

Notice of:	CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
Decision Number:	PH32/2021
Relevant Officer:	Tim Coglan, Head of Public Protection and Enforcement
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Jim Hobson, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change
Date of Decision:	26 February 2021

FEES AND CHARGES 2021/22 – LICENSING SERVICE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the proposed fees and charges for the Licensing Service for 2021/22.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the attached fees and charges for the Licensing Service for 2021/22 with effect from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 as outlined in Appendix 'A'.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The proposed fees have been calculated to cover the costs of providing each service.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

Alternative option for different levels of increase or a decrease to fees and charges to be applied however these options would not reflect the costs of providing the service.

5.0 Council Priority:

5.1 The relevant Council Priority is: “The economy – maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”.

6.0 Background Information

6.1 The Provision of Services Regulations 2009 requires that fees should only be set at a level to ensure cost recovery for providing the service.

6.2 As the services costs are being reviewed it is proposed not to increase the Licensing fees and charges in 2021/22.

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

Appendix A - list of proposed fees and charges

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 The Fees and Charges process set out to achieve;

- Aim to achieve cost neutrality
- Ensure that fees are structured in a fair and open way
- Any claims for Restoration will be dismissed

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 Fees and charges (other than those set by Central Government) must be set at a level that only ensures full cost recovery.

10.0 Risk Management considerations:

10.1 If fees are set at a level that creates a surplus the Council is acting beyond its powers; ultra vires.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 The impact of these increased fees on the public/service users that share protected equality characteristics has been considered. At this stage the view is that there will be no impact

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

14.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.

15.0 Key decision information:

15.1 Is this a key decision? No

15.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

15.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No

15.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

16.0 Call-in information:

16.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

16.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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17.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed:

Date approved:

18.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None.

19.0 Executive decision:

19.1 The Cabinet Member agreed the recommendations as outlined above namely:

To approve the attached fees and charges for the Licensing Service for 2021/22 with effect from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 as outlined in Appendix 'A'.

20.0 Date of Decision:

20.1 26 February 2021

21.0 Reason(s) for decision:

21.1 The proposed fees have been calculated to cover the costs of providing each service.

22.0 Date Decision published:

22.1 26 February 2021

23.0 Executive Members in attendance:

23.1

24.0 Call-in:

24.1

25.0 Notes:

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