



# East Cambridgeshire District Council

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## Meeting: Licensing Committee

Time: 10:00am

Date: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Venue: Council Chamber, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE

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## Committee membership

**Quorum:** 5 members

### Conservative members

Cllr Christine Ambrose Smith  
Cllr Lavinia Edwards  
Cllr Mark Goldsack  
Cllr Martin Goodearl (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Keith Horgan  
Cllr Julia Huffer (Chair)

### Conservative substitutes

Cllr Bill Hunt  
Cllr Kelli Pettitt  
Cllr Alan Sharp

### Liberal Democrat and Independent members

Cllr Charlotte Cane  
Cllr Lee Denney  
Cllr Mark Inskip  
Cllr John Trapp (Lead Member)  
Cllr Christine Whelan  
Cllr Gareth Wilson

### Liberal Democrat and Independent substitutes

Cllr Chika Akinwale  
Cllr Christine Colbert  
Cllr Lorna Dupré

**Lead Officer:** Stewart Broome, Licensing Manager

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## Agenda

### 1. Apologies and substitutions

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| <b>2. Declarations of interests</b>   | <b>[oral]</b>  |
| To receive declarations of interests from Members for any items on the agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.   |                |
| <b>3. Minutes</b>   | <b>Page 5</b>  |
| To confirm as a correct record both the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2025.  |                |
| <b>4. Chair's announcements</b>   | <b>[oral]</b>  |
| <b>5. Review of Licensing Fees</b>  | <b>Page 11</b> |
| To note the statutory fees that the Councils is required to charge and agree to set the discretionary fee elements of the Gambling Act 2005 and the Business and Planning Act 2020. |                |
| <b>6. Hackney Carriage Fares – Consideration of Comments Received Following Consultation</b>  | <b>Page 39</b> |
| To consider comments submitted in response to the taxi table of fares amendment notice published on Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2025.                                       |                |
| <b>7. Licensing Manager's update</b>  | <b>[oral]</b>  |
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# East Cambridgeshire District Council

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing Committee**

Held at The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE at 10:00am  
on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### **Present:**

Cllr Christine Ambrose Smith  
Cllr Lee Denney  
Cllr Lorna Dupré (substitute for Cllr Charlotte Cane)  
Cllr Mark Goldsack  
Cllr Martin Goodearl (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Keith Horgan  
Cllr Julia Huffer (Chair)  
Cllr Mark Inskip  
Cllr Alan Sharp (substitute for Cllr Lavinia Edwards)  
Cllr John Trapp  
Cllr Christine Whelan  
Cllr Gareth Wilson

### **Officers:**

Patrick Adams – Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Lin Bagwell – Licensing Officer (Enforcement)  
Stewart Broome – Licensing Manager  
Maggie Camp – Director Legal

## **8. Apologies and substitutions**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Charlotte Cane and Cllr Lavinia Edwards. Cllr Lorna Dupré attended as a substitute for Cllr Cane. Cllr Alan Sharp attended as a substitute for Cllr Edwards.

## **9. Declarations of interest**

Cllr Christine Ambrose Smith declared a personal interest as her husband held an alcohol licence for Littleport Leisure Centre.

## **10. Minutes**

The Committee received the Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

It was resolved unanimously:

That the Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

## **11. Chair's announcements**

There were no Chair's announcements.

## **12. Licensing Act 2003 - Licensing Authority Statement of Licensing Policy – Five Year Revision**

The Licensing Manager presented a report, AA42 previously circulated, that invited the Committee to recommend to Council the revised version of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, as laid out in Appendix 2. It was noted that the new Licensing Policy would come into effect on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

The Licensing Manager explained that the Council was waiting for the Government to clarify the implications for clubs and other organisations of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, also known as Martyn's Law. In reply to Cllr Gareth Wilson, the Licensing Manager confirmed that he had assured the Ely Sailing Club that complying with the Act would be less onerous for smaller clubs than for larger organisations.

The Licensing Manager confirmed that the population figures for the district would be updated in the Preface to the Policy and the capitalisation would be consistent regarding the words Council, district and Licensing Authority throughout the Policy. It was agreed that the reference to a "borough" in paragraph 1.87 should be corrected to "district" and the words "Licensing Authority's" should be corrected to "The Licensing Authority" at the start of paragraph 1.93. It was also agreed that in sub section h) in paragraph 1.106 a comma should be added after the word "of".

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that in the first sentence of paragraph 1.17A on the Promotion of Equality, the word "different" be removed and the word "all" be inserted before the word "individuals", as this was more inclusive.

Following another brief discussion, it was agreed that the words "and partners" should be added after the words "local strategies" in paragraph 1.15 of the Policy to ensure that the strategies of the Council's partners were taken into account.

The Licensing Manager explained that the district did not have any Late Night Levies, which a local authority could use to raise a contribution towards the costs of policing the nighttime economy. It was noted that the Policy would have to be reworded if the Mayor took over the responsibilities of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Cllr Julia Huffer proposed and Cllr Martin Goodearl seconded the recommendations in the report, with the minor amendments agreed above.



