

Wolverhampton City Council**OPEN DECISION ITEM**

Committee / Panel	<u>LICENSING COMMITTEE</u>	Date	16/01/2013
Originating Service Group(s)	<u>EDUCATION & ENTERPRISE</u>		
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Title/Subject Matter	<u>REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR GENERAL LICENSING AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR 2013/14</u>		

Recommendations

The Licensing Committee are recommended to:

- (i) Approve the proposed fees and charges for General Licensing as set out in Appendix A with effect from 1 April 2013.
- (ii) Approve the consent review delegation in relation to Distribution of Free Printed Material as detailed at Section 3.1.3.
- (iii) Note the fees and charges set by the Secretary of State in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 over which the Council has no local control.
- (iv) Note the fees and charges set out in Appendix B in relation to the Gambling Act 2005 with effect from 1 April 2013 over which the Council has fee setting powers.
- (v) Note other fees and charges for permits set by the Secretary of State in relation to the Gambling Act 2005 over which the Council has no local control.

**REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR GENERAL
LICENSING AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR 2013/14**

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To submit for consideration proposed fees and charges for 2013/14 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 to this meeting.

2.3 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, whilst also having due regard to the Council's social and economic policies. In relation to a number of licence types, the fees and charges are set by the Secretary of State.

3.0 Proposals for 2013/14

3.1 General Licensing

3.1.1 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 generally increase fees and charges by 10% in 2013/14 so as to ensure the function operates on a cost neutral basis.

3.1.2 Appendix A sets out the proposed fees, rounded to the nearest £5 for administration purposes, the Licensing Committee agreed a fee of £25 for A-Boards/table and chairs/goods on the highway permissions on 11 January 2012 which will remain unchanged.

3.1.3 In relation to Distribution of Free Printed Material Consents (Appendix A, item 13) it is proposed to introduce limited duration consents and also to allow businesses, not just individual distributors to apply for the consents. To ensure that safeguards remain in place, it is proposed to introduce a review mechanism, whereby consents can be suspended and/or revoked by the Licensing Manager.

3.2 Licensing Act

3.2.1 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.

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

3.2.3 Councillors 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.

3.3 **Gambling Act**

- 3.3.1 It is proposed to continue 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.
- 3.3.2 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.

4.0 **Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Should Councillors 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. [ES/07012013/P]

5.0 **Equalities Implications**

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

6.0 **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.

7.0 **Legal Implications**

- 7.1 The legal implications are considered within the main body of the report.
[SH/02012013/A]

GENERAL LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES SUBJECT TO LOCAL CONTROL

	LICENCE	EXISTING CHARGE 2012/13 £	PROPOSED CHARGE 2013/14 £	PROPOSED INCREASE %
1.	Riding Establishments	190	210	10%
2.	Performing Animals	380	420	10%
3.	Pet Shops	145	160	10%
4.	Dog Breeding Licences	145	160	10%
5.	Animal Boarding Establishments	145	160	10%
6.	Home Boarding (up to 4 animals)	85	95	10%
7.	Dangerous and Wild Animals			
	(i) Initial	460	505	10%
	(ii) Full	235	260	10%
	(iii) Random Inspections	160	175	10%
8.	Cosmetics etc.			
	A. Premises			
	(i) Acupuncture			
	(ii) Tattooing			
	(iii) Electrolysis			
	(iv) Ear Piercing	95	105	10%
	(v) Cosmetic Piercing			
	(vi) Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring			
	B. Persons - All	30	35	10%
	Variation of Licence			
9.	Poisons Act			
	(i) Initial	50	55	10%
	(ii) Alteration	30	35	10%
	(iii) Maintain on list	40	45	10%
10.	Sex Establishments			
	(i) Initial Single	4580	5040	10%
	(ii) Initial Joint (or sev)	6870	7560	10%
	(iii) Renewal Single	3680	4050	10%
	(iv) Renewal Joint (or sev)	5530	6080	10%
	(v) Transfer	365	400	10%
11.	Vehicle Crimes Act 2001 (Registration of Motor Salvage Operators - 3 Years)	90	100	10%
12.	Highways Act 1980			
	(i) Table and Chairs	25	25	No increase
	(ii) A-Boards	25	25	No increase
	(iii) Goods on the Highway	25	25	No increase
13.	Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005			
	(i) Distribution of Free Printed Matter	270	300	10%
	(ii) Additional Badges	40	45	10%
	(iii) 1 Day Consent (Up to 2 Persons)	-	50	
	(iv) 7 Day Consent (Up to 2 Persons)	-	100	
14.	Mini-Bus Permits and Disc (5 Years)			
	(i) Initial	20	25	25%
	(ii) Renewal	20	25	25%
	(iii) Replacement	20	25	25%

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THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 – APPROVED FEES FROM 1 APRIL 2013 UNTIL 31 MARCH 2014

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	MAX £3,000	MAX £8,000	MAX £5,000	MAX £4,000	MAX £1,800	MAX £1,800	MAX £8,000	£50	£25	£500	£25
Converted Casino Premises	N/A	N/A	MAX £3,000	MAX £2,000	MAX £1,350	MAX £1,350	N/A	£50	£25	£500	£25
Bingo Premises	MAX £1,200	MAX £3,500	MAX £1,000	MAX £1,750	MAX £1,200	MAX £1,200	MAX £3,500	£50	£25	£500	£25
Adult Gaming Centre Premises	MAX £1,200	MAX £2,000	MAX £1,000	MAX £1,000	MAX £1,200	MAX £1,200	MAX £2,000	£50	£25	£500	£25
Betting Premises (Track)	MAX £950	MAX £2,500	MAX £1,000	MAX £1,250	MAX £950	MAX £950	MAX £2,500	£50	£25	£500	£25
Family Entertainment Centre Premises	MAX £950	MAX £2,000	MAX £750	MAX £1,000	MAX £950	MAX £950	MAX £2,000	£50	£25	£500	£25
Betting Premises (Other)	MAX £1,200	MAX £3,000	MAX £600	MAX £1,500	MAX £1,200	MAX £1,200	MAX £3,000	£50	£25	£500	£25