



Licensing Committee

Thu 4 Jun
2026
7.00 pm

Oakenshaw Community
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Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs:	Nic Pioli (Chair)	Sharon Harvey
	Simon Farmer (Vice-Chair)	Joanna Kane
	Juliet Barker Smith	Wanda King
	Roger Bennett	Gary Slim
	Brandon Clayton	Monica Stringfellow
	Matthew Dormer	

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interest

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and / or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests.

3. Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

4. Public Speaking

5. Hackney Carriage Table Of Fares - Request For Variation (Pages 9 - 22)

6. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Fees and Charges - Update report on the consideration of objections received (Pages 23 - 46)

7. Work Programme (Pages 47 - 48)

8. Exclusion of the Public and Press

In the opinion of the Chief Executive, the meeting will not be, or is unlikely to be open to the Public at the time the following items of business are considered for the reasons stated. The Committee will be asked to pass the following resolution:

“that under S.100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended:

- Paragraph 1 – Any Individuals
- Paragraph 2 – Identity of Individuals
- Paragraph 3 – Financial or Business Affairs

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- **Paragraph 7 – The Prosecution of a Crime.”**
- 9.** Officer Update(s) - Enforcement and Appeal Matters

(In view of the fact that information may be revealed in relation to individuals, the identities and financial or business affairs of those individuals and the prosecution of crimes, any reports will be confidential and circulated to Members and relevant Officers only.)

10. Urgent Business

To consider any Urgent Reports, details of which have been notified to the Assistant Director of Legal, Democratic and Procurement Services prior to the commencement of the meeting and which the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting.

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor David Munro (Chair), and Councillors Juliet Barker Smith, Matthew Dormer, Sid Khan, Gary Slim and Jen Snape

Officers:

Vanessa Brown and Hazel Powell

Democratic Services Officers:

Gavin Day

28. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Juma Begum with Councillor Monica Stringfellow in attendance as substitute.

Apologies were also received from Councillors, Paul Wren, Brandon Clayton and Sachin Mathur.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

30. MINUTES

The minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting of 9th March 2026 were presented to Members.

RESOLVED that

The minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 9th March 2026 be approved as true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

31. PUBLIC SPEAKING

There was no public speaking.

32. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE FEES AND CHARGES - CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS RECEIVED.

The Principal Licensing Officer, Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS), presented the report to Members. The purpose of the report was to consider representations received in objection to the increase in licence fees associated with Hackney Carriage personal Licences and Operator Licences.

Officers clarified that Members would need to consider the representations raised and then Recommend to council for determination.

On 14th January 2026, a statutory 28-day consultation commenced detailing proposed increases to Licence fees, detailed on page 10 of the Public Reports pack. During the consultation period which lasted until 10th February 2026, two objections were received.

The objections detailed on pages 15 to 20 in the Public Reports pack, were from the Taxi Association and A2B taxis. Both objections sited that the increase in fees did not reflect the impact that drivers were facing in a number of areas which included the current level of administrative service, increased cost of living or illegal parking on ranks effecting business.

Officers further detailed that any fees much an authority charge can only be on a cost recovery basis so as not to run the service at a financial loss and the fees were calculated to take into account the increase in supplying the service.

After questions from Members the following was clarified by Officers

- That fees are set and collected by Redditch borough Council.
- A reduction in fees may cause the council to be providing the service at a loss.
- The fees were only raised in line with inflation.

Members commented that with the increasing cost and the financial breakdown supplied by objectors on page 18 of the Public Reports pack, the current cost to drivers was significantly higher than some other authorities might be able to offer, who are able to offer lower fares due to the number of Licenced drivers that they have. This could cause drivers to go elsewhere for their licences. Members further expressed a desire to support the Taxi trade and investigate what could be done.

In answering questions from Members, Officers present were not able to answer detailed questions on the projected cost and implications to Redditch Borough Council if there was no (or a lesser) increase. To answer such questions, more information must

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be sought from the Finance team, who would need guide Members on the implications and cost. Members expressed a desire for an Officer from the finance team to be present to allow Members to discuss the matter in more detail.

Subject to the preamble detailed above, Councillor Matt Dormer proposed an Alternative Recommendation to Defer the decision to a future meeting of the Licencing Committee pending further information on the financial impact to the Council. The Alternative Recommendation was Seconded by Councillor Juliet Barker Smith.

On being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED that

Determination be deferred to a future meeting of the Licencing Committee, pending additional information on the financial impact of the fee increase.

33. VERBAL UPDATE ON THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES

The Principal Licensing Officer, Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS), presented the report to Members. The purpose of the report was to inform Members of the ongoing work with Redditch taxi drivers regarding a proposed increase to the hackney table of fares.

At the previous Licencing Committee hearing on 9th March 2026, Members requested that an update be added to the work programme to review the Trade's stance on not wanting an increase to the Hackney Table of Fares due to the economic impact of other competitors and cost of living crisis.

Officers detailed that since that last meeting they had been in contact with the trade who had recently indicated that they would like an increase to the Table of Fares.

The trade requested the following raise:

	Current	Proposed	Increase
Standing charge	£4.40	£4.90	+7%
Distance charge	15p	25p	+66%

The increase to the standing charge would be in line with inflation, however, some concerns were raised in distance increase and WRS were currently in discussion with the trade as to their rational and justification for this value.

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Officers assured Members that they would remain in contact with the trade to finalise any requested increase in fares and would bring any proposals which were formally raised to Committee.

34. WORK PROGRAMME

There were no additions or amendments to the work programme.

35. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that

Under S100 A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, the public were excluded on the grounds of the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the said act, as amended.