It was unanimously resolved to:

- A)** Approve the draft version of the Statement of Licensing Policy at Appendix 2, with the agreed minor amendments.
- B)** Recommend the approved Statement of Licensing Policy to full Council for adoption to come into effect on 7 January 2026.

### **13. Hackney Carriage Fares – Consideration of Request from Trade to Increase Fares**

The Licensing Manager presented this report, AA43 already circulated, which invited the Committee to consider increasing the fares payable by members of the public to use an East Cambridgeshire District Council taxi following a formal request from members of the taxi trade. It was noted that the fares had last been increased in 2022. It was understood that the proposed increase would result in taxi drivers earning an average of 20% more than they currently receive.

In reply to Cllr Martin Goodearl, the Licensing Manager explained that he was not aware of any electric vehicles being used as hackney carriages in the district.

In reply to Cllr Mark Goldsack, the Licensing Manager explained that the Council did not currently have a concession scheme for disabled service users. It was noted that the fares were the maximum that taxi drivers could charge and so they could charge less. The Licensing Manager reported that wheelchair users tended to book private hire vehicles instead of using hackney carriages, to ensure that the vehicle was accessible.

In reply to Cllr Keith Horgan, the Licensing Manager explained that adding £0.85 per journey spread the increase across all trips, instead of disproportionately affecting a few journeys. Journeys of 960 yards or less were not affected and actually worked out cheaper under the proposals being considered.

In reply to Cllr Lee Denney, the Licensing Manager stated that he believed that the number of hackney cabs in the district had reduced over the last ten years, but the Council did not have any comparative data on the use of private hire vehicles and hackney carriages. There was no obligation on private hire vehicle companies to inform the Council of their charges.

In reply to Cllr John Trapp, the Licensing Manager explained that whilst a 20% increase, which worked out as approximately 7% a year, was higher than other cost of living increases, taxi drivers were expected to tax and maintain their vehicles and regularly purchase new ones. The Council was keen to promote a modern, clean and efficient trade. If agreed, the cost of hackney carriage fares would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> most expensive of the seven different districts

in Cambridgeshire. It was noted that if driving hackney carriages became unprofitable, a service to the public would be lost.

In reply to Cllr Gareth Wilson, the Licensing Manager reported that all taxi drivers in the district were obliged to undergo a DBS check and maintain a DBS Update Service registration at a cost of £16 a year. The Council regularly checked that these records were kept up to date.

After a brief discussion, prompted by Cllr Mark Goldsack, the Committee agreed that the implementation date in the report should be amended from 1 October 2025 to 3 October 2025 to give sufficient time for details of the increased fares to be published in the printed press.

The Licensing Manager reported that the plan would be to review the fares again in two years' time.

Cllr John Trapp proposed and Cllr Mark Goldsack seconded the recommendation in the report. A vote was taken and with 11 votes in favour, 1 against and no abstentions

It was resolved to:

- A) Instruct officers to vary the existing Table of Fares using the proposed Table of Fares contained in Table 7 in the report, to take effect from 3 October 2025, subject to the statutory consultation process, as detailed in paragraph 3.3 and 3.4 below.

#### **14. Licensing Manager's update**

The Licensing Manager praised the work of the licensing team and explained that licensing fees would be reviewed at the meeting on 19 November 2025.

It was resolved:

That the Licensing Manager's Update be noted.

#### **15. Forward agenda plan**

The Committee received its Forward Agenda Plan.

It was resolved:

- A) That the Forward Agenda Plan be noted, with typographical corrections.
- B) That the next meeting due to be held on 8 October at 10 am be cancelled.



- C) That the next meeting will be held on 19 November 2025 at 10 am.

The meeting concluded at 11:55 am

Chair.....

Date.....

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**TITLE: REVIEW OF LICENSING FEES**

Committee: Licensing Committee

Date: 19 November 2025

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Report number: AA97

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**1.0 Issue**

- 1.1 This report sets out the statutory fees that East Cambridgeshire District Council is required to charge for specific licences under the Licensing Act 2003, Gambling Act 2005, and Business and Planning Act 2020.
- 1.2 The report also sets out the fees for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 in respect of those licences and licensing related activities where the authority has the discretion to determine the relevant fees; this includes but is not limited to hackney carriage and private hire licences, and animal licences.

**2.0 Recommendations**

**2.1 That Members:**

- i) note the statutory fees that East Cambridgeshire District Council is required to charge in respect of the specified licences under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005, and agree to set the discretionary fee elements of the Gambling Act 2005 and the Business and Planning Act 2020 at the maximum level permitted, as set out in Appendix 1, Appendix 2, and Appendix 3.
- ii) Agree to implement the fees in paragraph i) (or if subject to statutory amendment, the relevant amended fees) on the 1 April 2026.
- iii) instruct Officers to implement, as appropriate, any other statutory fees that may be brought into force during the 2025/2026 financial year.
- iv) instruct Officers to include the agreed fees in the 2026/2027 annual fees and charges report that is presented to full Council.

