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Licensing and Environmental Committee

Agenda

10.30 am
Monday, 13th February 2012
The Council Chamber
Civic Centre
Stourport on Severn



Licensing and Environmental Committee

Members of Committee:

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| | Chairman: Councillor J Baker |
| | Vice-Chairman: Councillor P B Harrison |
| Councillor R Bishop | Councillor A J Buckley |
| Councillor B T Glass | Councillor J Greener |
| Councillor P V Hayward | Councillor V Higgs |
| Councillor A T Hingley | Councillor M B Kelly |
| Councillor M Price | Councillor M A Salter |

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Information which is subject to any obligation of confidentiality.

Information which relates in any way to matters concerning national security.

Declarations of Interest - Guidance Note

Code of Conduct

Members are reminded that under the Code of Conduct it is the responsibility of individual Members to declare any personal or personal and prejudicial interest in any item on this agenda. A Member who declares a personal interest may take part in the meeting and vote, unless the interest is also prejudicial. If the interest is prejudicial, as defined in the Code, the Member must leave the room. However, Members with a prejudicial interest can still participate if a prescribed exception applies or a dispensation has been granted.

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Wyre Forest District Council

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Part 1

Open to the press and public

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| 1. | Apologies for Absence | |
| 2. | Appointment of Substitute Members To receive the name of any Councillor who is to act as a substitute, notice of which has been given to the Director of Legal & Corporate Services, together with the name of the Councillor for whom he/she is acting. | |
| 3. | Declarations of Interest In accordance with the Code of Conduct, to invite Members to declare the existence and nature of any personal or personal and prejudicial interests in the following agenda items. Members should indicate the action they will be taking when the item is considered. Members are also invited to make any declaration in relation to Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. (See guidance note on cover.) | |
| 4. | Minutes To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th October 2011. | 5 |
| 5. | Increase in Fees and Charges for Licensing the Council's Regulatory Service Function for 2012/2013 To receive a report from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council on the proposed increases in the fees and charges in respect of the Council's Regulatory Service Function for 2012/2013. | 8 |
| 6. | Application for an Increase in the Current Taxi Fare Tariff To receive a report from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council that asks the Committee to consider giving approval to undertake a 4 week consultation to measure the level of support for an increase to the current Taxi Fare Tariff. | 22 |

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| 7. | To consider any other business, details of which have been communicated to the Director of Legal and Corporate Services before the commencement of the meeting, which the Chairman by reason of special circumstances considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting. | |
| 8. | <p>Exclusion of the Press and Public</p> <p>To consider passing the following resolution:</p> <p>“That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of “exempt information” as defined in the paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act”.</p> | |

Part 2

Not open to the Press and Public

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| 9. | <p>Exempt Minutes</p> <p>To confirm as a correct record the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2011.</p> | 27 |
| 10. | To consider any other business, details of which have been communicated to the Director of Legal and Corporate Services before the commencement of the meeting, which the Chairman by reason of special circumstances considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting. | |

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN

MONDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 2011 (10.30 AM)

Present:

Councillors: J Baker (Chairman), P B Harrison (Vice-Chairman), R Bishop, B T Glass, J Greener, V Higgs, A T Hingley, M Price, M A Salter and G C Yarranton.

Observers

There were no members present as observers

LIC.40 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A J Buckley and P V Hayward.

LIC.41 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor G C Yarranton was a substitute for Councillor A Buckley.

LIC.42 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

LIC.43 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Before the meeting commenced the Solicitor advised Members that the Committee would inspect each taxi in turn and reminded Members that matters should not be discussed whilst outside either with each other or the taxi drivers. Members were also asked to take a consistent approach with the previous applications that had been considered.

LIC.44 Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence Beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)

A report was considered from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence made by Mr R. Dyer, 4 Forester Way, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 1NT, as it fell outside of the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

The Licensing Officer informed Members that the applications to renew the

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Hackney Carriage Proprietor Licences that were being presented to the Committee fell outside of the Policy adopted by the Council and that they were being asked to assess whether or not the vehicles presented could be an exception to the Policy on the grounds of quality safety and accessibility, mileage and the protection of the travelling public. The Committee were reminded that their decision was to be based on the prime aim of the Council, which was to make travelling in Wyre Forest as safe as possible. He also reminded Members that the Council had a duty to protect the travelling public. All of the taxis before the Committee had been inspected by Licensing Officers and it was felt that none of them were exceptional to the Council's policy. He advised Members that they would have to make a decision as to whether or not they should depart from the policy set in 1997.

