

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
MISCELLANEOUS LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

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REVIEW OF TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING FEES - JULY 2018 – MARCH 2019

REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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(The decision on this matter will be a recommendation to the Council)

1. PURPOSE

To consider revised taxi and private hire licensing fees in light of the cost recovery exercise that has taken place regarding fees in West Oxfordshire.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Sub-Committee considers the proposed taxi and private hire licensing fees as set out in Appendix A to the report and recommends that the proposed fees be approved with effect from 1 July 2018.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. In 2018 a comprehensive review was conducted into the fees charged by the ERS licensing service for Taxi Licensing.
- 3.2. The new fees reflect the costs of running the Taxi Licensing service across the council areas covered by the ERS shared service.
- 3.3. The existing and proposed fees and charges are shown within Appendix 'A'.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1. In accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the fees were advertised for a 28 day period, within The Witney Gazette commencing on Wednesday 21 February and at the District Council offices in Chipping Norton and Witney.
- 4.2. One consultation response was received. This is attached at Appendix 'B'.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The changes proposed within the report ensure that reasonable costs are recovered for running the Taxi Licensing service.

6. RISKS

Failure to approve the changes will result in the service being unable to recover its costs.

7. REASONS

The legislation allows the Council to make charges that are deemed 'reasonable' but should be based upon cost recovery. If the proposed fees are agreed, this will not result in the service making a profit on Taxi Licensing and therefore it is considered that the fees are 'reasonable' and accord with the Council's objective to provide efficient, value for money services whilst delivering quality front line services.

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