



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 24th July 2025

LICENSING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE

5th March 2025 at 5.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Goodwin (in the Chair)

Councillors Augusta, Boyd, Crofts (substitute for K Swinburn), Emmerson, Hasthorpe, Kaczmarek, Mill and Pettigrew.

Officers in attendance:

- Adrian Moody (Licensing and Environmental Protection Manager)
- Iain Peck (Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer)
- Sophie Pickerden (Committee Support Officer)
- Eve Richardson Smith (Legal Services Service Manager (Consultancy) & Deputy Monitoring Officer)

There were no members of the public and no member of the press in attendance at the meeting.

L.19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillor Bonner and Councillor K Swinburn.

L.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

In accordance with legislative requirement for the following items the Committee will be sitting as the '**Community Protection Committee**'

L.21 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE - FEES REVIEW

The committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure outlining a review of the fees for the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing regime in North East

Lincolnshire and proposing new fee structures for implementation in 2025. Mr Moody introduced the report and explained that the proposed fees were set on a cost recovery basis and the rises in material costs were also reflected within the proposed fees. Mr Moody stated that the cost of the upcoming unmet demand survey was not included in the proposed fees and that this cost would be added separately.

The committee were given the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on any matters. Councillor Crofts queried whether the proposed fees were similar to the fees at nearby local authorities. Mr Moody responded that he hadn't compared the proposed fees with the fees charged by neighbouring authorities as other local authorities wouldn't necessarily offer the same services as our authority and that was the case for all the service fees being reviewed.

A councillor queried whether officers' hourly rate for the work they undertook in relation to the services provided was reflected in the proposed fees. Mr Moody stated that officer's hourly rate was reflected in the proposed fees, and this was determined by the Finance Department using the financial data from the current year.

A councillor asked whether the vehicle inspections were still carried out virtually. Mr Moody responded that they were and that this had been the case during the pandemic and had carried on due to the ongoing works at Doughty Road.

Councillor Augusta proposed that the recommendations be approved. Councillor Crofts seconded the proposal that the recommendations be approved. The committee took a vote and upon a vote, voted unanimously for the recommendations to be approved.

RESOLVED –

- That the new fees set out in appendix 1 for introduction from April 1st, 2025, subject to relevant statutory notice procedures be approved.
- That in the event the request is approved, subject to statutory public notice, that any objections received pursuant to advertisement be delegated and considered by the Assistant Director (Environment) in consultation with the Chair of Licensing and Community Protection Committee.

L.22

SCRAP METAL DEALERS' LICENCES - FEES REVIEW

The committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure outlining a revised fee structure for Scrap Metal Licensing. Mr Moody introduced the report and explained that the proposed fees were set on a cost recovery basis.

The committee were given the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on any matters.

Councillor Hasthorpe proposed that the recommendations be approved. Councillor Augusta seconded the proposal that the recommendations be approved. The committee took a vote and upon a vote, voted unanimously for the recommendations to be approved.

RESOLVED – That the revised table of fees set out in appendix 1 of this report from 1st April 2025 be approved.

L.23 SEX ENTERTAINMENT VENUES - FEES REVIEW

The committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure outlining the reasoning behind a review of the Sex Establishment Fees in North East Lincolnshire and proposed new fee structure. Mr Moody introduced the report and explained that the fees were set on a cost recovery basis. Mr Moody said that there was one Sex Establishment licenced by North East Lincolnshire Council and the renewal of that licence was determined by the Community Protection Committee annually, and was recently approved on the 11th September 2024.

The committee were given the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on any matters.

Councillor Hasthorpe proposed that the recommendations be approved. Councillor Crofts seconded the proposal that the recommendations be approved. The committee took a vote and upon a vote, voted unanimously for the recommendations to be approved.

RESOLVED – That the fee structure set out in appendix 1 from April 1st 2025 be approved.

L.24 ANIMAL WELFARE - FEES REVIEW

The committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure outlining the law relating to the welfare requirements of licensed animal activities and proposed new fee structure to recover the costs associated with the regime. Mr Moody introduced the report and explained that the proposed fees were set on a cost recovery basis. Mr Moody said that all relevant staff had now had the required training for animal welfare and therefore no staff training costs were included in the proposed fees. Mr Moody informed the committee that the fees regarding Zoo's had also been updated even though there were now no Zoo's in North East Lincolnshire.

The committee were given the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on any matters. There was a discussion around illegal dog breeding and the importance of people making sure they only purchase puppies from dog breeders with a licence.

Councillor Hasthorpe proposed that the recommendations be approved. Councillor Crofts seconded the proposal that the recommendations be approved. The committee took a vote and upon a vote, voted unanimously for the recommendations to be approved.

RESOLVED – That the new fee structure set out in appendix 1 from 1st April 2025 be approved.

In accordance with legislative requirement for the following item the Committee will be sitting as the '**Licensing Committee**'

L.25

GAMBLING ACT - FEES REVIEW

The committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure outlining changes to the fee structure for licensed gambling premises in North East Lincolnshire and the reasons why these changes are required. Mr Moody introduced the report and explained that the proposed fees were set on a cost recovery basis.

The committee were given the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on any matters. Councillor Mill queried what the difference was between a Family Entertainment Centre and a Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre. Mr Moody responded that the difference was the machines they had with Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre's having category D gaming machines which can be used by under 18s.

Councillor Augusta proposed that the recommendations be approved. Councillor Crofts seconded the proposal that the recommendations be approved. The committee took a vote and upon a vote, voted unanimously for the recommendations to be approved.

RESOLVED – That the new fees for Gambling Act premises licences as set out in appendix 1, to be introduced from 1st April 2025 be approved.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.45 p.m.