The Licensing Officer led Members through the report relating to vehicle registration number GN52 VXK.

Mr Dyer and Mr Owen had no comments to make in support of their applications.

Members of the Committee left the Council Chamber to inspect the vehicles, registration numbers GN52 VXK and YK52 WDG at this point, (10.41 am) and returned at 10.46am.

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and Democratic Services Officer stayed in the meeting to deliberate their decision and Mr Owen, Mr Dyer, Mr Baras, Ms Williams and the Licensing Officers left the meeting whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence in respect of vehicle registration number GN52 VXK, the Committee decided that subject to the following works being carried out to the satisfaction of the Licensing Officer within 14 days of this meeting:

- 1. the front bumper to be repaired/replaced (as appropriate);**
- 2. the scratch on the rear side quarter panel to be repaired;**
- 3. the drivers door to be repaired; and**
- 4. the steering wheel cover to be replaced,**

that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC 039 vehicle registration number GN52 VXK be granted for twelve months from 1st July 2011 to 30th June 2012 because, otherwise, on inspection of the vehicle the Committee found, in considering quality, safety and accessibility, that the vehicle was for the age of the vehicle presented in an exceptional condition: where the body work was good and that the interior is exceptional and clean, which gave the Committee grounds to depart from the Age Criteria Policy in relation to this application.

LIC.45

Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence Beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)

A report was considered from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence made by Robert Edward Ingle of Regency Vehicle Hire, 5 Comberton Terrace, Kidderminster, as it fell outside of the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

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The Licensing Officer led Members through the report relating to vehicle registration number YK52 WDG.

Mr Owen had been appointed to speak on behalf of Mr Ingle and he had no comments to make in relation to the application.

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and Democratic Services Officer stayed in the meeting to deliberate their decision and Mr Owen, Mr Baras, Ms Williams and the Licensing Officers left the meeting whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence in respect of vehicle registration number YK52 WDG, the Committee decided that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC030 vehicle registration number YK52 WDG be granted for twelve months from 1st July 2011 to 30th June 2012 because on inspection of the vehicle the Committee found, in considering quality, safety and accessibility, that the vehicle was for the age of the vehicle presented in an exceptional condition: where the body work was good and that the interior was exceptional and clean, which gave the Committee grounds to depart from the Age Criteria Policy in relation to this application.

LIC.46 Exempt Information

Decision: Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "Exempt Information" as defined in paragraphs 2, 6 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

LIC.47 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers Licence

A report was considered from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council that asked the Committee to consider an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The applicant, Ms Williams and the Licensing Officers left the meeting whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence to Mr Nadeem Salem Baras, the Committee has decided that the application to grant a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence to Mr Nadeem Salem Baras be refused on the grounds that the applicant did not appear to the Committee to be "a fit and proper person" to hold such a Licence.

The meeting ended at 11.46am.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

13TH FEBRUARY 2012

Increase in Fees and Charges for Licensing the Council's Regulatory Service Function for 2012/2013

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| DIRECTOR: | Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council |
| CONTACT OFFICER: | Niall McMenamin – 01527 881454 Niall.mcmenamin@wocsregservices.gov.uk |
| APPENDICES: | Appendix 1 – Income Service Options |

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the proposed increases in the fees and charges in respect of the Council's Regulatory Service Function for 2012/2013.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND to Council:

- 2.1 **That the proposals for fees and charges within the Council's Licensing, Food, Health, Safety and Pollution Control functions for 2012/2013, as detailed in the report, be included in the 2012/2013 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 2012/2013 is 5%.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 A review of licensing fees and charges, for the period 2012/2013, dictates a fee structure based on full recovery of costs.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is proposed that fees should be increased by 5 per cent rounded up, where appropriate (*see Appendix 1 attached*).
- 5.2 The budget forecast details the cost versus income for licensing as follows: the costs are based on 2011/2012 as no detailed figures are available for the coming

year, but overall costs for regulatory services have risen for 2012/13 (accountancy information) and so there is confidence in using this figure.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The agreed income to be generated by the proposed licence fees and charges is in line with the current policy and the council is not projected to make any profit on the licensing account for the forthcoming year.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 There is a risk that the Councils Regulatory Services Licensing fees and charges could be challenged. To minimise this risk the fees and charges must be designed to meet but not exceed, the cost the Council reasonably believes will be incurred in issuing of licences and the administration of the service.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 There are no equality impact assessment issues arising from this report.