**2.2 That Members:**

- i) agree to implement the proposed fees relevant to those licences and licensing related activities where the authority has the discretion to

determine the fees, as set out in Appendix 4 and Appendix 5, on the 1 April 2026.

- ii) agree to implement the proposed fees relevant to Animal Welfare licensing, as set out in Appendix 6 on the 1 April 2026.
- iii) instruct Officers to include the fees in the 2026/2027 annual fees and charges report that is presented to full Council.

### 2.3 That Members:

- i) agree to implement the proposed fees relevant to hackney carriage and private hire drivers, and private hire operators, as set out in Appendix 7 with immediate effect, and instruct officers to adjust payments made from 1 April 2025 to these new levels.
- ii) instruct Officers to conduct the necessary consultation required by section 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 on the reduced vehicle fees contained in Table 3, and should there be no objections, permit Officers to adjust payments made from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to the unopposed levels.
- iii) instruct Officers to include the fees in the 2026/2027 annual fees and charges report that is presented to full Council.

## 3.0 Background

- 3.1 With the exception of statutory fees set by central government the Council is responsible for setting fees and charges for the licensing regulations it is responsible for administering and enforcing.
- 3.2 There is no statutory duty on the Council to consult when setting or revising licensing fees with the exception of those fees relating to hackney carriage, private hire vehicles and operators' licences under Section 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
- 3.3 The Committee's legal authority to agree the recommendations is based within a range of specific licensing legislation together with the delegated functions set out in the Council's constitution. Extracts from the relevant legislation are provided in **Appendix 8**. Due consideration must also be given to relevant case law. Members are advised that Officers have considered these requirements when compiling this report.
- 3.4 The Council's fees and charges may be challenged through a number of routes, e.g. service complaints to the Local Government Ombudsman or via a judicial review.
- 3.5 The consequences of such a challenge are clearly demonstrated in the Court of Appeal judgement given in respect of R Hemming and others v Westminster

City Council case, which involved the licensing of sex shops in Soho and Covent Garden.

- 3.6 The judgement has made it clear that local authorities may become liable for substantial costs if it is found that procedures for setting fees have not been correctly followed, and if the fees are not reasonable and proportionate to the costs of the licensing procedures. Making a profit from discretionary fees is not permitted.
- 3.7 When considering whether the licensing fees are reasonable and proportionate, it is also necessary to look at each regulatory power separately. In simple terms this means taxi and private hire licence holders should not be charged a fee for their licence that creates an excess which is then used to subsidise the fees paid by applicants wishing to obtain another type of licence.
- 3.8 It is also necessary to reflect that not all costs to the licensing authority are recoverable, such as the processing of “Charity Street Collections” and “Charity House to House Collections”, where a fee is not permitted to be charged, or deficits in statutory income against statutory expenditure.
- 3.9 As a result of the points raised in paragraph 3.8, it is not legally possible to recover 100% of the cost of running the Licensing Authority from the fees charged, and this deficit must be covered by the Council’s general fund.
- 3.10 The law does not require the Licensing Authority to amend the fees annually, even when a deficit or surplus in income is identified, but the review process must take place.

#### **4.0 Summary**

- 4.1 The licensing budget considers direct costs, such as licensing staff wages and pensions, but it also includes indirect costs that can reasonably be attributed to licensing procedures, for example, office accommodation, ICT support and software licensing fees, travel, legal support costs, advertising, equipment, postage & printing, subscriptions, telephone costs, training and other corporate recharges.
- 4.2 In relation to the consideration of applications, it is reasonable to recover the costs of running the relevant Committees from licensing fees and so consequently these costs have been incorporated into the overall figures.
- 4.3 Table 1 below shows the cost of running the licensing authority, and the income received for previous three-year period ending 31 March 2025.

*Table 1*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure*</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% recovered</b>
2022/2023	£204,245	£302,414	-£98,169	68%
2023/2024	£251,256	£326,523	-£75,267	77%
2024/2025	£283,985	£366,830	-£82,845	77%



\* This expenditure figure is the combination of the direct expenditure figure taken from the licensing service budget code (LI001), plus the corporate recharge fees that are back charged to the licensing service to cover things such as, IT support, customer service support, legal support etc, but do not appear in the LI001 operating budget.

#### **1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026**

- 4.4 On 1 April 2025 a large specialist private hire company commenced the migration of their national fleet to the Council. This project has significantly altered the financial and operational activities of the licensing department. An additional seven members of staff have been appointed, requiring additional furniture and IT equipment to be purchased, and the additional work entering the department has also created additional corporate oncosts and third-party supplier costs.
- 4.5 The first six months of the migration project has seen approximately 2700 applications processed, over and above the department's normal work levels. Over the next six months the project moves into the second phase, which will see both the processing of new and migrating drivers and vehicles, and the renewal of those already holding licences. It is very likely that additional staff will need to be recruited before the year end to assist with this next phase, which will further impact the income/expenditure ratios.
- 4.6 Table 2 below illustrates the impact that the migration project has had on the department's figures. The table shows the breakdown of actual work in the 2024/2025 period against the projected breakdown of work for the 2025/2026 period based on the actual number of licences that have been issued in the first six months of the current year, and the overall number expected to be issued by year end.

