

Meeting: Council

Date: 20 July 2022

Subject: Approval of additional Licensing Fees 2022/23

Report of: Tim Whelan – Director of Service Delivery

The Council is asked to consider the minute and resolution of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 7 July 2022 as set out below.

Recommendation to Full Council

To recommend to Full Council to approve the additional licensing fee proposed for the English Proficiency Test, Safeguarding and Disability Awareness training, and 6 monthly DBS check.

Minute extract

Licensing Committee – 7 July 2022

7. Approval of additional licensing fees 2022/23

The Committee considered the report which sought its recommendation to Full Council that the additional licensing fee proposed within paragraph 1.6 be applied from September 2022.

The Regulatory Services Lead (RSL) presented the report highlighting that all new applicants for Hackney and Private Hire Dual Drivers Licence would be required to undergo an English Language proficiency test at a cost of £65. It also proposed that new applicants and existing licenced drivers would be required to undertake Safeguarding and Disability Awareness training at a cost of £65 per training course to be paid to an external provider as part of their application process. In addition, that all new applicants and current licensed drivers would be required to adhere to a 6 monthly DBS check, which could be undertaken through the gov.uk website or, alternatively, could be processed by Eastbourne Borough Council. The cost of the service for the Council would require an increase from £40 to £65 to take into account an administration fee, which would apply from September 2022 onward.

The Committee queried whether the Safeguarding and Disability Awareness training fee was a one-off payment or an annual payment. The RSL explained that the training fee, was at present, a one-off payment and that drivers would have to adhere to the Guidance to possess a dual drivers licence.

Resolved:

That the Committee recommend to Council the approval of the Licensing fees as set out in the report for the English Proficiency Test, Safeguarding and Disability Awareness training, and 6 monthly DBS check.

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[Agenda for Eastbourne Borough Council Licensing Committee on Thursday, 7 July, 2022, 6:00pm \(lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk\)](#)