

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

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**Increase in Fees and Charges for Licensing, Food and Health and Safety  
and Pollution Control 2008/2009**

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<b>APPENDICES</b>	Appendix 1 – Income Service Options

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform Members of the proposed increases in the fees and charges within the Council's Licensing, Food and Health and Safety and Pollution Control functions for 2008/2009.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND to Cabinet:**

- 2.1 **The proposals for fees and charges within the Council's Licensing, Food and Health and Safety and Pollution Control functions for 2008/2009, as detailed in the report, be included in the Cabinet's 2008/2009 budget strategy.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Council's current financial strategy in respect of fees and charges is to increase them in line with inflation or slightly above, with Heads of Service expected to maximise the potential for income generation. The target increase proposed for 2008/2009 is 3.5%.
- 3.2 A review of licensing fees and charges, for the period 2008/2009, reflects no reason to fundamentally alter the fee structure based on full recovery of costs.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 It is proposed that fees should be increased by 3.5 per cent (rounded up, where appropriate) and it is estimated that an additional £3,940 will be raised per annum. *[List at Appendix 1].*

5. **LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The proposed increase is in line with current policy on fee income.

6. **CONCLUSION**

6.1 The fees and charges are non-profit making and Cost Centres will reflect the operation of the service.

7. **CONSULTEES**

- Head of Financial Services
- Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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