

Licensing Charging Regime

Whilst some fees are set nationally through statute, Local Authorities are required to establish their own charging rates for certain licensable activities.

Licensing fees, other than those relating to taxis, have not been reviewed for some time. Several are no longer aligned to other Local Authorities rates and do not cover the cost of administering the service, including compliance and enforcement work arising from licensed premises.

Moreover, a number of new licensable activities have been introduced since the existing fee schedule was established. These include sex entertainment establishments, catteries, kennels and dog breeding. It is important that the Council keeps its fee structure up to date and that the fees represent a fair and reasonable charge related to the activities that they cover. Additional work is ongoing to assess fair and reasonable charges for gambling licences and these will be brought to Cabinet in a future report.

A review of the licensing charging regime has taken place and the proposed new charging rates are shown in the final column. It is recommended that these charges are adopted and implemented as soon as practicable.

Chargeable Activity	Current - May 2016	Amendment Possible?	Proposed Rate
Licensing Act 2003	Statutory fees	No but current Govn't review	
Gambling Act 2005	Statutory fees within band	Possible	To be assessed
Sex shops	Not determined	New	£1,200
Sex shops renewal	Not determined	New	£700
Sex establishments - new application	Not determined	New	£2,800
Sex establishments - renewal	Not determined	New	£1,300
Piercing/Electrolysis premises with 1 practitioner	180	Review	£280
Tattooing Personal	270	Review	£170
Tattooing Premises	270	Review	£340
Acupuncture premises and 1 practitioner	240	No	£280
Acupunture/piercing personal	80	No	£80
Street Trading - full	2200	Review	£2,400
Street trading day fee	10	Review	£37
Street trading markets/ event short duration - monthly	30	Review	£52
Street Trading markets/ event short duration - annual	100	Review	£100
Animal Boarding premises	120	Review	£145
Animal Boarding additional carer	48	Review	£52
Scrap Metal collector	313	No	£322
Scrap Metal site licence	559	No	£578
Pet shops	120	Review	£190
Pet shops	120	Review	£145 - single species
Kennel/catteries	Not determined	New	£190
Dog breeding	Not determined	New	£190
Performing animals	43	No	£43
Dangerous Wild Animals	250	No	£250
Zoo Licence	£540/£720 (4 years)	Review	£620/£815
Riding Establishments	£150	No	£150
Poison	£31.72	Review	?
Explosives storage over 250kg	£178	No	
Renewal of licence (over 250kg but less than 2000kg)	£83	No	
Storage upto 250kg	£105	No	
Renewal of licence (upto 250kg)	£52	No	
Firework (All year sale and storage)		New	£500
Taxi/Private Hire Fees	Major review undertaken in 2015	Not at this stage	
Introduction of pre-application advice for licence apps		New	Based on hourly fee rate