36. OFFICER UPDATE(S) - ENFORCEMENT AND APPEAL MATTERS

Officers detailed that an appeal had been lodged with the Magistrates Court against a decision made by the Licencing Sub-Committee, however no court date had been identified.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 7.45 pm

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HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES – REQUEST FOR VARIATION

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr M. Dormer
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Simon Wilkes – Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services
Report Author	Job Title: Hazel Powell Principal Licensing Officer Contact email: Hazel.Powell@worcsregservices.gov.uk Contact Tel: 01562 738 054
Wards Affected	Wards
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	No
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	None
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS**Members are asked to RESOLVE:**

- a) The proposed table of taxi fares as set out in Appendix 3 be advertised as a public notice and objections from the public invited in accordance with the requirements of section 65, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.
- b) If no objections are received from the public within 14 days of publication of the notice that the proposed tariff will come into effect on 6th July 2026.
- c) If objections are received in the stated time, that the matter will be considered further at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee, and a decision made as to whether the variations to the table of fares should be made.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council has responsibility under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, for setting the maximum fares that can be charged by Hackney Carriage vehicles licensed to operate within the district.

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- 2.2 Hackney Carriage (“Taxi”) fares are made up of an initial hiring charge and a “mileage” rate, both of which are expressed in terms of distance and / or time per unit cost. This is because when a hired taxi is stationary or moving slowly in traffic the meter continues charging, but by time, instead of distance.
- 2.3 The table of fares applies only to Hackney Carriage vehicles. Private hire operators are free to agree their hiring charges in advance with their customers, normally at the time of booking the journey.
- 2.4 The current table of fares was approved by the Licensing Committee and took effect on 1st June 2025, this is given as **Appendix 1** and are reviewed annually by the Licensing Committee

3. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- 3.1 In accordance with the annual review of the table of fares, in February 2026 the Chair of the Redditch Taxi Association was approached and asked whether the Association would seek to vary the current fares for the next 12-month period. At that time, the Taxi Association confirmed that no review of the fares was required.
- 3.2 The views of the Taxi Association in February were reported back to the Licensing Committee on 9th March 2026. The Licensing Committee accepted the views of the Taxi Association but, in light of the conflict in the middle east causing instability in the economy and fluctuating fuel prices, the Committee requested that the matter remain under review.
- 3.3 The Chair of the Taxi Association was contacted again by officers on 5th May 2026 and a written request was received from the Redditch Taxi Association to have the table of fares reviewed. The Taxi Association cited the following reasons for a review –
- Both petrol and diesel prices have increased and have remained high since early March
 - Cost of living increases
 - Trade competition arising from licensed vehicles operating within the Redditch area but licensed by other licensing authorities.
- 3.4 The Redditch Taxi Association have proposed increasing the ‘hiring charge’ on all three tariffs by £0.20p. There is no proposal to change the existing tariff for any distance travelled otherwise known as the “mileage” charge rate, which is expressed in terms of distance and/or time per unit cost.

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- 3.5 Making these amendments would increase the cost of a 2-mile journey in a Hackney Carriage licensed by the Council on tariff one from £6.65 to £6.85, an increase of 3.0%.
- 3.6 Tariff Compassions - The Private Hire Monthly trade publication publishes a table each month to show a comparison of Hackney Carriage fares across the country for a 2-mile journey. A 2-mile journey is used as a yard stick, as this is reportedly the average length of a typical journey in a Hackney Carriage. A table showing a comparison of the Hackney Carriage fares charged in other local districts for a 2-mile journey can be seen at **Appendix 2**.
- 3.7 The government's Department for Energy Security and Net Zero lists the following fuel price data –

Date	Petrol – Pump Price (p/litre)	Petrol – Difference on previous week (p/litre)	Diesel – Pump Price (p/litre)	Diesel - Difference on previous week (p/litre)
23/02/2026	131.71	0.1	141.46	0.0
02/03/2026	132.14	0.4	142.15	0.7
09/03/2026	135.67	3.5	149.01	6.9
16/03/2026	140.28	4.6	158.78	9.8
23/03/2026	144.16	3.9	166.88	8.1
30/03/2026	148.78	4.6	176.52	9.6
06/04/2026	154.65	5.9	186.75	10.2
13/04/2026	158.17	3.5	192.14	5.4
20/04/2026	157.62	-0.5	191.24	-0.9
27/04/2026	156.99	-0.6	189.81	-1.4
04/05/2026	156.82	-0.2	188.79	-1.0
11/05/2026	156.81	-0.2	188.14	-1.0
18/05/2026	157.39	-0.2	186.56	-1.0

- 3.8 Using the table given at 3.7, when comparing fuel prices on 23 February 2026 with fuel prices on 18 May 2026 there is a 17.8% increase in petrol pump prices and a 27.5% increase in diesel pump prices. The table also shows that since 20th April there have been only marginal decreases in fuel prices.

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- 2.10 According to the data compiled by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) rose by 3.3% in the 12 months to March 2026, which are the latest figures released.
- 2.11 According to the Bank of England's "Inflation Calculator" goods and services that cost £100 in March 2025 cost £103.43 in March 2026, an increase of 3.4%.
- 2.12 Legislation requires that any changes to the table of fares are published as a public notice and objections invited. If no objections are received the fares come into force on the named date. If there are objections, then the Council must consider them and re-set the fares with or without variations.
- 2.13 Members are asked to consider the request received by Redditch Taxi Association and to direct officers to undertake the legal processes required to advertise the proposed tariff shown at **Appendix 3**.
- 2.14 Should no objections be received in response to the newspaper notice, the approved changes can take effect from 6th July 2026.
- 2.15 Alternatively, if objections are received, then a report will be prepared for consideration at the next Licensing Committee and a decision made as to whether the variations to the table of fares should be made.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The costs of advertising any proposed variations to the table of fares for hackney carriages would be met from existing budgets held by Worcestershire Regulatory Services.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Section 65 (1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states that a district council may fix the rates or fares within the district as well for time as distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a vehicle or with the arrangements for the hire of a vehicle, to be paid in respect of the hire of Hackney Carriages by means of a table (hereafter in this section referred to as a "table of fares") made or varied in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- 5.2 Section 65(2) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 goes on to state:

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- a) When a district council make or vary a table of fares they shall publish in at least one local newspaper circulating in the district a notice setting out the table of fares or the variation thereof and specifying the period, which shall not be less than fourteen days from the date of the first publication of the notice, within which and the manner in which objections to the table of fares or variation can be made.
- b) A copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall for the period of fourteen days from the date of the first publication thereof be deposited at the offices of the council which published the notice and shall at all reasonable hours be open to public inspection without payment.
- 5.3 If no objection to a table of fares or variation is duly made within the period specified in the notice referred to in section 65 (2), or if all objections so made are withdrawn, the table of fares or variation shall come into operation on the date of the expiration of the period specified in the notice or the date of withdrawal of the objection or, if more than one, of the last objection, whichever date is the later.
- 5.4 If objections are made and are not withdrawn, the district council must set a further date, not later than two months after the first specified date, on which the table of fares shall come into force with or without modifications as decided by them after consideration of the objections.

