

DECISION SHEET: REGULATORY COMMITTEE

3 NOVEMBER 2021

Agenda Ref.	Subject and Decision	Decision Referral	Officer(s) Responsible for Action
2.	Disclosures of Interest None.		
3.	Minutes That the Minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on 25 March 2021 and the special meeting held on 19 May 2021, be approved and signed by the Chair as correct records.		Committee Manager
4.	Review of Locally Set Fees for Various Regulatory Regimes 1. That the proposed fees be endorsed and recommended they be adopted by due process for implementation on 1 April 2022. 2. That a review of the fees be undertaken in September 2023.		Principal Trading Standards Officer
5.	Delegations to the Regulatory Sub-Committee and Officers That the current Scheme of Delegation for the Regulatory Committee be endorsed.		Principal Solicitor - Litigation

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6.	<p>Safeguarding and Equality Training for Taxi and Private Hire Licence Holders</p> <p>1. That the following condition be placed on all combined driver licences:</p> <p>The licence holder must complete a council approved safeguarding and equality training course, at their own expense, at the time of renewing their licence (every three years). The course will include subjects such as child sexual abuse, exploitation, modern slavery, human trafficking, extremism, cuckooing, county lines, and the carrying of wheelchair users and assistance dogs. Previously completed accredited courses will not be accepted. Failure to attend and successfully complete the course as directed by the Council will result in suspension of licence until the course is successfully completed. Penalty points may also be imposed.</p> <p>2. That the following condition be placed on all private hire operator licences:</p> <p>The private hire operator must complete a Council approved Safeguarding and Equality training course, at their own expense, at least every three years or at renewal. The course will cover subjects including child sexual abuse, exploitation, modern slavery, human trafficking, extremism, cuckooing, county lines and the carrying of wheelchair users and assistance dogs. Previously completed accredited courses will not be accepted. Failure to attend and successfully complete the course as directed by the Council will result in suspension of licence until the course is successfully completed. Penalty points may also be imposed.</p>		Taxi Licensing Lead

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. That licence holders have 21 days to appeal the condition to the Magistrates' Court. Once the appeal period has lapsed, should a licence holder be in breach of the condition, then the licence will be suspended under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 until the breach is rectified. The licence holder may also be given penalty points. 4. That approved safeguarding and equality training for taxi licensing be provided by the Council 'in-house' at a proposed cost of £44 per licence holder. The Council is permitted under current law to recover reasonable costs associated with taxi licensing which, in regard to safeguarding and equality training, includes training room(s), staffing and software costs. All new applicants and licence holders will have to pay this fee. This fee will be reviewed on an annual basis along with all taxi licensing fees and charges. 5. That the Head of Service, Strategic Lead, or Director, be permitted to make appropriate changes to the delivery of safeguarding and equality training, if required. 		
7.	<p>Review of Taxi Licensing Fees and Charges 2022/23</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That driver associated fees, as set out in Annex A to the report, be approved and to take effect from 1 April 2022 under section 53 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. 2. That Cabinet be recommended that the vehicle and operator associated fees, as set out in Annex A to the report, take effect from 1 April 2022 under Section 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. 		Taxi Licensing Lead

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8.	<p>MOT Amendment and Enforcement Action</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>		
9.	<p>Licensing and Business Team Update 2021</p> <p>1. That the report be noted</p> <p>2. That Licensing officers look at undertaking test purchasing for the off sale of alcohol by delivery from retailers and small businesses.</p>		Licensing Team
10.	<p>Date of Next of Meeting</p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting of the Regulatory Committee would be held on Wednesday 9 February 2022 at 6.35 pm or on conclusion of the Licensing Committee, whichever is the later.</p>		