Table 2

<b>Type of Licence</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>Percentage of resources 2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>Predicted percentage of resources 2025/2026</b>
Licensing Act 2003	345	22.32	355	7.83
Animal Premises	30	7.32	32	2.57
Gambling Act 2005	18	3.99	20	1.40
Street Trading	97	4.75	94	1.66
Taxi Driver	256	33.92	2843	62.72
Private Hire Operator	11	1.69	14	0.85
Taxi Vehicle	423	20.92	3200	21.19
Scrap Metal Dealer	2	0.29	2	0.10
Pavement	17	2.35	16	0.82
Charity Street and House to House	47	2.45	53	0.86

<b>Total</b>	<b>1246</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6629</b>	<b>100</b>
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- 4.7 It is estimated that if the current taxi fees equivalent to £180 a year for a taxi driver licence and £250 a year for a taxi vehicle licence are not reduced, taxi income for the 2025/2026 period will exceed true costs of taxi licensing by approximately £400,000 to £500,000, which as pointed out in paragraphs 3.6 and 3.7 above is not permitted. This level of surplus would leave the Council open to legal challenge.

## 5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 Due to the significant changes to established income and expenditure being experienced, Officers recommend leaving all discretionary fees at their current levels, with the exception of taxi licensing fees for drivers and vehicle applicants.
- 5.2 Whilst holding pre-migration meetings with the national operator, the subject of fee levels was raised, and indicative application fee levels based on the level of work promised and the estimated costs at that time were discussed. These predictions/assurances are on course to be met.
- 5.3 Officers recommend that the following fees in Table 3 should be charged for taxi applications. It is further recommended that these reduced fees should be brought in immediately, and adjustments be made to licences issued from 1 April 2025. These proposed fees are in line with the indicative fees discussed earlier in the year.
- 5.4 The nominal differences between the different types of driver and vehicle licences reflect the differing licensing processing costs, maintenance costs, third party costs, and associated costs i.e. rank lining and fare setting matters.

Table 3

Licence type	2025/2026 fees	2026/2027 proposed	Difference (£)
<b>Driver Licence</b>			
New application – Joint hackney carriage and private hire and standard private hire - 1 year (excl. DVLA, and DBS check)	229	160	- £69
Renewal application – Joint hackney carriage and private hire and standard private hire - 1 year (excl. DVLA check)	175	120	- £55
New and renewal – Restricted private hire (SEND) licence - 1 year (excl. DVLA, and DBS check)	N/A	90	N/A
New and renewal – Restricted private hire (SEND) licence - 3 year (excl. DVLA, and DBS check)	N/A	270	N/A

New application – Joint hackney carriage and private hire and standard private hire - 3 year (excl. DVLA, and DBS check)		579	400	- £179
Renewal application – Joint hackney carriage and private hire and standard private hire - 3 year (excl. DVLA check)		525	360	- £165
Conversion of a driver licence (excl. required knowledge test fee)		30	30	£0
Knowledge test fee		32	40	+ £8
DVLA driving licence check (required upon every new and renewal application)		5	5	£0
Private Hire Vehicle Licence				
New and renewal 1yr for all (excl. stickers)		250	160	£0
Variation application (excl. stickers)		35	45	+ £10
Transfer application (excl. stickers)		25	25	£0
Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence				
New and renewal 1yr for all (excl. stickers)		250	190	£0
Variation application (excl. stickers)		35	45	+ £10
Transfer application (excl. stickers)		25	25	£0
Restricted Private Hire Licence				
New and renewal 1yr for all		N/A	140	N/A
Variation application		N/A	25	N/A
Transfer application		N/A	25	N/A
Private Hire Operator Licence				
New application – 1 year	150 – 1 vehicle	126	126	£0
	200 – 2 to 5	156	156	
	250 – 6 to 10	186	186	
	300 – 11+	216	216	
Renewal application – 1 year	150 – 1 vehicle	126	126	£0
	200 – 2 to 5	156	156	
	250 – 6 to 10	186	186	
	300 – 11+	216	216	
New application – 5 year	646 – 1 vehicle	627	627	£0
	896 – 2 to 5	737	737	
	1146 – 6 to 10	847	847	
	1396 – 11+	957	957	
Renewal application – 5 year	646 – 1 vehicle	627	627	£0
	896 – 2 to 5	737	737	
	1146 – 6 to 10	847	847	
	1396 – 11+	957	957	
Miscellaneous taxi and private hire fees				
Theft, loss etc of a licence		10.50	10.50	£0
Theft, loss etc of a vehicle plate		20	30	+ £10
Change of address		10.50	10.50	£0

Replacement door sticker	6.00	6.00	£0
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- 5.5 Whilst the vehicle licence fees proposed in the table above are lower than the current vehicle fees, section 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 does not permit vehicle fees to be varied up or down without a 28-day consultation taking place. If Members approve the recommendation, Officers will conduct the necessary consultation, and if objections are received these will be heard at a future Licensing Committee hearing.