6. OTHER - IMPLICATIONS**Relevant Strategic Purpose**

- 6.1 The setting of Hackney Carriage fares at an appropriate level supports local businesses and those employed within the taxi trade. By maintaining a resilient transport network, we also support resident's movement across the borough which includes journeys relating to employment and to access leisure and other amenities. This clearly supports local businesses and the Council's Economy and priorities.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.2 No implications.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.3 Section 149 (7) of the Equality Act 2010 defines the relevant protected characteristics as age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and

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civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

- 6.4 Officers having assessed the above and conclude that the matters and recommendations raised in this report do not adversely impact or unlawfully discriminate against any protected characteristics therefore a full equality Impact Assessment will not be required.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 If the Council's Hackney Carriage fare tariff is set too low this may adversely affect the supply and availability of taxis in the area. Whilst setting the fare too high may have a negative impact on the vulnerable users of this essential service, who may simply seek alternative transport options, such as using Redditch private hire transport providers or those from neighbouring local authorities.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Appendix 1 – Current Table of Fares
- Appendix 2 – Comparison of Fares for a Two-mile Journey
- Appendix 3 – Proposed Table of Fares

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9. REPORT SIGN OFF

Department	Name and Job Title	Date
Portfolio Holder	Please record the name of the relevant Portfolio Holder who has signed off the report here.	Please give the date they signed off the report here.
Lead Director / Head of Service	Please record the name of the relevant lead Director / Head of Service who has signed off the report here.	Please give the date they signed off the report here.
Financial Services	Please record the name of the relevant Officer in Financial Services who has signed off the report here.	Please give the date they signed off the report here.
Legal Services	Please record the name of the relevant Officer in Legal Services who has signed off the report here.	Please give the date they signed off the report here.
Policy Team (if equalities implications apply)	If applicable, please record the name of the relevant Officer in the Policy team who has signed off the report here.	If applicable, please give the date they signed off the report here.
Climate Change Team (if climate change implications apply)	If applicable, please record the name of the relevant Officer in the Climate Change team who has signed off the report here.	If applicable, please give the date they signed off the report here.

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TABLE OF FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES FROM 1 JUNE 2025

	Tariff One	Tariff Two	Tariff Three
For the first 880 yards (804.7 metres approx.) or part thereof	£4.40	£5.77	£7.92
For each subsequent 176 yards (160.9 metres approx.)	£0.15	£0.15	£0.30
Equivalent to: 1 st one mile distance 1760 yards (1609 metres approx.)	£5.15	£6.52	£9.42
For each subsequent one mile distance 1760 yards (1609 metres approx.)	£1.50	£1.50	£3.00
Waiting time – for each 30 seconds	£0.10	£0.10	£0.20
Extra Charges			
For each dog (except guide dogs)	£1.50		
For each passenger in excess of 6	£0.50		
Explanation of Tariffs Applicable			
Tariff One	6am – Midnight		
Tariff Two	Midnight – 6am <u>and</u> on designated public holidays		
Tariff Three	Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day		
<p>Note if the vehicle or seating is so soiled by any passenger or animal as to require cleaning, the proprietor may make a charge. This must be made clear to the passenger at the end of the journey there will be a maximum charge of £75.00.</p>			

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Appendix 2

Comparative Costs of a 2 Mile Journey on Tariff 1 by District	Cost in £
Malvern Hills District Council	6.72
Shropshire Council	8.00
County of Herefordshire	6.40
Birmingham City Council	7.60
Solihull MBC	7.60
Stratford on Avon District Council	7.68
Redditch Borough Council (Proposed)	6.85
Walsall MBC	6.75
Dudley MBC	6.60
Bromsgrove District Council	7.00
Worcester City Council	6.90
Sandwell MBC	6.92
Wolverhampton	6.80
Wychavon District Council	6.20
Wyre Forest District Council	6.14

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Proposed Table of Fares**TABLE OF FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES**

	Tariff One	Tariff Two	Tariff Three
For the first 880 yards (804.7 metres approx.) or part thereof	£4.60	£5.97	£8.12
For each subsequent 176 yards (160.9 metres approx.)	£0.15	£0.15	£0.30
Equivalent to: 1 st one mile distance 1760 yards (1609 metres approx.)	£5.35	£6.72	£9.62
For each subsequent one mile distance 1760 yards (1609 metres approx.)	£1.50	£1.50	£3.00
Waiting time – for each 30 seconds	£0.10	£0.10	£0.20
Extra Charges			
For each dog (except guide dogs)	£1.50		
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Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor M Dormer
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Simon Wilkes – Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services
Report Author	Job Title: Licensing and Support Services Manager Contact email: Kiran.Lahel@worcsregservices.gov.uk Contact Tel: 01562 738067
Wards Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	N/A
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members consider the objections received to the 2026/2027 proposed licence fee increases in respect of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle licences and operator licences and RECOMMEND referring the matter, including any recommendations, to full COUNCIL for determination.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the legal agreement established with the formation of Worcestershire Regulatory Services, licensing remains a reserved matter. This means that all policy decisions, as well as income and fee setting, remain the responsibility of the Council.
- 2.2 It is the Council's role to review and set its licensing fees and charges on an annual basis. The Licensing and Support Services Manager at Worcestershire Regulatory Services works closely with the Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer alongside the Council's wider Finance Team to ensure all fees remain cost neutral.
- 2.3 The annual review of licensing fees and charges took place in December 2025. A copy of the proposed Licensing & Environmental Health fees and charges for 2026/27 that was presented at Council is attached at "**Appendix 3**". These fees and charges include the fees

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proposed by the Council to ensure that the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire service is run on a cost-neutral basis.

