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HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING - FEES

Portfolio:	Community
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Ward(s) Affected:	ALL
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Purpose

To Consider increasing fees as required under Council policy.

Background

1. Under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the Council is entitled to change such fees as will cover the cost of undertaking the hackney carriage and private hire licensing function including enforcement in relation to licensed vehicles and drivers. Enforcement in relation to unlicensed operations cannot however be covered by the fees.
2. This balance has been achieved in respect of the Council's current hackney carriage and private hire licensing budget.

Current Position

3. In line with Council Policy and in order to continue covering the cost of the licensing function, arrangements have been made to increase fees for hackney carriage and private hire licences and in accordance with statutory requirements an advertisement requesting comments has been placed in the local newspaper. Copies of the advertisement have also been circulated to all hackney carriage and private hire proprietors. A copy of the advertisement showing existing and proposed fees is attached as Annex A
4. Following the placing of the advertisement, two representations have been received and these are attached as Annexes B and C.

Proposal

5. Following consideration of the representations which have been received the Committee is asked to approve the proposed fees with or without amendment.

Financial Implications

6. There are no additional financial implications arising from this proposal.

Recommendation

7. The Committee is asked RESOLVE that the fees as proposed in the notice attached at Annex A be approved.

Background Papers:

None

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