake

Signed:



Date:

26-2-14.

T. KIRKAGE - 146

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Name:

A KIRKAGE

Signed:

AR Kirkage

Date:

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YES

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YES

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure (Yes/No – Give reasons)

YES .

Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

You have requested an increase of fees of 24,000 to meet a deficit of 12,000
This seems an excessive increase

Name:

C.K. HADLAND

Signed:



Date:

26/02/14.

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Give reasons) *I agree with combined licence*

*however increase is totally disproportionate to
cost of living*

Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/~~No~~ - Give reasons)

makes admin easier

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and
structure (Yes/~~No~~ - Give reasons)

a fair increase

Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

*On information I have heard this
increase exceeds required shortfall
by several thousands pounds.*

Name: *Martin Bond*

Signed: *M Bond*

Date: *27/2/14*

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charge hackney Carriage and Private Hire proprietors the same fee? (Yes/No -
Give reasons) Yes I'm concerned about the level

of fees. There seems to be a large rise
particularly in Private Hire fees

Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No - Give reasons)

Yes

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and
structure (Yes/No - Give reasons)

Yes

Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

I'm concerned about the level of increases
asked for. The council are concerned
about a deficit over the year of £12,000
from the increases asked for, The increased
income would be approximately £24,000

Name: LEE GATTON

Signed: L. Gatton

Date: 27/2/14

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~~charge Hackney Carriage and Private Hire proprietors the same fee?~~ (Yes/No -
Give reasons) **YES - I AM concerned at the level of fees.**
in particular the large rise of the Private Hire
licence fees.

Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No - Give reasons)
Yes.

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and
structure (Yes/No - Give reasons)

Yes.

Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

I am worried about the level of the proposed
increases. The Council is concerned about a
deficit of £12,000 over the year. however from
the proposed increases, the increased income
would generate approximately £24,000

JOHN STODOL

Signed: 

Date: 24/02/2014.

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I AM NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEVEL OF THE FEE RISE PARTICULARLY THE RISE IN PRIVATE HIRE FEES

Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No - Give reasons)

SEE BELOW

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure (Yes/No - Give reasons)

SEE BELOW

Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEVEL OF INCREASE
THE COUNCIL ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A DEFICIT OVER THE
YEAR OF £12,000
THE INCREASED INCOME WOULD FROM THE LICENCE FEE
RISE WOULD BE APPROX £24,000
THIS WOULD PROVE TO BE UNEVEN

Name:

G J EVAN

Signed:



Date:

28.2.2014

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THE PARITY IN THESE CHARGES DO NOT REFLECT THE PARITY OF SERVICE. THE PRIVATE HIRE ~~ARE~~ EFFECTIVELY SUBSIDISE THE RANKS AND MAINTENANCE OF RANKS

Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/~~No~~ - Give reasons)

ALTHOUGH THE INCREASE SEEMS HIGH

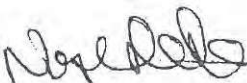
Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure (~~Yes~~/No - Give reasons)

ANOTHER BORDEN FOR PRIVATE HIRE WHICH ALLREADY PAY THE UOBSHARE FOR LICENSING FUNDING
Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

ONCE THE SURVEY LEVY IS TAKEN OFF THEN THE INCREASE TO BALANCE THE BOOKS SHOULD BE MADE ACCORDINGLY NOT WEIGHED AGAINST THE PRIVATE HIRE TRADE. EXTRA SIGNAGE COSTS COULD MAYBE AVOIDED THE FUTURE

Name: NIGEL KEAT

Signed:



Date: 22/2/2014

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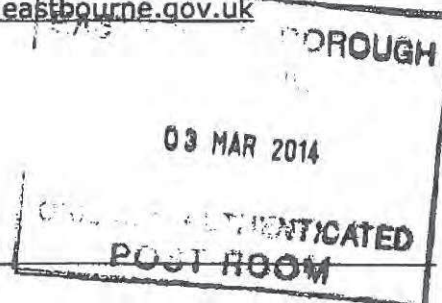
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Name: **NICHOLAS DAWES**

Signed

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Name: *LLOYD WAKELING*

Signed: 

Date: *26/2/14*

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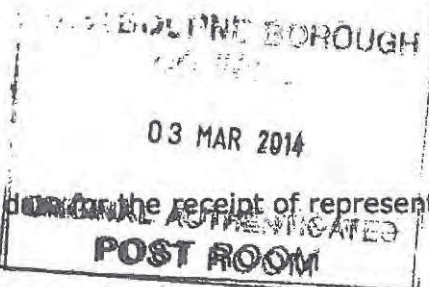
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Name: **ABDUL QUDDUS**

Signed:

Date: **02.03.14**



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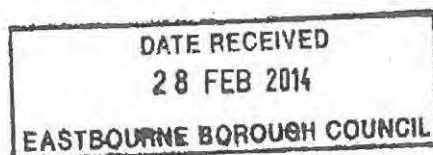
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Name: **PAUL HAFFENDEN**

Signed: **PJ Haffenden**

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YES

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Name:

Simon Chance

Signed:



Date:

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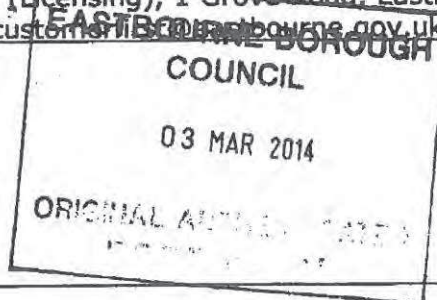
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Name: **MR R V CARDER**
PH NO **136**

Signed: **[Signature]**

Date: **27/2/14**

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Name:

JAY HIGNELL

Signed:

[Signature]

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Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No - Give reasons) *YOU ARE ASKING FOR AN EXTRA 60 00 INCREASE WHICH REPRESENTS A 20% RISE.*

Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure (Yes/No - Give reasons)

Any further comments in relation to the proposed fee amendments?

*I AM A BIT OUT OF TOUCH NOW SO IF I AM WRONG,
PLEASE INFORM ME*

THANKS

Name:

AL CHANT

Signed:

Al Chant

Date:

02/03/14

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Do you agree with one dual drivers licence fee? (Yes/No - Give reasons) **YES.**

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Do you agree with the proposed Private Hire Operator fee amendment and structure (Yes/No - Give reasons)

YES.

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Name:

L.E. WARD

Signed:



Date:

24/2/14

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