- 2.4 The Council is required by section 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, to advertise any proposed variation to its fees for hackney carriage and private hire vehicle and operator licences by publishing a notice in a local newspaper. This notice must provide a period of not less than 28 days for people to raise objections to the proposed variations to the fees.
- 2.5 If an objection is made against the proposed variation and not withdrawn then the Licensing Committee must consider the objection raised before recommending onto full Council. The mechanism to bring the matter before full Council is by way of referral and recommendation through the Licensing Committee.
- 2.6 On the 2nd April a report was presented to the Licensing Committee outlining the objections received to the proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire fees and charges agreed at Council. Members requested that further information on the financial position of the Council be presented to the Licensing Committee at the next meeting to allow Members to make a more informed decision.

3. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- 3.1 It is the Council's role to review and set its licensing fees and charges on an annual basis. The Licensing and Support Services Manager at Worcestershire Regulatory Services works closely with the Director of Finance and the Council's Section 151 Officer to establish accurate details aimed at achieving full cost recovery of the licensing service, in relation to the relevant cost centres.
- 3.2 The table below sets out the Council's proposed licence fees for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle and operator licences for the 2026/27 financial year as shown in Appendix 3. The proposed fees are a 3% increase (rounded up or down) on the 2025/26 licence fees.

Licence type	Current fee	Proposed fee
Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle Licence (new and renewal)	£308.50	£318.00
Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle Licence (temporary licence)	£231.40	£238.00

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Private Hire Operator's Licence (5-year licence) (up to 3 vehicles)	£708.90	£730.00
Private Hire Operator's Licence (per additional vehicle)	£18.90	£19.00

- 3.3 In accordance with section 70(1) of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, on 14th January 2026, a notice appeared in the Redditch Advertiser announcing the above proposed fee increases and inviting objections within 28 days of the date of newspaper's publication. A copy of the notice was also placed at the Council's offices. The last date for objections was 10th February 2026.
- 3.4 On 23rd January 2026 the licensing service received an objection from Asim Nazir, Imran Altaf, and Mohammed Ilyas as representatives of the Redditch Taxi Association. The objection is attached as **APPENDIX 1**.
- 3.5 The objection from the Taxi Association raised concerns that the proposed increased fees do not reflect the impact of cross bordering, increased cost of living, illegal parking on ranks, or reflect the current level of administrative service.
- 3.6 On 9th February 2026 the licensing service received an objection from Amjad Ali Khan of A2B Taxis and Contracts (Redditch) Ltd, who holds a Private Hire operators licence and Private Hire vehicle licences with Redditch Borough Council. The objection is given as **APPENDIX 2**.
- 3.7 The objection from A2B Taxis and Contracts (Redditch) Ltd raised concerns that the proposed fees are disproportionate in terms of the financial pressures resulting from current policy requirements and in respect of the level of administrative service provided. The objection also details concerns that the proposed fees may drive the taxi trade to be licensed by other authorities whose licence fees are lower; the objection provides a cost comparison with Wolverhampton City Council's licensing fees.
- 3.8 When analysing and discussing any proposed increases in fees officers take into account a number of factors to ensure that the budget remains cost neutral. If licensing application projections remain the same as 25/26 and there is no fee increase then the Council will see a shortfall of between £4-5k in income to fund the service in 26/27.
- 3.9 In proposing the 3% increase a number of variables are analysed and costed including but not restricted to:

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- Officer costs – this is inclusive of the salary pay award that was approved in April 2026 of 3.3% increase for all officers involved in the process including WRS officers, Democratic services and Legal officers.
- The number of Committees and Sub committees that take place across the year. In 25/26 there were:
 - 16 Licensing Sub Committees that were administered.
 - 6 Licensing Parent Committees that were administered.
- The total number of Taxi applications processed throughout the year for Redditch in 25/26 which were:
 - 175 HCV Applications processed
 - 228 PHV Applications processed
- Although driver fees are not included in the objection the below provides some context as to how many driver licenses were also processed in 25/26.

Dual licensed taxi and PHV drivers	231	260
Taxi only licensed drivers	43	0
PHV only licensed drivers	244	216
Both taxi and PHV drivers (two licences - not a dual)	0	0
Total taxi and PHV drivers	518	476

- 3.10 District Councils across Worcestershire will use a similar equation to determine a percentage increase for their Licensing Services. The percentage is not always the same as the figures used to determine a change (if any) will be specific to the individual district and will consider their licensing numbers, number of committees, individual recharge costs and overall income received into the Council.

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- 3.11 Members are asked to consider the information before them and propose any recommendations the Committee may wish to make in referring this matter to full Council for final determination.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposed increase in fees and charges would cover the increase in costs to the Council. This includes salary costs, NI, all internal costs to the Council including the cost of sun committees, Parents Committees and Legal Services. Licensing fees and charges are non-profit making, and the relevant cost centres will reflect the operation of the service as cost-neutral. Any reduction in the proposed fees may lead to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing service running at a financial loss.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Council may only charge a fee which enables the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing function to operate on a cost-neutral basis. Any excess income must be carried forward to the next financial year and the review of the fees at that point would need to reflect the carry-over.
- 5.2 The 1976 Act requires proposed variation to the fees for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle and operator licences to undergo a 28 day public consultation by way of notice within a local newspaper and at the Council's offices.
- 5.3 Full Council holds the responsibility for final determination of fees. Any objections made to the proposed fees must first be considered by the Licensing Committee and referred to full Council with any recommendations that the Licensing Committee may have.

