

Wolverhampton City Council

OPEN DECISION ITEM

Committee / Panel	<u>LICENSING COMMITTEE</u>	Date	01/02/2012
Originating Service Group(s)	<u>EDUCATION & ENTERPRISE DELIVERY</u>		
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Title/Subject Matter	<u>REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR GENERAL LICENSING AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR 2012/13</u>		

Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- (i) Approve the proposed fees and charges for General Licensing as set out in Appendix A with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (ii) Note the fees and charges set by the Secretary of State in relation to the Licensing Act 2003.
- (iii) Approve the proposed fees and charges set out in Appendix B in relation to the Gambling Act 2005 with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (iv) Note the fees and charges for permits set by the Secretary of State in relation to the Gambling Act 2005.
- (v) Approve the fees and charges set out in Appendix C with effect from 1 April 2012 relating to Environmental Information Requests.

REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR GENERAL LICENSING AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR 2012/13

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To submit for consideration proposed fees and charges for 2012/13 in relation to certain licences and licensed activities that are regulated by the Licensing Committee.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Council is empowered under various statutes to levy fees for the issue of local licences and permits.

2.2 This report does not include street trading fees and charges which are the subject of another report on this agenda.

2.3 The Council is also empowered to make charges for requests for environmental information such as contaminated land reports.

2.4 The Council policy is to review such fees on an annual basis and introduce increases at least in line with the increased cost of providing the service. In relation to a number of licence types, the fees and charges are set by the Secretary of State.

3.0 Proposals for 2012/13

General Licensing

3.1 Certain licences, permits and registrations are subject to local control for fees and charges. This function known as General Licensing operates at a net cost to the Council. It is therefore recommended to increase fees and charges by 2% in 2012/13. Appendix 'A' sets out the proposed fees, rounded to the nearest £5 for administration purposes, Members agreed a fee of £25 for 'A' boards/table and chairs/goods on the highway permissions on 11 January 2012.

Licensing Act

3.2 Fees and charges for premises, clubs, personal licences, temporary event notices and other fees in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 are set by the Secretary of State.

3.3 Since the implementation of the Act in 2005 there has been no increase in fees set by the Secretary of State.

3.4 Members should note that applications made under Sections 17, 34, 71 and 84 of the Licensing Act 2003 which relate to the provision of Regulated Entertainment within Educational Institutions i.e. Schools or College or premises that are or form part of a Church Hall, Chapel Hall or similar building or Village Hall, Parish Hall or Community Hall or other similar building are exempt from payment of fees.

Gambling Act

3.5 It is proposed to charge the maximum fees as set by the Secretary of State for premises licences, temporary use notices and other fees in relation to the Gambling Act 2005 as set out at Appendix B of this report. This is to reflect cost recovery, as currently the administration and enforcement of gambling activities is not delivered within existing income levels.

- 3.6 In relation to Gambling Act fees for permits, small society registrations etc these are set by the Secretary of State and the Licensing Authority has no discretion to amend these fee levels.

Environmental Information

- 3.7 Finally, the provision of environmental information, upon request, is a statutory requirement for which the Council can make a reasonable charge. The current and proposed charges for 2012/13 are set out in Appendix C and ensure that the full cost of providing this service is recovered.

Financial Implications

- 4.1 Should Members agree with the recommendations in this report it is anticipated that income from the proposed fees and charges in Appendices A and B which are subject to local control will cover the anticipated increase in costs of providing the service assuming the number of licences remain at the current level. Additionally, the charges made in relation to environmental information requests will offset officer resources required to deliver this element of service. [JJ/20012012/J]

Equalities Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

Environmental Implications

- 6.1 There are environmental implications arising from this report in that the control of the distribution of Free Printed Matter will generate benefits to the street scene environment of the city centre. Also, the provision of environmental information will give clients advisory data in relation to the local environment.

Legal Implications

- 7.1 The legal implications are considered within the main body of the report. [SH/20012012/E]

GENERAL LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES SUBJECT TO LOCAL CONTROL