9. CONCLUSION

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

10. CONSULTEES

- 10.1 Director of Resources.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 None.



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| Directorate & Director | Planning and Regulatory Services - Mike Parker | Cabinet Member | |

PROPOSAL OF SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR INCOME

| INCOME DESCRIPTION | Current Charge TO 31/03/2012 £ | Proposed Charge FROM 1/04/2012 £ * | Proposed Charge FROM 1/04/2011 £ ** |
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| ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATION REQUESTS | | | |
| CONTROL OF RAT AND OTHER PESTS, CONTROL OF DOGS AND WASPS NESTS | | | |
| Environmental Information Regulation Requests | | | |
| Release of Environmental Information (basic) | 28.00 | 29.50 | |
| Release of Environmental Information (detailed) | 56.00 | 59.00 | |
| Any information required above the advanced search, will be at the advanced search rate plus an hourly officer fee. Details of the approximate amount to be charged will be provided to the applicant prior to any work being undertaken following assessment of the information required. | | | |
| Control of Rats and Other Pests | | | |
| Misc | | | |
| Labour Rate per hour | 42.00 | | 44.00 |
| Plus use of poisons - recharged at cost plus 50% | | | |
| Annual contracts (requiring more than one visit) | Commercial Judgement | Commercial Judgement | |
| Mice infestation (2 visits) | 72.00 | | 75.50 |
| Rat infestation (3 visits) | 108.00 | | 113.50 |
| Wasps Nests | 48.00 | | 50.00 |
| Control of Dogs | 42.00 | | 44.00 |
| Dog Recovery Fee | | | |
| Plus Vets fees at cost plus 10% | | | |

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| STREET TRADING | | | |
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| Single Unit up to 12 x 12 (max 5m length) Food - Initial | 1,658.00 | | 1,740.00 |
| - Renewal | 1,575.00 | | 1,654.00 |
| Single Unit up to 12 x 12 (max 5m length) Non-Food - Initial | 1,385.00 | | 1,455.00 |
| - Renewal | 1,245.00 | | 1,308.00 |
| For every additional 12 x 12 or part thereof or length more than 5m | 682.00 | | 716.00 |
| Mobile Traders | 649.00 | | 682.00 |
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| FOOD, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND POLLUTION CONTROL | | | |
| FOOD, HEALTH AND SAFETY | | | |
| Issue of Food Surrender Certificates | 54.00 | 57.00 | |
| Release of Officers Statements | 251.00 | 264.00 | |
| Release of Documents | 89.00 | 93.50 | |
| POLLUTION CONTROL | | | |
| WATER SAMPLING CHARGES | | | |
| The Regulations allow local authorities to charge a fee, subject to prescribed maximum levels to enable reasonable costs of services (lab fees etc) to be recovered. | | | |
| Proposed Fees and Charges | | | |
| Risk Assessment | 40.00 per hour (up to £500 Max) | 40.00 per hour (up to £500 Max) | |
| Investigation (each investigation) | 40.00 per hour (up to £100 Max) | 40.00 per hour (up to £100 Max) | |
| Granting an Authorisation | 100.00 Max | 100.00 Max | |
| Sampling (each visit) | 100.00 Max | 100.00 Max | |
| Analysing a sample | | | |
| - taken under regulation 10 (small supplies) | 25.00 Max | 25.00 Max | |
| - taken during check monitoring | 100.00 Max | 100.00 Max | |
| - taken during audit monitoring | 500.00 Max | 500.00 Max | |

