

REVIEW OF LICENCE AND REGISTRATION FEES 2024/25

MEETING: APPEALS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

DATE: 27 MARCH 2024

REPORT BY: LICENSING MANAGER

WARDS: ALL

COMMUNITY FORUMS: ALL

1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To report on representations made during the consultation on a proposal to increase taxi fees and charges from 1 April 2024 and a reduction in vehicles licence fees from June 2024.

2.0 **BACKGROUND**

2.1 The committee considered a report on increased fees and charges for several regulatory areas on 29 November 2023 and approved increases from 1 April 2024. A copy of that report and appendices is attached at Appendix 1.

2.2 To facilitate the increase for the taxi trade, the proposed fees and charges had to be advertised and consulted on. The consultation ended on 15 February 2024 and representations were made.

2.3 The representations are reproduced in full at Appendix 2, essentially arguing against the increase in fees at a time of prices increasing.

2.4 A change to vehicle licensing procedures is due to be implemented in June 2024 with a change to the design of vehicle licence plates. Due to this change the cost of materials will be reduced. The proposed reduction in vehicle licence fee's is attached at Appendix 3.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The proposed increases will enable the council to provide these services as close to cost neutral as possible.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 Approval is given to the increases agreed on 29 November 2023 with a reduction to vehicle licence fees from June 2024.