6. OTHER - IMPLICATIONS**Relevant Strategic Purpose**

- 6.1 The licensing fees and charges review found it necessary to increase fees and charges for 26/27 due to inflationary pressures, however the Council also recognises the economic pressure on licence holders and business, so have attempted to keep the increases to a minimum.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.2 None identified.

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Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.3 The Council must have regard to its public sector equality duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. In summary, Section 149 requires that a public authority, in the exercise of its functions, must have due regard to the need to:
- a) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act.
 - b) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - c) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 6.4 Section 149(7) of the Equality Act 2010 defines the relevant protected characteristics as: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
- 6.5 The Council believes that the proposal to increase the licensing fees by the percentages outlined in section 3.2 above does not adversely impact or unlawfully discriminate against any protected characteristic.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 To minimise the risk of challenge to the setting of fees and charges, they are designed to meet but not exceed the costs the Council reasonably believes will be incurred in issuing licences and administering the service.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 – Objection from Redditch Taxi Association

Appendix 2 – Objection from A2B Taxi and Contracts (Redditch) Ltd

Appendix 3 – Licensing Fees and Charges

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Department	Name and Job Title	Date
Portfolio Holder	Please record the name of the relevant Portfolio Holder who has signed off the report here.	Please give the date they signed off the report here.
Lead Director / Head of Service	Please record the name of the relevant lead Director / Head of Service who has signed off the report here.	Please give the date they signed off the report here.
Financial Services	Please record the name of the relevant Officer in Financial Services who has signed off the report here.	Please give the date they signed off the report here.
Legal Services	Please record the name of the relevant Officer in Legal Services who has signed off the report here.	Please give the date they signed off the report here.
Policy Team (if equalities implications apply)	If applicable, please record the name of the relevant Officer in the Policy team who has signed off the report here.	If applicable, please give the date they signed off the report here.
Climate Change Team (if climate change implications apply)	If applicable, please record the name of the relevant Officer in the Climate Change team who has signed off the report here.	If applicable, please give the date they signed off the report here.

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From: asim nazir <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 12:24:41 AM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Proposed licence fee increase

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Dear Redditch Borough Council

We are writing to you on behalf of the drivers of the Redditch taxi and private hire trade, regarding the proposed increase in licence fees starting April 2026. We as a trade feel that these are unjustified and unreasonable in the service we receive. Licencing is not delivering a service that is expected of them. We have delays in both vehicle and driver licence application's. When drivers are contacting WRS the standard of service is appalling with little or no information regarding the query in question. Drivers have reported the conduct of staff as being rude and being lied to about documents that have been submitted.

With cutbacks from the town hall we as a trade do not have a go to hub, and the face-to-face time we do have is limited to the amount of drivers licenced in the borough.

The trade is also feeling the pressure with the fast pace of the UBER takeover, which all journeys are carried out by out of area licenced vehicles. A livable wage is becoming harder and harder by the day.

Licencing can confirm that many of our drivers and operators are opting to be licenced by Wolverhampton, as they are a lot more efficient in process times and price. With the proposed fees a lot more drivers are looking at other authorities rather than Redditch.

We have raised concerns with various departments about the illegal parking on town taxi ranks including out of town private hires, to which we have had no response or action being taken.

A few questions that our drivers would like answered are

- Why do the fees need to be raised?
- Where will the fees be spent?
- What improvements in service can the drivers expect in dealing with their applications?
- How will the raise in fees add any value to the drivers?
- Will there be an introduction to reimbursement for delays in processing plates and badges by licencing to the drivers?

We as drivers want to know the justification for this increase and if it is still economically viable to be a driver with Redditch Borough Council.

We as a trade will await your response.

Please help the trade before you lose the trade.

We are happy to sit with you and discuss this matter and other issues we are facing.

Kind regards

Asim Nazir, Imran Altaf and Mohammed Ilyas
Redditch Taxi Association

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From: Accounts [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2026 12:10
To: Hazel Powell <Hazel.Powell@worcsregservices.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Consultation - Vehicle and Operator Licence Fees
Importance: High

Morning Hazel,

Thank you for your email and for giving us the opportunity to provide further detail on why we believe the proposed increases to vehicle and operator licensing fees would be detrimental to the trade in Redditch.

As one of the most established operators in the borough, responsible for **35 licensed vehicles** (currently) and **75–80 self-employed driver partners**, we feel these proposals will severely impact not only our business, but the wider trade and ultimately the public.

1. Redditch Already Applies Stricter Requirements Than Most Authorities

Redditch Borough Council already imposes some of the most restrictive licensing conditions in the region, including:

- **Vehicle age limits** that significantly shorten the operational lifespan of vehicles.
- **Mandatory twice-yearly compliance testing**, whereas many authorities – including Wolverhampton – require only one annual test.
- **Higher existing fees** compared with a number of surrounding councils.

These obligations already place Redditch-licensed operators at a financial and competitive disadvantage before any further increases are applied.

2. Service Levels Do Not Reflect the High Fees Being Paid

Despite paying among the highest fees in the region, the level of service we receive as fee-payers remains inconsistent. We have frequently experienced:

- **Licences issued late**, delaying our ability to place vehicles into service.
- **Documents mislaid during processing**, creating further delays and additional administrative burdens.
- **Reliance on just one approved testing facility**, limiting flexibility for operators and creating bottlenecks during peak periods.

In addition, **there is still no online system for submitting applications**, amendments, or renewals. This means everything must be processed manually, which is slow, labour-intensive, and increases the likelihood of errors or delays.

Given the fees being charged, we would expect a far more **efficient and streamlined licensing process**, similar to what many other authorities have now implemented. Wolverhampton, for example, operates far more digitally and efficiently, which is one of the reasons so many drivers are opting to licence there instead.

These ongoing challenges make it difficult to understand or justify any fee increase.

3. Higher Fees Will Drive More Drivers and Operators to Licence Elsewhere

Redditch already has a high number of **Wolverhampton- and Birmingham-licensed vehicles** operating locally through services like Uber. Meanwhile, those of us who continue to invest in the Redditch licensing system receive no tangible advantage or competitive support.