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| Premises License Fees 2011/12 | | | |
| Existing Casinos - New Application | N/A | N/A | |
| Annual Fee | N/A | N/A | |
| Application to vary | N/A | N/A | |
| Application to Transfer | N/A | N/A | |
| Application for re-instatement | N/A | N/A | |
| Application for Provisional Statement | N/A | N/A | |
| Licence Application (Provisional Statement holders) | N/A | N/A | |
| Copy Licence | N/A | N/A | |
| Notification of change | N/A | N/A | |
| New Small Casino - New Application | N/A | N/A | |
| Annual Fee | N/A | N/A | |
| Application to vary | N/A | N/A | |
| Application to Transfer | N/A | N/A | |
| Application for re-instatement | N/A | N/A | |
| Application for Provisional Statement | N/A | N/A | |
| Licence Application (Provisional Statement holders) | N/A | N/A | |
| Copy Licence | N/A | N/A | |
| Notification of change | N/A | N/A | |
| New Large Casino - New Application | N/A | N/A | |
| Annual Fee | N/A | N/A | |
| Application to vary | N/A | N/A | |
| Application to Transfer | N/A | N/A | |
| Application for re-instatement | N/A | N/A | |
| Application for Provisional Statement | N/A | N/A | |
| Licence Application (Provisional Statement holders) | N/A | N/A | |
| Copy Licence | N/A | N/A | |
| Notification of change | N/A | N/A | |
| Regional Casino - New Application | N/A | N/A | |
| Annual Fee | N/A | N/A | |
| Application to vary | N/A | N/A | |
| Application to Transfer | N/A | N/A | |
| Application for re-instatement | N/A | N/A | |
| Application for Provisional Statement | N/A | N/A | |
| Licence Application (Provisional Statement holders) | N/A | N/A | |
| Copy Licence | N/A | N/A | |
| Notification of change | N/A | N/A | |
| Bingo Club - New Application | 1,989.00 | 2,088.00 | |
| Annual Fee | 569.00 | 598.00 | |
| Application to vary | 995.00 | 1,045.00 | |
| Application to Transfer | 682.00 | 716.00 | |
| Application for re-instatement | 682.00 | 716.00 | |
| Application for Provisional Statement | 1,989.00 | 2,088.00 | |
| Licence Application (Provisional Statement holders) | 682.00 | 716.00 | |
| Copy Licence | 29.00 | 31.00 | |
| Notification of change | 57.00 | 60.00 | |
| Betting Premises - New Application (excluding Tracks) | 1,707.00 | 1,792.00 | |
| Annual Fee | 341.00 | 358.00 | |
| Application to vary | 852.00 | 895.00 | |
| Application to Transfer | 682.00 | 716.00 | |
| Application for re-instatement | 682.00 | 716.00 | |
| Application for Provisional Statement | 1,707.00 | 1,792.00 | |
| Licence Application (Provisional Statement holders) | 682.00 | 716.00 | |
| Copy Licence | 29.00 | 31.00 | |
| Notification of change | 57.00 | 60.00 | |



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| | TO 31/03/2012 £ | FROM 1/04/2012 £ * | FROM 1/04/2011 £ ** |
| Premises License Fees 2011/12 | | | |
| Tracks - New Application | 1,422.00 | 1,493.00 | |
| Annual Fee | 569.00 | 598.00 | |
| Application to vary | 710.00 | 746.00 | |
| Application to Transfer | 540.00 | 567.00 | |
| Application for re-instatement | 540.00 | 567.00 | |
| Application for Provisional Statement | 1,422.00 | 1,493.00 | |
| Licence Application (Provisional Statement holders) | 540.00 | 567.00 | |
| Copy Licence | 29.00 | 31.00 | |
| Notification of change | 57.00 | 60.00 | |
| Family Entertainment Centres - New Application | 1,137.00 | 1,194.00 | |
| Annual Fee | 426.00 | 447.00 | |
| Application to vary | 569.00 | 598.00 | |
| Application to Transfer | 540.00 | 567.00 | |
| Application for re-instatement | 540.00 | 567.00 | |
| Application for Provisional Statement | 1,137.00 | 1,194.00 | |
| Licence Application (Provisional Statement holders) | 540.00 | 567.00 | |
| Copy Licence | 29.00 | 31.00 | |
| Notification of change | 57.00 | 60.00 | |
| Adult Gaming Centres - New Application | 1,137.00 | 1,194.00 | |
| Annual Fee | 569.00 | 598.00 | |
| Application to vary | 569.00 | 598.00 | |
| Application to Transfer | 540.00 | 567.00 | |
| Application for re-instatement | 540.00 | 567.00 | |
| Application for Provisional Statement | 1,137.00 | 1,194.00 | |
| Licence Application (Provisional Statement holders) | 540.00 | 567.00 | |
| Copy Licence | 29.00 | 31.00 | |
| Notification of change | 57.00 | 60.00 | |
| Temporary Use Notices - New Application | 289.00 | 304.00 | |
| Annual Fee | N/A | N/A | |