## **6.0 Additional Implications Assessment**

- 6.1 In the table below, please put Yes or No in each box:

<b>Financial Implications</b>	<b>Legal Implications</b>	<b>Human Resources (HR) Implications</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)</b>	<b>Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA)</b>	<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>

### **Financial implications**

- 6.2 If Members were to approve the proposals, taxi licence holders and applicants would see reductions in the level of fees they will incur for their driver and vehicle licences, if the proposals to reduce the fees and backdate the reduction to 1 April 2025 were not to be approved, a significant underspend against income would occur.
- 6.3 Officer time has been required to prepare this report, and Members time has been required to determine the report. These costs will come out of the Licensing Department's budget paid for by those obtaining all forms of licensing permission.

### **Legal Implications**

- 6.4 Members must determine the review of the discretionary licensing fees, failure to do so would leave the Council liable to legal challenge.
- 6.5 Members must observe the consultation requirements regarding taxi vehicle fee changes, failure to do so would leave the Council liable to legal challenge.
- 6.6 Members must ensure that only the true costs of taxi licensing are recovered, failure to do so would leave the Council liable to legal challenge.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 6.7 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been completed showing there is no adverse impact on the community if Members follow the Officer recommendations at this stage.

## **7.0 Appendices**

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| 7.2 | Appendix 2 | Gambling Act 2005 Statutory Fees                |
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### **Background Documents**

### **Location**

### **Contact Officer**

Legislation contained in  
appendix 6

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LGA guidance on local fee  
setting 2015

Hemming v Westminster  
2015

R v Tower Hamlets LBC  
1994



## Appendix 1 Licensing Act 2003 – Statutory Fees

### Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificates:

Type of application:	Non-domestic rateable band				
	A	B	C	D	E
New, provisional statements, and full variation application fee	£100	£190	£315	£450	£635
Annual maintenance fee	£70	£180	£295	£320	£350
Minor variation	£89				
Provisional Statement (where premises is under construction)	£315				

NDR Value	Band	Fee multiplier for Premises Licences	D (x2)	E (x3)
£0 to £4,300	A	Premises Licences in bands D & E (whose primary business is the sale of alcohol)	£900	£1905
£4,301 to £33,000	B			
£33,001 to £87,000	C	Premises Licences in bands D & E (whose primary business is the sale of alcohol) annual maintenance fee	£640	£1050
£87,001 to £125,000	D			
£125,001 and above	E			

### Premises Licence - Large event fees (payable in addition to the standard fee):

Number in attendance at any one time:	Additional application fee:	Additional annual fee:
5000 to 9999	£1000	£500
10000 to 14999	£2000	£1000
15000 to 19999	£4000	£2000
20000 to 29999	£8000	£4000
30000 to 39999	£16000	£8000
40000 to 49999	£24000	£12000
50000 to 59999	£32000	£16000
60000 to 69999	£40000	£20000
70000 to 79999	£48000	£24000
80000 to 89999	£56000	£28000
90000 and over	£64000	£32000

### Personal Licence, Temporary Events and other miscellaneous fees:

Type of application:	Fee:
Grant of Personal Licence	£37
Temporary or Late Temporary Event Notice	£21
Theft, loss etc of Premises Licence or Summary	£10.50
Change of name or address on Premises Licence	£10.50
Vary Premises Licence to specify a new DPS	£23
Transfer a Premises Licence	£23
Interim Authority Notice	£23
Change of club name or address or change of rules	£10.50
Change of correspondence address for club	£10.50
Theft, loss etc of a Temporary Event Notice or Late Temporary Event Notice	£10.50
Theft, loss etc of a Personal Licence	£10.50
Right of freeholder etc to be notified of licensing matters	£21
Community Premises - removal of DPS fee	£23
Theft, loss etc of a Club Certificate or Summary	£10.50
Change of name or address on Personal Licence	£10.50