If fees continue to rise, many local drivers and operators will simply licence elsewhere out of financial necessity. This would result in:

- **Loss of enforcement capability** for RBC.
- **Reduced licensing income** as drivers migrate to cheaper, more efficient authorities.
- **Lower levels of oversight and public-safety control** over vehicles operating within the borough.

These are outcomes that harm both the Council and the local public.

4. Cost Comparison: Wolverhampton vs Redditch (Including Testing Costs)

Our Wolverhampton Private Hire Vehicle licensing confirmation shows a **£175 licence fee** for the vehicle.

Redditch's proposed 2026 vehicle licence fee is **£318**.

Additional testing requirements:

- **Redditch:** 2 tests per year × £54.95 = **£109.90**
- **Wolverhampton:** 1 test per year × £54.95 = **£54.95**

Annual Cost per Vehicle

Council	Licence Fee	Mandatory Tests	Total Annual Cost per Vehicle
Wolverhampton	£175	1 × £54.95	£229.95
Redditch	£318	2 × £54.95 = £109.90	£427.90

Annual Fleet Cost (35 Vehicles)

Council	Cost per Vehicle	Total Fleet Cost (×35)
Wolverhampton	£229.95	£8,048.25
Redditch	£427.90	£14,976.50

Annual Difference

Redditch licensing costs us **£6,928.25 more per year** than Wolverhampton:

£14,976.50 – £8,048.25 = £6,928.25

This is an extra **£198 per vehicle, every year**, purely for remaining licensed locally rather than elsewhere.

Driver Licensing Costs (Not Included in This Proposal, But Relevant)

Although driver-licence fees are not being increased in this consultation, it's important to highlight the **significant difference** between Redditch and Wolverhampton:

Council	New Driver 3-Year PH Licence	Renewal 3-Year PH Licence	Additional Admin Fees
Redditch	£175.20	£175.20	£43.30 admin for new applicants [hart.moderngov.co.uk]
Wolverhampton	£98	£78	Included; no additional RBC-type admin fee

This means a Redditch new driver pays:

£175.20 + £43.30 = £218.50

A Wolverhampton new driver pays:

£98

Difference for new drivers: £120.50 more in Redditch

Difference for renewals: £97.20 more in Redditch

For a fleet with **75–80 self-employed drivers**, as well as our own 20+ drivers currently, this differential is hugely significant and another reason many drivers choose Wolverhampton instead.

5. The Trade Is Already Under Severe Financial Pressure

Over the past two years:

- We have **invested heavily** in upgrading our entire fleet to hybrid vehicles.
- We experienced a decline of **over 90,000 jobs last year** due to Uber competition and cost-of-living pressures.
- Contract work has become a **race to the bottom**, leaving extremely tight margins.

Licensing has become one of the largest overheads operators can attempt to control. Any further increase will make it impossible for many to remain licensed in Redditch.

6. Fees Should Not Be Increased — They Should Be Considered for Reduction

Given the current state of the taxi industry, we believe strongly that:

- **Fees should not be increased**, and
- **Serious consideration should be given to reducing them.**

The trade is, quite frankly, **on its knees**.

Increasing fees during a period of economic decline, high competition from out-of-borough licensed vehicles, and rising operating costs would further weaken the local industry, reduce the Council's income, and erode public safety.

Fee reductions — not increases — would help:

- Retain local operators
- Preserve enforcement capability
- Support investment in greener fleets
- Strengthen public safety
- Encourage compliance
- Maintain a viable long-term licensing system for the Council

7. Summary

The proposed fee increases risk:

- Driving more operators out of the Redditch licensing system
- Reducing RBC's income
- Weakening enforcement
- Increasing public-safety risks
- Allowing out-of-borough operators to dominate the market
- Damaging the financial viability of long-standing Redditch fleets

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these concerns further and work with the Council to establish a framework that supports local businesses, protects the public, and ensures the long-term sustainability of licensing in Redditch.

Kind Regards

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Amjad Ali Khan
(0603 Management Services Ltd)

For and on behalf of A2B Taxis and Contracts (Redditch) Ltd



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REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL**Licencing Fees and Charges**

Roundings to the nearest 10p.

Service Category	Actual Charge 24/25	Actual Charge 25/26	Actual Charge 26/27
Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	£296.60	£308.50	£318.00
Private Hire Vehicle Licence	£296.60	£308.50	£318.00
Temporary Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	£222.50	£231.40	£238.00
Temporary Private Hire Vehicle Licence	£222.50	£231.40	£238.00
Private Hire Operator Licence (5 year)(1 - 3 vehicles)	£681.60	£708.90	£730.00
Private hire operator licence (per additional vehicle)	£18.20	£18.90	£19.00
Dual Hackney carriage / Private Hire driver licence (3 years)	£168.50	£175.20	£180.00
Private hire driver licence (3 years)	£168.50	£175.20	£180.00
Knowledge Test	£25.90	£26.90	£28.00
Administration Charge - new applications	£41.60	£43.30	£45.00
Replacement vehicle licence plate	£25.90	£26.90	£28.00
Replacement driver's licence	£14.70	£15.30	£16.00
Amendment to paper licence e.g. change of address	£13.50	£14.00	£14.00
Transfer of ownership of a licensed vehicle	£57.40	£59.70	£61.00
Criminal Record (DBS) Check	£62.90	£65.40	£67.00
Replacement hackney carriage / private hire door signs (per sign)	£13.40	£13.90	£14.00
ANIMAL ACTIVITY LICENCES			
Hiring out horses, breeding of dogs, providing or arranging the provision of boarding for cats or dogs and selling animals as pets			
Application fee	£355.00	£365.70	£377.00
Licence fee (1 year)	£199.00	£205.00	£211.00
Licence fee (2 years)	£393.00	£404.80	£417.00
Licence fee (3 years)	£590.00	£607.70	£626.00
Application to vary a licence	£259.00	£266.80	£275.00
Veterinary fees (if applicable)	Recovered at cost	Recovered at cost	Recovered at cost
Local authority inspection (on request of licence holder)	£177.00	£182.30	£187.00