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| Permits | | | |
| Fee Type | | | |
| FEC Gaming Machine - Grant | 300.00 | 300.00 | |
| FEC Gaming Machine - Renewal | 300.00 | 300.00 | |
| FEC Gaming Machine - Existing Operator Grant | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| FEC Gaming Machine - Annual Fee | N/A | N/A | |
| Prize Gaming - Grant | 300.00 | 300.00 | |
| Prize Gaming - Renewal | 300.00 | 300.00 | |
| Prize Gaming - Existing Operator Grant | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Prize Gaming - Annual Fee | N/A | N/A | |
| Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit - Grant | 150.00 | 150.00 | |
| Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit - Renewal | N/A | N/A | |
| Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit - Existing Operator Grant | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit - Annual Fee | 50.00 | 50.00 | |
| Club Gaming Permit - Grant *** | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Club Gaming Permit - Renewal *** | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Club Gaming Permit - Existing Operator Grant | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Club Gaming Permit - Annual Fee | 50.00 | 50.00 | |
| Club Machine Permits - Grant *** | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Club Machine Permits - Renewal *** | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Club Machine Permits - Existing Operator Grant | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Club Machine Permits - Annual Fee | 50.00 | 50.00 | |
| Small Lottery Registration - Grant | 40.00 | 40.00 | |
| Small Lottery Registration - Renewal | 20.00 | 20.00 | |
| Small Lottery Registration - Existing Operator Grant | N/A | N/A | |
| Small Lottery Registration - Annual fee | N/A | N/A | |
| Miscellaneous Fees | | | |
| FEC Permits - Change of name | 25.00 | 25.00 | |
| FEC Permits - Copy of permit | 15.00 | 15.00 | |
| FEC Permits - Variation | N/A | N/A | |
| FEC Permits - Transfer | N/A | N/A | |
| FEC Permits - Notification | N/A | N/A | |
| Prize Gaming Permits - Change of name | 25.00 | 25.00 | |
| Prize Gaming Permits - Copy of permit | 15.00 | 15.00 | |
| Prize Gaming Permits - Variation | N/A | N/A | |
| Prize Gaming Permits - Transfer | N/A | N/A | |
| Prize Gaming Permits - Notification | N/A | N/A | |
| Licensed premises Gaming machine Permits - Change of name | 25.00 | 25.00 | |
| Licensed premises Gaming machine Permits - Copy of permit | 15.00 | 15.00 | |
| Licensed premises Gaming machine Permits - Variation | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Licensed premises Gaming machine Permits - Transfer | 25.00 | 25.00 | |
| Licensed premises Gaming machine Permits - Notification | N/A | N/A | |



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PROPOSAL OF SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR INCOME

| INCOME DESCRIPTION | Current Charge | Proposed Charge | Proposed Charge |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | TO 31/03/2012 £ | FROM 1/04/2012 £ * | FROM 1/04/2011 £ ** |
| Permits | | | |
| Licensed Premises Automatic Notification Process - Change of name | N/A | N/A | |
| Licensed Premises Automatic Notification Process - Copy of permit | N/A | N/A | |
| Licensed Premises Automatic Notification Process - Variation | N/A | N/A | |
| Licensed Premises Automatic Notification Process - Transfer | N/A | N/A | |
| Licensed Premises Automatic Notification Process - Notification | 50.00 | 50.00 | |
| Gaming Club Permits - Change of name | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Gaming Club Permits - Copy of permit | 15.00 | 15.00 | |
| Gaming Club Permits - Variation | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Gaming Club Permits - Transfer | N/A | N/A | |
| Gaming Club Permits - Notification | N/A | N/A | |
| Gaming Machine Permits - Change of name | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Gaming Machine Permits - Copy of permit | 15.00 | 15.00 | |
| Gaming Machine Permits - Variation | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Gaming Machine Permits - Transfer | N/A | N/A | |
| Gaming Machine Permits - Notification | N/A | N/A | |

NOTES:

- * Charge before VAT (if applicable) at the prevailing rate
- ** Charge inclusive of VAT (if applicable) i.e. total fee payable at the prevailing VAT rate
- *** Fee will be £200 if premises does not sell alcohol



