

**Meeting:** Council

**Date:** 23 February 2022

**Subject:** Approval of Licensing Fees 2022/2023

**Report of:** Tim Whelan – Director of Service Delivery

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The Council is asked to consider the minute and resolution of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 17 January 2022 as set out below.

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**The Council is recommended to: -**

To approve the scale of Licensing Fees for 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 1.

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**Minute extract - Licensing Committee, 17 January 2022**

**Approval of licensing fees 2022/2023**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Service Delivery which sought the approval of the Licensing fees proposed within Appendix 1 to apply from 1 April 2022, and for them to be recommended to Full Council for approval.

The Regulatory Services Lead (RSL) presented the report and highlighted the changes in relation to the taxi licensing surplus, including reducing Private Hire Operators Licence fees, the slight increase in the number of gambling premises and the substantial increase in the licensing fees relating to Dangerous Wild Animal Licences, as set out in the report and Appendix 1. RSL advised of an additional small decrease in fees for external plates and door signs.

Several amendments to the report were noted at paragraph 2.2, the Total Income Estimates were corrected from £213,900 to £213,250, £23,900 was corrected to - £11,600, and £237,800 was corrected to £201,650. Therefore, the Total Estimated Annual Income (Taxi Licensing), was corrected from £92,550.00 to £84,550 at Appendix 1, page 16, line 52.

The Committee queried whether the fees for the dangerous wild animals should be tiered to reflect the scale of animal sizes. It was asked if the range of fees had been benchmarked against other Local Authorities, and if officers could provide data on how many licences existed in the Borough per year in order to assess the charges and revenue. Officers explained that the fees did not distinguish between animal size, the fees had been benchmarked against other Local Authorities, and that it would be possible going forward to provide data on the number of licences per year, if any.

Councillor Diplock proposed a motion to agree the officer recommendations listed in the report. This was seconded by Councillor Murray.

**Resolved (unanimous):** That Full Council be recommended to approve the Licensing Fees proposed within Appendix 1 of the report, to apply from 1 April 2022, subject to the correction noted above to the Total Estimated Annual Income (Taxi Licensing).

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