ANIMAL ACTIVITY FRANCHISE			
Application fee		£377.00	
Application to vary a licence		£275.00	
Inspection Fee (per hour)		£187.00	
Keeping or training animals for exhibition (only)			
Application fee	£237.00	£244.10	£251.00
Licence fee (3 years)	£324.00	£333.70	£344.00
Application to vary a licence	£170.00	£175.10	£180.00
Veterinary fees (if applicable)	Recovered at cost	Recovered at cost	Recovered at cost
Local authority inspection (on request of licence holder)	£177.00	£182.30	£187.00
Keeping of Primates			
Application for grant of a licence (3 years)			£366.00
Application for renewal of a licence			£300.00
Application for variation of a licence			£267.00
Inspection fees			£182.00
Vet inspection fees			Recovered at cost
ACUPUNCTURE, COSMETIC PIERCING, SEMI-PERMANENT SKIN COLOURING, TATTOOING, ELECTROLYSIS			
Fee to register a premises	£152.80	£158.90	£164.00
Fee to register a practitioner	£100.00	£104.00	£107.00
Application to vary a licence			£74.00
GAMBLING ACT 2005 (inc. SMALL LOTTERIES)			
Small society lotteries			
Fee to register a small society lottery	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00
Small society lottery annual maintenance fee	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00

Application for the grant of a premises licence			
Betting (excluding tracks)	£2,081.90	£2,165.20	£2,230.00
Betting Tracks	£2,081.90	£2,165.20	£2,230.00
Bingo	£2,439.20	£2,536.80	£2,613.00
Adult Gaming Centres	£1,393.10	£1,448.80	£1,492.00
Family Entertainment Centres	£1,393.10	£1,448.80	£1,492.00
Premises licence annual fees			
Betting (excluding tracks)	£416.90	£433.60	£447.00
Betting Tracks	£416.90	£433.60	£447.00
Bingo	£718.00	£746.70	£769.00
Adult Gaming Centres	£718.00	£746.70	£769.00
Family Entertainment Centres	£662.90	£689.40	£710.00
Application to vary a premises licence			
Betting (excluding tracks)	£1,040.40	£1,082.00	£1,114.00
Betting Tracks	£1,040.40	£1,082.00	£1,114.00
Bingo	£1,219.10	£1,267.90	£1,306.00
Adult Gaming Centres	£718.00	£746.70	£769.00
Family Entertainment Centres	£718.00	£746.70	£769.00
Application to transfer a premises licence			
Betting (excluding tracks)	£833.60	£866.90	£893.00
Betting Tracks	£833.60	£866.90	£893.00
Bingo	£837.10	£870.60	£897.00
Adult Gaming Centres	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	£1,200.00
Family Entertainment Centres	£696.60	£724.50	£746.00
Application for a provisional statement			
Betting (excluding tracks)	£2,081.90	£2,165.20	£2,230.00
Betting Tracks	£2,081.90	£2,165.20	£2,230.00
Bingo	£2,439.20	£2,536.80	£2,613.00
Adult Gaming Centres	£1,393.10	£1,448.80	£1,492.00
Family Entertainment Centres	£1,393.10	£1,448.80	£1,492.00
Application for the grant of a premises licence (provisional statement holders)			
Betting (excluding tracks)	£833.60	£866.90	£893.00
Betting Tracks	£833.60	£866.90	£893.00
Bingo	£837.10	£870.60	£897.00
Adult Gaming Centres	£837.10	£870.60	£897.00
Family Entertainment Centres	£696.60	£724.50	£746.00

Application for reinstatement of a premises licence			
Betting (excluding tracks)	£837.10	£870.60	£897.00
Betting Tracks	£837.10	£870.60	£897.00
Bingo	£837.10	£870.60	£897.00
Adult Gaming Centres	£837.10	£870.60	£897.00
Family Entertainment Centres	£683.10	£710.40	£732.00
Premises licence fees (miscellaneous)			
Copy of a premises licence (all types)	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00
Notification of a change in respect of a premises licence (all types)	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00
Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits			
Application for grant of a permit	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00
Application for variation of a permit	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
Application for the transfer of a permit	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00
Annual permit fee	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00
Change of name shown on a permit	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00
Request for a copy of a permit	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00
Licensed Premises Gaming Machines (Automatic Entitlement)			
Fee to serve notification	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00
Club Gaming Permits			
Application for grant of a permit	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00
Application for grant of a permit (Club premises certificate holders)	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
Application for variation of a permit	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
Application for renewal of a permit	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00
Application for renewal of a permit (club premises certificate holders)	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
Annual permit fee	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00
Request for a copy of a permit	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00
Club Machine Permits			
Application for grant of a permit	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00
Application for grant of a permit (Club premises certificate holders)	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
Application for variation of a permit	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
Application for renewal of a permit	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00
Application for renewal of a permit (club premises certificate holders)	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
Annual permit fee	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00
Request for a copy of a permit	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00

Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit

Application for grant of a permit
 Application for renewal of a permit
 Change of name shown on a permit
 Request for a copy of a permit

£300.00	£300.00	£300.00
£300.00	£300.00	£300.00
£25.00	£25.00	£25.00
£15.00	£15.00	£15.00

Prize Gaming Permits

Application for grant of a permit
 Application for renewal of a permit
 Change of name shown on a permit
 Request for a copy of a permit

£300.00	£300.00	£300.00
£300.00	£300.00	£300.00
£25.00	£25.00	£25.00
£15.00	£15.00	£15.00

Temporary Use Notices

Fee to serve a Temporary Use Notice
 Fee for a copy of a Temporary Use Notice

£348.30	£362.20	£373.00
£18.00	£18.70	£19.00

STREET TRADING

Annual street trading consent - food - initial
 Annual street trading consent - food - renewal
 Annual street trading consent - non-food - initial
 Annual street trading consent - non-food - renewal
 Day licence
 Consecutive day fee