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| INCOME DESCRIPTION | Current Charge | Proposed Charge | Proposed Charge |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | TO 31/03/2012 £ | FROM 1/04/2012 £ * | FROM 1/04/2011 £ ** |
| Licensing Act 2003 | | | |
| Band A - (rateable value £0 to £4,300) | | | |
| Annual | 70.00 | 70.00 | |
| New Licence | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Future Variation | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Band B - (rateable value £4,301 to £33,000) | | | |
| Annual | 180.00 | 180.00 | |
| New Licence | 190.00 | 190.00 | |
| Future Variation | 190.00 | 190.00 | |
| Band C - (rateable value £33,001 to £87,000) | | | |
| Annual | 295.00 | 295.00 | |
| New Licence | 315.00 | 315.00 | |
| Future Variation | 315.00 | 315.00 | |
| Band D - (rateable value £87,001 to £125,000) | | | |
| Annual *** | 320.00 | 320.00 | |
| New Licence *** | 450.00 | 450.00 | |
| Future Variation *** | 450.00 | 450.00 | |
| Band E - (rateable value over £125,000) | | | |
| Annual **** | 350.00 | 350.00 | |
| New Licence **** | 635.00 | 635.00 | |
| Future Variation **** | 635.00 | 635.00 | |
| Premises with no NDRV = Band A | | | |
| Premises under construction = Band C | | | |
| Number of person present | | | |
| 5,000 to 9,999 - Additional Fee | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| 5,000 to 9,999 - Annual Fee | 500.00 | 500.00 | |
| 10,000 to 14,999 - Additional Fee | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | |
| 10,000 to 14,999 - Annual Fee | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| 15,000 to 19,999 - Additional Fee | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | |
| 15,000 to 19,999 - Annual Fee | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | |
| 20,000 to 29,999 - Additional Fee | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | |
| 20,000 to 29,999 - Annual Fee | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | |
| 30,000 to 39,999 - Additional Fee | 16,000.00 | 16,000.00 | |
| 30,000 to 39,999 - Annual Fee | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | |
| 40,000 to 49,999 - Additional Fee | 24,000.00 | 24,000.00 | |
| 40,000 to 49,999 - Annual Fee | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | |
| 50,000 to 59,999 - Additional Fee | 32,000.00 | 32,000.00 | |
| 50,000 to 59,999 - Annual Fee | 16,000.00 | 16,000.00 | |
| 60,000 to 69,999 - Additional Fee | 40,000.00 | 40,000.00 | |
| 60,000 to 69,999 - Annual Fee | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | |
| 70,000 to 79,999 - Additional Fee | 48,000.00 | 48,000.00 | |
| 70,000 to 79,999 - Annual Fee | 24,000.00 | 24,000.00 | |
| 80,000 to 89,999 - Additional Fee | 56,000.00 | 56,000.00 | |
| 80,000 to 89,999 - Annual Fee | 28,000.00 | 28,000.00 | |
| 90,000 and over - Additional Fee | 64,000.00 | 64,000.00 | |
| 90,000 and over - Annual Fee | 32,000.00 | 32,000.00 | |



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PROPOSAL OF SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR INCOME

| INCOME DESCRIPTION | Current Charge | Proposed Charge | Proposed Charge |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | TO 31/03/2012 £ | FROM 1/04/2012 £ * | FROM 1/04/2011 £ ** |
| Licensing Act 2003 | | | |
| Other Fees | | | |
| Application for a grant or renewal of personal licence | 37.00 | 37.00 | |
| Temporary event notice | 21.00 | 21.00 | |
| Theft, loss etc. of premises licence or summary | 10.50 | 10.50 | |
| Application for a provisional statement | 315.00 | 315.00 | |
| Notification of change of name or address | 10.50 | 10.50 | |
| Application to vary licence to specify DPS | 23.00 | 23.00 | |
| Application for transfer of premises licence | 23.00 | 23.00 | |
| Interim authority notice following death etc. of licence holder | 23.00 | 23.00 | |
| Theft, loss etc. of certificate or summary | 10.50 | 10.50 | |
| Notification of change of name or alternation of rules of club | 10.50 | 10.50 | |
| Change of relevant registered address of club | 10.50 | 10.50 | |
| Theft, loss etc. of temporary event licence | 10.50 | 10.50 | |
| Theft, loss etc. of personal licence | 10.50 | 10.50 | |
| Duty to notify change of name or address | 10.50 | 10.50 | |
| Right of freeholder etc. to be notified of licensing matters | 21.00 | 21.00 | |
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NOTES:

- * Charge before VAT (if applicable) at the prevailing rate
- ** Charge inclusive of VAT (if applicable) i.e. total fee payable at the prevailing VAT rate
- *** A multiplier of twice the fee and annual charge applies where use of the premises is exclusively or primarily for the carrying on, on the premises of the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises.
- **** A multiplier of three times the fee and annual charge applies where use of the premises is exclusively or primarily for the carrying on, on the premises of the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises.