## Appendix 2

### Gambling Act 2005 Statutory Fees

Permission Type	Fee:
<b>Lotteries</b>	
Small Society Lotteries - new registration	£40
Small Society Lotteries - renewal of existing registration	£20
<b>Licensed Premises Permits</b>	
Licensed Premises Gaming Machines - notice of intention for up to 2 machines	£50
Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits - new	£150
Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits - variation	£100
Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits – transfer	£25
Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits - annual Fee	£50
Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits - change of Name	£25
Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits - copy (lost, stolen, damaged)	£15
<b>Club Gaming/Club Machine Permits</b>	
Club Gaming/Club Machine Permits - new or renew	£200
Club Gaming/Club Machine Permits for holders of club premises certificates - new or renew	£100
Club Gaming/Club Machine Permits – annual fee	£50
Club Gaming/Club Machine Permits - variation	£100
Club Gaming/Club Machine Permits - copy (lost, stolen, damaged)	£15
<b>Prize Gaming Permits</b>	
Prize Gaming Permits - new or renewal	£300
Prize Gaming Permits - change of name	£25
Prize Gaming Permits - copy (lost, stolen, damaged)	£15
<b>Family Entertainment Gaming Centre Gaming Machine Permits</b>	
Family Entertainment Gaming Centre Gaming Machine Permits - new or renewal	£300
Family Entertainment Gaming Centre Gaming Machine Permits - change of name	£25
Family Entertainment Gaming Centre Gaming Machine Permits - copy (lost, stolen, damaged)	£15

### Appendix 3

#### Discretionary Fees with Statutory Maximum - Gambling Act 2005 Licences

Licence type	2024/2025 fees	2025/2026 proposed fees	Difference (£)
<b>Regional Casino Licence</b>			
Fee in respect of new premises	15000	15000	0
Annual Fee	15000	15000	0
Fee for application to vary licence	7500	7500	0
Fee for application to transfer a licence	6500	6500	0
Fee for application to reinstate a licence	6500	6500	0
Fee for application for provisional statement	15000	15000	0
Maximum non-conversion application fee in respect of provisional statement premises	8000	8000	0
<b>Large Casino Licence</b>			
Fee in respect of new premises	10000	10000	0
Annual Fee	10000	10000	0
Fee for application to vary licence	5000	5000	0
Fee for application to transfer a licence	2150	2150	0
Fee for application to reinstate a licence	2150	2150	0
Fee for application for provisional statement	10000	10000	0
Maximum non-conversion application fee in respect of provisional statement premises	5000	5000	0
<b>Small Casino Licence</b>			
Fee in respect of new premises	8000	8000	0
Annual Fee	5000	5000	0
Fee for application to vary licence	4000	4000	0
Fee for application to transfer a licence	1800	1800	0
Fee for application to reinstate a licence	1800	1800	0
Fee for application for provisional statement	8000	8000	0
Maximum non-conversion application fee in respect of provisional statement premises	3000	3000	0
<b>Bingo Premises Licence</b>			
Fee in respect of new premises	3500	3500	0
Annual Fee	1000	1000	0
Fee for application to vary licence	1750	1750	0
Fee for application to transfer a licence	1200	1200	0
Fee for application to reinstate a licence	1200	1200	0
Fee for application for provisional statement	3500	3500	0

Maximum non-conversion application fee in respect of provisional statement premises	1200	1200	0
<b>Adult Gaming Licence</b>			
Fee in respect of new premises	2000	2000	0
Annual Fee	1000	1000	0
Fee for application to vary licence	1000	1000	0
Fee for application to transfer a licence	1200	1200	0
Fee for application to reinstate a licence	1200	1200	0
Fee for application for provisional statement	2000	2000	0
Maximum non-conversion application fee in respect of provisional statement premises	1200	1200	0
<b>Betting Premises (track) Licence</b>			
Fee in respect of new premises	2500	2500	0
Annual Fee	1000	1000	0
Fee for application to vary licence	1250	1250	0
Fee for application to transfer a licence	950	950	0
Fee for application to reinstate a licence	950	950	0
Fee for application for provisional statement	2500	2500	0
Maximum non-conversion application fee in respect of provisional statement premises	950	950	0
<b>Family Entertainment Centre Licence</b>			
Fee in respect of new premises	2000	2000	0
Annual Fee	750	750	0
Fee for application to vary licence	1000	1000	0
Fee for application to transfer a licence	950	950	0
Fee for application to reinstate a licence	950	950	0
Fee for application for provisional statement	2000	2000	0
Maximum non-conversion application fee in respect of provisional statement premises	950	950	0
<b>Betting Premises (other) Licence</b>			
Fee in respect of new premises	3000	3000	0
Annual Fee	600	600	0
Fee for application to vary licence	1500	1500	0
Fee for application to transfer a licence	1200	1200	0
Fee for application to reinstate a licence	1200	1200	0
Fee for application for provisional statement	3000	3000	0
Maximum non-conversion application fee in respect of provisional statement premises	1200	1200	0
<b>Temporary Use Notices</b>			

Temporary Use Notice fee	500	500	0
Replacement of an endorsed copy	25	25	0
<b>Applicable to all Premises Licences</b>			
Change of circumstances fee - for all Premises Licences	50	50	0
Fee for copy licence - for all Premises Licences	25	25	0

## **Discretionary Fees with Statutory Maximum – Business & Planning Act 2020**

<b>Pavement Licences (2 year licence)</b>			
Fee in respect of new premises	500	500	0
Applications made for any other reason by a licence holder	350	350	0



