

## **FOR PUBLICATION**

### **REVIEW OF LICENCE AND REGISTRATION FEES 2022/23 (A000)**

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MEETING: APPEALS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

DATE: 9 MARCH 2022

REPORT BY: LICENSING MANAGER

WARDS: ALL

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#### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To report on four representations made during the consultation on a proposal to increase taxi fees and charges from 1 April 2022.

#### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 The committee considered a report on increased fees and charges for several regulatory areas on 3 November 2021 and approved a 5% increase from 1 April 2022. A copy of that report is attached as 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 26 February 2022 and four 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 the common theme being it is inappropriate to increase fees and charges when many other living costs are also going up.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 A 5% increase will enable the council to provide these services as close to cost neutral as possible.

### **4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 Approval is given to a 5% increase in taxi fees and charges from 1 April 2022.