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PROPOSAL OF SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR INCOME

| INCOME DESCRIPTION | Current Charge | Proposed Charge | Proposed Charge |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | TO 31/03/2012 £ | FROM 1/04/2012 £ * | FROM 1/04/2011 £ ** |
| Private Water Supplies | | | |
| Risk Assessment - rate per hour | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| up to a maximum of | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| Investigating - rate per hour | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| up to a maximum of | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Granting an authorisation - Maximum charge | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Analysing samples | | | |
| Regio small supplies - maximum | 25.00 | | 25.00 |
| During check monitoring - maximum | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Taken during audit monitoring - maximum | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| Approx 12 supplies may require investigation and full audit | | | |
| Approx 60 supplies may require risk assessment and investigation. | | | |
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NOTES:

* Charge before VAT (if applicable) at the prevailing rate
 ** Charge inclusive of VAT (if applicable) i.e. total fee payable at the prevailing VAT rate

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

13TH FEBRUARY 2012

Application for an Increase in the Current Taxi Fare Tariff

| OPEN | |
|-------------------------|--|
| DIRECTOR: | Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council. |
| CONTACT OFFICER: | Niall McMenamin – 01527 881454 Niall.mcmenamin@worcsregservices.gov.uk |
| APPENDICES: | Appendix 1 – Bewdley Taxi Associations Fare Increase Request and Petition |

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To ask the Licensing and Environmental Committee to consider giving approval to undertake a 4 week consultation with the Wyre Forest Hackney Carriage trade, to measure the level of support for a request from the Bewdley Taxi Association for an increase to the current Taxi Fare Tariff.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked:

- 2.1 **To consider giving approval to the undertaking of a 4 week consultation with the Wyre Forest Taxi Trade, with a main outcome of establishing the level of support for the requested Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff increase.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 15th November 2011, The Wyre Forest Taxi Liaison group met and discussed a proposal for an increase to the current Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff, which had been submitted by an individual Wyre Forest licensed Hackney Carriage owner/driver.
- 3.2 The proposal was considered and it was decided by the trade representatives present at the meeting, that there was no evidence to say that the fare increase request was supported by the Wyre Forest licensed drivers and commented that any rise in taxi fares would only have a negative impact on the already fragile taxi custom in Wyre Forest.
- 3.3 On 13 December 2011 the Licensing Office received a letter from the newly formed Bewdley Taxi Association, formally requesting a review of the current taxi tariff, putting forward three proposals. Attached to

the request was a petition signed by 21 licensed hackney carriage drivers also in support of a fare increase.

- 3.4 A copy of the Bewdley Taxi Associations fare increase request and the signed petition is attached at “**appendix 1**”

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The current Wyre Forest Taxi Fare Tariff has been in place since 21st May 2008.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There will be a cost to undertake the consultation, which will include both administration and postage.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 gives the local authority the powers to set fares for Hackney Carriages.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 There is no risk management issues arising from this report.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 There are no issues over Equality Impact Assessment.

9. CONCLUSION

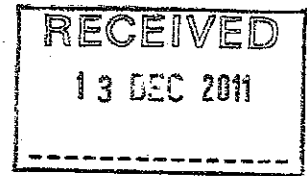
- 9.1 Wyre Forest District Council are required to consider any request for an increase to the Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff.

10. CONSULTEES

- 10.1 Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 None.



Bewdley Taxi Association

5 UPPER HOUSE BARNS , BEWDLEY, KINLET, WORC'S. DY12 3BX

TEL: 01299 405050

Date: 9TH December 2011

Worcestershire Regulatory Services

Wyatt House, PO Box866, Farrier St, Worcester, WR1 9DP

FTAO: Nial McMenamin

Dear Nial,

Further to our telecom, I enclose some documentation supporting our " Fare Rise " request as promised.