## Appendix 4

### Discretionary fees for general licences

Licence type	2024/2025 fees	2025/2026 proposed fees	Difference (£)
<b>Dangerous Wild Animals (2yr licence)</b>			
New application	648 (v)	648 (v)	0
Renewal application	648 (v)	648 (v)	0
<b>Zoo</b>			
New application (4 years)	2415 (v)	2415 (v)	0
Renewal application (6 years)	2070 (v)	2070 (v)	0
<b>Primates</b>			
New application	£200(v)	£200(v)	0
Renewal application	£160(v)	£160(v)	0
Maintenance fee	£232(1yr) £466 (2yr) £705(3yr)	£232(1yr) £466 (2yr) £705(3yr)	0
<b>Applicable to all animal welfare licences</b>			
Theft, loss etc of a licence	10.50	10.50	0
Change of name on licence	10.50	10.50	0
Change of licence details	10.50	10.50	0

(v) – A Council instructed veterinary inspection is required. This fee is payable in addition to the application fee. The fee will depend upon the amount of time taken to inspect the premises.

Licence type	2024/2025 fees	2025/2026 proposed fees	Difference (£)
<b>Sex Establishments</b>			
New application	3761	3761	0
Renewal application	1880.50	1880.50	0
Variation application	1880.50	1880.50	0
Transfer application	1880.50	1880.50	0
Theft, loss etc of a licence	10.50	10.50	0

<b>Scrap Metal – Site Licence (3yr licence)</b>			
New application	810	810	0
Renewal application	660	660	0
Variation application	120	120	0
Theft, loss etc of a licence	10.50	10.50	0

<b>Scrap Metal – Collector Licence (3yr licence)</b>			
New application	616	616	0
Renewal application	495	495	0
Variation application	120	120	0
Theft, loss etc of a licence	10.50	10.50	0

## Street Trading Consent Fees

### Daily and annual single trader fees

Type of goods	Ely (central zone)		All other areas		Transfer
	Daily	Annual	Daily	Annual	
Clothing	£20	£1040 <sup>1</sup>	£15	£740 <sup>1</sup>	£48
Electrical spares					
DIY products					
Hot food and drink					
Furniture					
Records, CD's and DVD	£20	£780 <sup>1</sup>	£15	£480 <sup>1</sup>	£48
Household cleaning goods					
Books					
Fresh fish	£20	£520 <sup>1</sup>	£15	£320 <sup>1</sup>	£48
Fresh meat					
Fruit and Veg					
Delicatessen					
Flowers and Plants					
Ice-cream vendors					
Cakes/ Bakery					
Arts and crafts					
All other traders					
	£20	£1040 <sup>1</sup>	£15	£740 <sup>1</sup>	£48

<sup>1</sup>Applicants are required to pay £75 upon application. The remaining balance for all successful applications can be paid by quarterly upfront instalments, or in one further payment.

Replacement consent certificates cost - £10.50

#### Host premises (see section 8 of the street trading policy)

Annual fee
£192
Transfer
£48

#### Special events/Markets/ Commercial event fees

Number of stalls	Fee per day of the event
2 – 20	£100
21 – 40	£200
41 or more	£500

#### Charity/non-commercial events (see paragraph 6.3 of the street trading policy)

Fee per day of the event
£20

## Appendix 5

### Discretionary fees for Animal Welfare Licences

Licensable Activity	Application fee		Number of animals	Initial rating inspection fee	Renewal, re-rating or variation inspection fee	Maintenance fee		
	New	Renewal				1 yr	2 yr	3 yrs
Boarding of animals	£100	£60	Up to 10 animals	£76	£72	£232 <sup>4</sup>	£466 <sup>4</sup>	£705
			11 to 30 animals	£101	£96			
			31 to 60 animals	£127	£120			
			61 to 99 animals	£150	£144			
			100+ animals	£178	£168			
Arranging boarding			N/A	£101 + £25 per host <sup>1</sup>	£96 + £24 per host <sup>1</sup>			
Dog Breeding – Domestic			One litter per year maximum <sup>2</sup>	£76 + VET fee <sup>3</sup>	£72			
Dog Breeding - Commercial			More than one litter per year	£127 + VET fee <sup>3</sup>	£120			
Hiring of Horses			N/A	£101 + VET fee <sup>3</sup>	£96 + VET fee <sup>3</sup>			
Selling Animals as Pets & Exhibiting Animals <sup>4</sup>			Up to 5 species	£101	£96			
			Over 5 species	£178	£168			

<sup>1</sup> Out of scope hosts only. In scope hosts will be required to apply for their own licence and pay the relevant fees.

<sup>2</sup> Breeding and whelping must occur wholly within the domestic house. Outbuildings or garages are not included in this definition.

<sup>3</sup> VET fees are paid directly to the VET pre-inspection. No VET inspection is required upon subsequent renewals of a dog breeding licence.

<sup>4</sup> Exhibiting animal welfare licences can only be issued for 3 year time periods due to the requirements of the controlling legislation.

Where more than one licensable activity occurs on the same site, only one application fee will be payable, however, the total fee will be calculated by adding the combined charges of the activity with the highest fee to 50% of the applicable inspection and maintenance fee for the additional activities.