	LICENCE	EXISTING CHARGE 2011/12 £	PROPOSED CHARGE 2012/13 £
1.	Riding Establishments	185	190
2.	Performing Animals	373	380
3.	Pet Shops	140	145
4.	Dog Breeding Licences	140	145
5.	Animal Boarding Establishments	140	145
6.	Home Boarding	140	85
7.	Dangerous and Wild Animals		
	(i) Initial	450	460
	(ii) Full	231	235
	(iii) Random Inspections	154	160
8.	Cosmetics etc.		
	A. Premises		
	(i) Acupuncture		
	(ii) Tattooing		
	(iii) Electrolysis		
	(iv) Ear Piercing	95	95
	(v) Cosmetic Piercing		
	(vi) Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring		
	B. Persons - All		
	Variation of Licence	27	30
9.	Poisons Act		
	(i) Initial	49	50
	(ii) Alteration	27	30
	(iii) Maintain on list	37	40
10.	Sex Establishments		
	(i) Initial Single	4492	4580
	(ii) Initial Joint (or sev)	6734	6870
	(iii) Renewal Single	3614	3680
	(iv) Renewal Joint (or sev)	5424	5530
	(v) Transfer	359	365
11.	Vehicle Crimes Act 2001 (Registration of Motor Salvage Operators - 3 Years)	86	90
12.	Highways Act 1980		
	(i) Table and Chairs	265	25
	(ii) 'A' Boards	150	25
	(iii) Goods on the Highway	150	25
13.	Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005		
	(i) Distribution of Free Printed Matter	265	270
	(ii) Additional Badges	37	40
14.	Mini-Bus Permits and Disc (5 Years)		
	(i) Initial	20	20
	(ii) Renewal	20	20
	(iii) Replacement	20	20

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THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 – EXISTING FEES 2011 – 2012

PROPOSED TO CHARGE MAXIMUM FEES ALLOWED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS SHOWN BELOW 2012 - 2013

Category of Premises License	Application Fee in Respect of Conversion of Provisional Statement	Application Fee in Respect of New Premises Licences	Annual Fee YEAR 2	Fee for Application to Vary Licence	Fee for Application to Transfer a Licence	Fee for Application for Reinstatement of a Licence	Fee for Application for Provisional Statement	Fee for Notification of a change of Circumstance (Statutory Fee)	Fee for Application for Copy of Licence (Statutory Fee)	Fee for giving notification of a TUN (max £500)	Fee for requesting a copy of a TUN (max £25)
New Small Casino Premises	£2,088 MAX £3,000	£6,905 MAX £8,000	£4,396 MAX £5,000	£3,452 MAX £4,000	MAX £1,800	£1,454 MAX £1,800	£6,905 MAX £8,000	£50	£25	£440	£23
Converted Casino Premises	N/A	N/A	£2,638 MAX £3,000	£1,616 MAX £2,000	£1,087 MAX £1,350	£1,086 MAX £1,350	N/A	£50	£25	£440	£23
Bingo Premises	£972 MAX £1,200	£2,522 MAX £3,500	£879 MAX £1,000	£1,429 MAX £1,750	£972 MAX £1,200	£972 MAX £1,200	£2,522 MAX £3,500	£50	£25	£440	£23
Adult Gaming Centre Premises	£972 MAX £1,200	£1,730 MAX £2,000	£879 MAX £1,000	MAX £1,000	£972 MAX £1,200	£972 MAX £1,200	£1,730 MAX £2,000	£50	£25	£440	£23
Betting Premises (Track)	£839 MAX £950	£1,983 MAX £2,500	£879 MAX £1,000	£1,158 MAX £1,250	£839 MAX £950	£839 MAX £950	£1,983 MAX £2,500	£50	£25	£440	£23
Family Entertainment Centre Premises	£844 MAX £950	£1,730 MAX £2,000	£660 MAX £750	MAX £1,000	£844 MAX £950	£844 MAX £950	£1,730 MAX £2,000	£50	£25	£440	£23
Betting Premises (Other)	£972 MAX £1,200	£2,258 MAX £3,000	£528 MAX £600	£1,297 MAX £1,500	£972 MAX £1,200	£972 MAX £1,200	£2,258 MAX £3,000	£50	£25	£440	£23

MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REQUESTS

The charges levied for this service are comparable to or lower than the other councils in the West Midlands and are based on full cost recovery of officer time, invoicing and postage etc. Due to the fact that the costs of providing this service have not increased considerably it is proposed to retain the fees at their current level for 2012/13.

	Service Provided	Existing Charge 2011/12 £	Proposed Charge 2012/13 £
1.	Full contaminated land report	51.00	51.00
2.	Two day expedited service for contaminated land report*	59.00	59.00
3.	Hourly rates for other chargeable enquiries (fees show initial charge for first hour and then fee for each additional half hour)	51.00 (hourly rate) 17.00 (additional ½ hour fee)	51.00 (hourly rate) 17.00 (additional ½ hour fee)

NB. All figures are exclusive of VAT.

* The expedited service has been implemented in response to requests by solicitors for such a service (enquiries normally dealt within 10 working days).