

24 January 2018

<b>Report title</b>	Review of Fees and Charges for General Licensing and Miscellaneous Matters for 2018/19	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	None	

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## Recommendation(s) for decision:

The Licensing Committee is recommended to:

1. Approve the proposed fees and charges for General Licensing as set out in Appendix A with effect from 1 April 2018.
2. 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.
3. Approve the proposed fees and charges set out in Appendix B in relation to the Gambling Act 2005 with effect from 1 April 2018 over which the Council has fee setting powers.
4. 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.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To submit for consideration proposed fees and charges for 2018/19 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 its 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 2018/19**

### **3.1 General licensing**

- 3.1.1 Certain licences, permits and registrations are subject to local control for fees and charges.
- 3.1.2 It is proposed that the existing fees and charges for General Licensing for the current year 2017/18 remain unchanged for the coming year 2018/19. These are detailed at Appendix A.

### **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. School 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 the cost of the service.
- 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 the Licensing Committee agree with the recommendations in this report it is anticipated that overall income from the proposed fees and charges in Appendices A and B which are subject to local control will cover the estimated cost of providing the service.  
[SR/09012018/J]

### **5.0 Legal implications**

- 5.1 The legal implications are considered within the main body of the report.  
[JB/09012018/R]

### **6.0 Equalities implications**

- 6.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

### **7.0 Environmental implications**

- 7.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

### **8.0 Human resources implications**

- 8.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

### **9.0 Corporate landlord implications**

- 9.1 There are no corporate landlord implications arising from this report.

### **10.0 Schedule of background papers**

- 10.1 Licensing Committee – 16 January 2013 - Review of fees and charges for general licensing and miscellaneous matters for 2013/14.

Licensing Committee – 26 February 2014 - Review of fees and charges for general licensing and miscellaneous matters for 2014/15.

Licensing Committee – 21 January 2015 - Review of fees and charges for general licensing and miscellaneous matters for 2015/16.

Licensing Committee – 20 January 2016 - Review of fees and charges for general licensing and miscellaneous matters for 2016/17.

Licensing Committee – 21 January 2017 – Review of fees and charges for general licensing and miscellaneous matters for 2017/18.