£1,625.80	£1,690.80	£1,742.00
£1,490.90	£1,550.50	£1,597.00
£1,356.10	£1,410.30	£1,453.00
£1,219.10	£1,267.90	£1,306.00
		£80.00
		£25.00

SCRAP METAL DEALERS LICENCES

Application for a new site licence
 Fee per additional site
 Application for renewal of a site licence
 Fee per additional site
 Application for a new collectors licence
 Application for renewal of a collectors licence
 Variation of a licence
 Request for a copy of a licence (if lost or stolen)

£311.00	£320.30	£330.00
£160.00	£164.80	£170.00
£257.00	£264.70	£273.00
£170.00	£175.10	£180.00
£155.00	£159.70	£165.00
£102.00	£105.10	£108.00
£70.00	£72.10	£74.00
£27.00	£27.80	£29.00

ZOO LICENCES

Application for grant or renewal of a licence
 Secretary of state inspector and veterinary fees

£267.50	£278.20	£287.00
Recovered at cost	Recovered at cost	Recovered at cost

DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS (DWA)			
Application for grant or renewal of a licence	£251.50	£261.60	£269.00
Inspector and Vet's fees (for every inspection)	Recovered at cost	Recovered at cost	Recovered at cost
SEX ESTABLISHMENTS			
Application for grant or renewal of a licence	£1,091.40	£1,135.10	£1,169.00
Application for transfer of a licence	£535.00	£556.40	£573.00
Application for variation of a licence	£1,091.40	£1,135.10	£1,169.00
PAVEMENT LICENCES			
Application for a new pavement licence - 2 years		£500.00	£500.00
Application for a renewal pavement licence - 2 years		£350.00	£350.00
HYPNOTISM			
Application for authorisation	£53.50	£55.60	£57.00
An admin charge will be payable on receipt of refund request for any type of licence			£30.00

LICENSING ACT 2003 - FEES SET BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT - SAME FOR ALL DISTRICT COUNCILS

Temporary Event Notices

Fee to serve a Temporary Event Notice (TEN)	£21.00
Copy of a TEN (if lost or stolen)	£10.50

Personal licences

Application for the grant of a personal licence	£37.00
Fee for a replacement personal licence (if lost or stolen)	£10.50
Fee to notify a change of name or address on a personal licence	£10.50

Applications for new premises licences or club premises certificates

Applications for the grant of a premises licence or club premises certificate	
Band A (NDRV 0 - 4300)	£100.00
Band B (NDRV 4301 - 33000)	£190.00
Band C (NDRV 33001 - 87000)	£315.00
Band D (NDRV 87001 - 125000)	£450.00
Band E (NDRV 125001 +)	£635.00

Applications for the grant of a premises licence or club premises certificate (where the premises is used exclusively or primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises)

Band A (NDRV 0 - 4300)	£100.00
Band B (NDRV 4301 - 33000)	£190.00
Band C (NDRV 33001 - 87000)	£315.00
Band D (NDRV 87001 - 125000)	£900.00
Band E (NDRV 125001 +)	£1,905.00

Additional fees for grant of a premises licences (for large venues with capacities over 5000)

5000 - 9999	£1,000.00
10000 - 14999	£2,000.00
15000 - 19999	£4,000.00
20000 - 29999	£8,000.00
30000 - 39999	£16,000.00
40000 - 49999	£24,000.00
50000 - 59999	£32,000.00
60000 - 69999	£40,000.00
70000 - 79999	£48,000.00
80000 - 89999	£56,000.00

Applications to vary premises licences and club premises certificates

Applications to vary a premises licence or club premises certificate

Band A (NDRV 0 - 4300)	£100.00
Band B (NDRV 4301 - 33000)	£190.00
Band C (NDRV 33001 - 87000)	£315.00
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Band D (NDRV 87001 - 125000)	£900.00
Band E (NDRV 125001 +)	£1,905.00

Application for a minor variation of a premises licence or club premises certificate

£89.00

Annual maintenance fees

Annual premises licence or club premises certificate fee

Band A (NDRV 0 - 4300)	£70.00
Band B (NDRV 4301 - 33000)	£180.00
Band C (NDRV 33001 - 87000)	£295.00
Band D (NDRV 87001 - 125000)	£320.00
Band E (NDRV 125001 +)	£350.00

Annual premises licence (where the premises is used exclusively or primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises)

Band A (NDRV 0 - 4300)	£70.00
Band B (NDRV 4301 - 33000)	£180.00
Band C (NDRV 33001 - 87000)	£295.00
Band D (NDRV 87001 - 125000)	£640.00
Band E (NDRV 125001 +)	£1,050.00

Additional annual fees premises licences (for large venues with capacities over 5000)	
5000 - 9999	£500.00
10000 - 14999	£1,000.00
15000 - 19999	£2,000.00
20000 - 29999	£4,000.00
30000 - 39999	£8,000.00
40000 - 49999	£12,000.00
50000 - 59999	£16,000.00
60000 - 69999	£20,000.00
70000 - 79999	£24,000.00
80000 - 89999	£28,000.00

Other applications and notifications

Application to transfer a premises licence	£23.00
Application to vary a premises licence to nominate a premises supervisor	£23.00
Fee to change name or address of the holder of a premises licence	£10.50
Fee to change the name or address of a designated premises supervisor on a premises licence	£10.50
Fee for a replacement premises licence or club premises certificate (if lost or stolen)	£10.50
Fee to notify licensing authority of a property interest in a premises	£21.00
Notification of change or club name or alteration to club rules	£10.50
Notification of change of registered address of club	£10.50
Interim authority notice following death, incapacity or insolvency of licence holder	£23.00
Application for grant of a provisional statement	£315.00

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- Hackney Carriage Table Of Fares - Request For Variation
- Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Fees and Charges - Update report on the consideration of objections received

19th October 2026

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- Annual Review of Hackney Carriage Table of Fares.

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