

REVIEW OF LICENCE AND REGISTRATION FEES 2022/23

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MEETING: APPEALS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

DATE: 8 MARCH 2022

REPORT BY: LICENSING MANAGER

WARDS: ALL

COMMUNITY FORUMS: ALL

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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 2023.

2.0 **BACKGROUND**

2.1 The committee considered a report on increased fees and charges for several regulatory areas on 14 December 2022 and approved increases from 1 April 2023. A copy of that report and appendices 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 24 February 2023 and eleven representations were made.

2.3 The representations are reproduced in full at Appendix B, 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. Some appear to be unaware that an increase has also been approved for a corresponding increase in the hackney tariff from 1 April 2023.

### **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 14 December 2022 for taxi fees and charges from 1 April 2023.