

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

16 SEPTEMBER 2008

**REPORT OF ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE LEGAL AND
REGULATORY SERVICES**

**1.0 LICENSING FUNCTION:
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT
1976: DISCRETIONARY LICENCE FEES AND CHARGES**

1.1 Purpose of report

1.2 To report an objection to the bringing into effect of an increase in fees relating to vehicle and operator licences for the year 2008/2009.

2.0 Background

2.1 The proposed fee increase was published in the Glamorgan Gazette in accordance with statutory requirements. The relevant vehicle and operator licence fees are attached at Appendix A.

2.2 Following expiration of the period for Public Notice, one letter of objection has been received which is attached at Appendix B.

3.0 Comments on objection

3.1 The objection is based on the contention that the licence fees for vehicles has increased by over the rate of inflation quoted by the objector as 3.5%.

3.2 The proposed increases for hackney carriage, private hire and specialist vehicles were calculated in line with the Council's budget strategy which approved an increase in licensing fees by 5% at Council on 13 February 2008.

3.3 The proposals originally recommended are necessary to recover the cost of providing the service. These include the administration and enforcement of taxi vehicle licensing.

4.0 Legal Implications

The proposals recommended within the report are necessary for the administration of licensing functions.

5.0 Financial Implications

The recommended increases will enable the service to meet inflationary increases in administration and enforcement costs.

6.0 Recommendation

That the proposed increases in fees are approved with effect from 18 September 2008.

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**Background papers: Committee Minutes - Licensing Committee 10
July 2008 and Council 13 February 2008**

APPENDIX A

Discretionary Fees			
Category	2007/2008 Actual	2008/2009 Proposed	Notes
Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle (including 2 Vehicle "MOT" tests at basic rate)**	£218.00	£229.00	Subject to Public Notice
Hackney Carriage or Private Hire additional Vehicle "MOT" tests** (Comprises £46.00 external recharge + £5.00 administrative fee)	£51.00	£51.00	Notified that recharge for 2008/2009 will remain at £46.00. Administrative fee of £5.00 to remain but be increased next year. Subject to Public Notice
Special vehicles (including stretch limousines) including relevant Vehicle "MOT" tests**	£273.00	£287.00	Subject to Public Notice
Deposit on Vehicle Licence plate	£25.00	£26.00	
Private Hire Vehicle Operator licence**	£141.00	£148.00	Subject to Public Notice -

Dear Sir or Madam

I wish to object to your rise of £11 to the plating charges of cars up to 5 years old and the charge to over 5 year old over £14 as this is over the inflation rate of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ has the rise the trade has been given which is also a loose and not a rise. Also has the M.O.T charges have not gone up. I can not see the justification in this year rise again this year has the test fees have gone up for the last 5 years.

Yours faithfully
