

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**30 AUGUST 2007**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**1.0 LICENSING FUNCTIONS: DISCRETIONARY LICENCE FEES AND CHARGES**

**1.1 Purpose of report**

1.2 To determine licensing fees and charges for 2007/2008.

**2.0 Link to Corporate Priorities**

The duties of the Council as a licensing authority are statutory in nature but many of the licensing objectives support the overarching aims of the Corporate Improvement Plan and the Council's corporate priorities.

**3.0 Background**

3.1 The Licensing Committee has the power to determine fees charged in respect of those licensing functions within the purview of the Licensing Committee and to hear and determine objections relating to proposed fee revisions. A table of the current and proposed fees and charges is shown at Appendix 1.

3.2 The Council has a policy that, where permitted by legislation, the overall level of fees is set to recover the cost of providing the service. Members are requested to note however, that fees for the majority of the licensing functions are set by statute and the Council has no discretion to vary these fees.

**4.0 Budget issues**

4.1 The increases proposed for 2007/2008 are in line with the budget strategy approved by Council. A rate of 2% inflation (with rounding up to the nearest whole £1 to ensure administrative efficiency) has been applied to the fee structure with the exception of fees charged by third parties over which the Council has no control.

4.2 Members are requested to note new fees introduced for 2007/8 as follows: £25.00 deposit for licence plate to be affixed to street trading carts or tricycles.

4.3 Members are requested to note that the current fee re-charged for a taxi Vehicle "MOT" test equivalent is £46.00. This has increased from £44.15 with effect from 1 July 2007. A standard vehicle licence requires two

vehicle tests per year and these charges have been applied to the proposed licence fee.

## **5.0 Recommendation**

### **5.1 Discretionary fee increases.**

The Committee is recommended to approve the proposed fee increases, shown in Appendix 1 to be effective from 3 September 2007, with the exception of fees relating to taxi vehicle licences and operator licences which are subject to Public Notice and will become operative either 28 days following the expiration of the Public Notice, or, if objections are received, on a date to be determined by the Licensing Committee following formal consideration of the objections.

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**Date 23 August 2007**

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**Background Documents: None**

**APPENDIX 1**

Category	2006/2007 Actual	2007/2008 Proposed
	£	
<b>Miscellaneous Premises</b>		
Marriage Premises Approval	1,090.00	1,112.00
Sex Establishment Grant (Minimum)	583.00	595.00
Sex Establishment Renewal (Minimum)	424.00	432.00
<b>Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences</b>		
Vehicle (including 2 Vehicle "MOT" tests)**	212.00	£218.00
Additional Vehicle "MOT" tests**	49.00	£51.00
Special vehicles (including stretch limousines) including relevant Vehicle "MOT" tests**	266.00	£273.00
Deposit on Vehicle Licence plate	25.00	25.00
Grant of Driver licence (inc Driver Awareness Course and cost of CRB check)	94.00	96.00
Renewal of Driver licence	38.00	39.00
Driver Awareness Course referral	25.00	26.00
Criminal Records Bureau Search – cost to be met by applicant	as advised by CRB	as advised by CRB
DVLA check – cost to be met by applicant	as advised by DVLA	as advised by DVLA
Replacement licences/photocard badges	10.00	10.00
Cancellation of Vehicle "MOT" test within one working day or non-attendance at test (includes £5.00 administration fee)	49.00	£51.00
Transfer of ownership	37.00	38.00
Part "MOT" re-test of Vehicle minimum	20.00	20.00
Operator licence**	138.00	141.00
<b>Miscellaneous licences and permits</b>		
Street Trading Consent – per annum Minimum	190.00	194.00
Street Trading Consent – per month or part thereof minimum	28.00	29.00
Street Trading Consent – annual consent for non	30.00	31.00

profit making or charitable organisations		
Street Trading Licence Plate Deposit – payable in addition to Consent fee	n/a	£25.00
Sports Ground Certificate (Minimum fee)	1,060.00	1,081.00
Sports Ground regulated stand (per stand) (Minimum fee)	370.00	377.00
Sports Ground certificate variation, transfers and consent to non-specified activities (Minimum fee)	74.00	75.00
** subject to Public Notice		