

<b>REPORT TO THE PERSONNEL, LICENSING &amp; ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE</b>		Report No. 9
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	
<b>Title of Report</b>	Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licence Fees	
Link to Corporate Priorities	Ensure that the Council's annual income and expenditure is in line with the Medium Term Financial Strategy.	
Public Report	Yes	

### Summary of Report

For the Committee to consider the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licence fees for the forthcoming financial year.

### Officer Recommendations

**The Committee considers the report and approves the proposed increases with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008.**

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
Yes	None	None	None	None

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The proposed fees in this report for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licences have been increased by 3% for the next financial year.

## 2. Options and Options Appraisal

- 2.1 For the Committee to approve an increase in fees charged as detailed in the report.
- 2.2 For the Committee to amend the fees as detailed in the report.

## 3. Background Information

- 3.1 The Committee's adopted policy has been not to have an operating deficit on the licensing function. To continue this, it is considered necessary to increase fees by 3% for 2008/09.

- 3.2 The current and proposed fees are -

	<b><u>2007/08</u></b> <b><u>Current</u></b> £	<b><u>2008/09</u></b> <b><u>Proposed</u></b> £
Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers - Initial	135.00	139.00
- Renewal	80.00	82.00
Hackney Carriage Vehicle	243.00	250.00
Private Hire Vehicle	243.00	250.00
Private Hire Operator	98.00	101.00

- 3.3 The figures shown below are the estimated number of licences for the current and forthcoming financial year -

	<b><u>2007/08</u></b>	<b><u>2008/09</u></b>
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	169	170
Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers	315	320
Private Hire Vehicles	34	35
Private Hire Operator	22	23

- 3.4 At a meeting of the Executive on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2001 it was resolved to delimit the number of Hackney Carriage Vehicles. Since this decision there has been an increase in the numbers from the former 106 maximum to 169.

## 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 These are set out more fully in the attached Appendix 1.

## 5. Risk Analysis

- 5.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appendix 1 – Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Budget &amp; Forecasts</li> </ul>
<b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hackney Carriage and Private Hire File</li> </ul>

**Previous Decisions Connected with this Report**

<b>Report</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Date</b>	<b>Minute Reference</b>
None		