

REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

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Taxi Licence Fees 2021**PURPOSE**

1. To determine the level of taxi licence fees effective from January 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

2. In the light of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the significant changes to service delivery since March 2020, to leave taxi fees unchanged for 2021.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. The year`s activity on taxi related work has been largely in response to the pandemic and it would be inappropriate to pass those costs over to the taxi trade.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. Since March the service has had to change to meet covid-secure requirements and the role of licensing officers has shifted to enable the service to continue to function remotely. Application processes have adapted as the pandemic has unfolded and the team have provided advice and support to the trade as they have adjusted to new regulations and the various stages of local and national restrictions.
5. These changes have inevitably led to increased costs as services have adapted and new processes have been introduced. It would not be appropriate to adjust fees based on this year`s activity.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

6. The fees will remain unchanged and be reviewed as usual for 2022.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

7. None.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

FURTHER INFORMATION

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