

# Decision Schedule



## Licensing Committee

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Licensing Sub-Committee took the following decision on 3 November 2015 and they are effective immediately.

Councillors Guy (in the Chair), H Thomas, E Garland, D Harvey and C Ferris were in attendance.

Apologies for absence: Councillors C Suller, C Evans and Rahman

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**LIC04/15**

### **Gambling Act 2005: Revised Statement of Principles 2015**

#### **Options considered/reason for decision:**

The Gambling Act 2005 became fully implemented on 1 September 2007 and it created a new system of licensing and regulation for commercial gambling. It required the Council to prepare and publish a Statement of Principles for each successive period of three years, which outlined the principles that the Council would apply in exercising its functions as the Licensing Authority under the Act. The draft revisions to the Statement included in this report had been produced in accordance with Regulations and the Gambling Commission's Guidance to Licensing Authorities. Statutory consultation took place prior to the Statement of Principles being determined by full Council. This consultation ran from the 6 August 2015 to 21 September 2015.

#### **Decision**

That the Licensing Committee supported the proposed amendments to the Council's Statement of Principles required under the Gambling Act 2005 and recommended it be presented to full Council for approval and adoption.

**Implemented by:** Head of Law & Regulation

**Implementation Timetable:** Immediate

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**LIC05/15**

### **Revision of Hackney Carriage: Table of Fares**

#### **Options considered/reason for decision**

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provides that in respect of charges for Hackney Carriages, "the Council may fix the rates or fares within the district...." The Council last determined the Table of Fares in October 2010 and a submission has been received from some members of the Hackney Carriage trade for the Council to increase, and amend, the existing tariff. The report lays out this proposal and also officer's recommendations for increase and seeks permission to go out for consultation.

## **Decision**

The Committee agreed the amended the Hackney Carriage Table of Fares in accordance with the Officers' and Hackney Carriage Association's recommendation at Appendix C, would go out for public consultation until 1 December 2015, in accordance with The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provisions.

**Implemented by:** Head of Law & Regulation

**Implementation Timetable:** Immediate

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LIC06/15

## **Proposed Hackney Carriage, Private Hire Vehicles & Operators Licence Fees**

### **Options considered/reason for decision:**

Taxi licence fee setting is a function of the Licensing Committee. Sections 53 and 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 state that fees for the grant of driver and vehicle licences may be charged at a level sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of running the service.

The report sets out the proposed revised fees for taxi drivers, vehicles and for private hire operators and asks the Committee to give permission for consultation to commence on these revised fees. Some fees have increased, other have decreased.

## **Decision**

The Committee agrees that consultation be commenced on the proposed revised licence fees etc, in respect of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing function are detailed in Appendix A of this report.

**Implemented by:** Head of Law & Regulation

**Implementation Timetable:** Immediate

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