Also I can confirm that following a meeting on 30/11/2011, the Bewdley Taxi Association (BTA) has been officially formed and is made up as follows :-

Steering Group members :- Mr Andrew Mason

Mr Sal Ahmed

Mr Paul Rayner

Treasurer and Secretary :- Mr Maurice Alton (TEL: 07793 055114)

It was agreed at the meeting that we wish to put forward to the council the following options for your consideration :

- 1/ Increase Flag Fare to £3.50 for 1st ½ mile .
- 2/ Increase Flag Fare to £3.00 for 1st ½ mile plus 15p each 1 mile thereafter.
- 3/ No increase at present time , but revue in May 2012.

There were other issues raised at the meeting that we would wish to present at the next council meeting, providing we are invited !!

Best Regards

Maurice Alton - Secretary



FUEL PRICE REPORT MAY 2008

In the past month, diesel prices have risen by their highest margin this century and are now almost 12 pence per litre more expensive than petrol. High oil prices, breaking through the \$125 mark, have also fuelled a near-record rise in petrol prices.

Nationally, **unleaded** prices have risen by 4.5ppl to 112.6ppl in the past month. **Diesel** prices have risen by 6.8ppl to 124.2ppl. The price difference between unleaded and diesel has risen from 9.3ppl to 11.6ppl.

London recorded the highest price for **unleaded** at 113.3ppl followed by the **South East** at 113.1ppl. **Yorkshire and Humberside** again recorded the lowest price for **unleaded** at 111.6ppl. **Wales** recorded the highest **diesel** price at 124.7ppl. **Yorkshire and Humberside** still have the cheapest **diesel** at 123.4ppl.

Supermarket prices for **unleaded** also rose over the month by 3.9ppl to 110.7ppl. The gap between supermarket prices and the UK average for **unleaded** has increased to 1.9ppl. Overseas prices have risen. The UK has the ninth highest **unleaded** price in Europe and the second highest **diesel** price.

| Garages and Supermarkets | Unleaded 95 Octane | | Diesel | | Super Unleaded | | LPG |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| | litres | (gallons) | litres | (gallons) | litres | (gallons) | |
| Northern Ireland | 112.4 | 511.0 | 123.5 | 561.44 | 119 | 541.0 | 49.2 |
| Scotland | 112.4 | 511.0 | 124.5 | 565.99 | 118.7 | 539.6 | 54.8 |
| Wales | 112.7 | 512.3 | 124.7 | 566.90 | 117.8 | 535.5 | 55.3 |
| North | 112.1 | 509.6 | 123.7 | 562.35 | 120.1 | 546.0 | 54.7 |
| North West | 111.9 | 508.7 | 123.5 | 561.44 | 120 | 545.5 | 54.9 |
| Yorkshire & Humberside | 111.6 | 507.3 | 123.4 | 560.99 | 118.9 | 540.5 | 56.7 |
| West Midlands | 112.6 | 511.9 | 124.3 | 565.08 | 120 | 545.5 | 58.2 |
| East Midlands | 112.2 | 510.1 | 123.9 | 563.26 | 119.2 | 541.9 | 57 |
| East Anglia | 112.6 | 511.9 | 124.2 | 564.62 | 119.1 | 541.4 | 58 |
| South East | 113.1 | 514.2 | 124.5 | 565.99 | 119.6 | 543.7 | 58.2 |
| South West | 112.7 | 512.3 | 124.6 | 566.44 | 119.4 | 542.8 | 55.3 |
| London | 113.3 | 515.1 | 124.4 | 565.53 | 120.1 | 546.0 | 59.2 |
| UK AVERAGE | 112.6 | 511.9 | 124.2 | 564.62 | 119.5 | 543.3 | 57.1 |
| Per cent taken as Tax | | 59.6 | | 55.43 | | 57.0 | |

| Supermarkets | Unleaded 95 Octane | | Diesel | | Super unleaded | | LPG |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| | litres | (gallons) | litres | (gallons) | litres | (gallons) | |
| SUPERMARKET AVERAGE | 110.7 | 503.3 | 121.0 | 550.1 | 115.5 | 525.1 | 53.7 |
| Per cent taken as Tax | | 60.4 | | 56.51 | | 58.5 | |

The AA Public Affairs Fuel Price Report uses data sourced from Catalist Ltd & Arval (www.catalist.com)
They are an average of mid-month prices from the respective regions.