£10.50 will be charged for any replacement documents, or change of details not covered by the main charges above, such as a change of trading name.

## Appendix 6

### Discretionary fees for taxi and private hire licences

Licence type		2025/2026 fees	2026/2027 proposed	Difference (£)
<b>Driver Licence</b>				
New application – Joint hackney carriage and private hire and standard private hire - 1 year (excl. DVLA, and DBS check)		229	160	- £69
Renewal application – Joint hackney carriage and private hire and standard private hire - 1 year (excl. DVLA check)		175	120	- £55
New and renewal – Restricted private hire (SEND) licence - 1 year (excl. DVLA, and DBS check)		N/A	90	N/A
New and renewal – Restricted private hire (SEND) licence - 3 year (excl. DVLA, and DBS check)		N/A	270	N/A
New application – Joint hackney carriage and private hire and standard private hire - 3 year (excl. DVLA, and DBS check)		579	400	- £179
Renewal application – Joint hackney carriage and private hire and standard private hire - 3 year (excl. DVLA check)		525	360	- £165
Conversion of a driver licence (excl. required knowledge test fee)		30	30	0
Knowledge test fee		32	40	+ £8
DVLA driving licence check (required upon every new and renewal application)		5	5	0
<b>Private Hire Vehicle Licence</b>				
New and renewal 1yr for all (excl. stickers)		250	160	0
Variation application (excl. stickers)		35	45	+ £10
Transfer application (excl. stickers)		25	25	0
<b>Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence</b>				
New and renewal 1yr for all (excl. stickers)		250	160	0
Variation application (excl. stickers)		35	45	+ £10
Transfer application (excl. stickers)		25	25	0
<b>Restricted Private Hire Licence</b>				
New and renewal 1yr for all		N/A	140	N/A
Variation application		N/A	25	N/A
Transfer application		N/A	25	N/A
<b>Private Hire Operator Licence</b>				
New application – 1 year	150 – 1 vehicle	126	126	0
	200 – 2 to 5	156	156	
	250 – 6 to 10	186	186	
	300 – 11+	216	216	
Renewal application – 1 year	150 – 1 vehicle	126	126	0
	200 – 2 to 5	156	156	
	250 – 6 to 10	186	186	
	300 – 11+	216	216	
New application – 5 year	646 – 1 vehicle	627	627	0
	896 – 2 to 5	737	737	
	1146 – 6 to 10	847	847	
	1396 – 11+	957	957	

Renewal application – 5 year	646 – 1 vehicle	627	627	0
	896 – 2 to 5	737	737	
	1146 – 6 to 10	847	847	
	1396 – 11+	957	957	
Miscellaneous taxi and private hire fees				
Theft, loss etc of a licence		10.50	10.50	0
Theft, loss etc of a vehicle plate		20	30	+ £10
Change of address		10.50	10.50	0
Replacement door sticker		6.00	6.00	0



## **Appendix 7 – Extracts from Licensing Legislation**

### **Extracts from relevant licensing legislation providing legal framework within which local authorities may charge licensing fees**

#### **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982**

Controls sex establishments, street trading, acupuncture, tattooing, semi-permanent skin colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis

##### **Sex establishments - Schedule 3 paragraph 19**

An application for the grant, variation, renewal or transfer of a licence under this Schedule shall pay a reasonable fee determined by the appropriate authority.

##### **Street Trading – Schedule 4 paragraph 9**

(1) A district council may charge such fees as they consider reasonable for the grant or renewal of a street trading licence or a street trading consent.

(2) A council may determine different fees for different types of licence or consent and, in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of this sub-paragraph, may determine fees differing according—

(a) to the duration of the licence or consent;

(b) to the street in which it authorises trading; and

(c) to the descriptions of articles in which the holder is authorised to trade.

(3) A council may require that applications for the grant or renewal of licences or consents shall be accompanied by so much of the fee as the council may require, by way of a deposit to be repaid by the council to the applicant if the application is refused.

(4) A council may determine that fees may be paid by instalments.

(5) Where a consent is surrendered or revoked, the council shall remit or refund, as they consider appropriate, the whole or a part of any fee paid for the grant or renewal of the consent.

(6) A council may recover from a licence-holder such reasonable charges as they may determine for the collection of refuse, the cleansing of streets and other services rendered by them to him in his capacity as licence-holder.

(7) Where a licence—

(a) is surrendered or revoked; or

(b) ceases to be valid by virtue of paragraph 4(7) above,

the council may remit or refund, as they consider appropriate, the whole or a part—

(i) of any fee paid for the grant or renewal of the licence; or

(ii) of any charges recoverable under sub-paragraph (6) above.

(8) The council may determine—

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(a) that charges under sub-paragraph (6) above shall be included in a fee payable under sub-paragraph (1) above; or

(b) that they shall be separately recoverable.

(9) Before determining charges to be made under sub-paragraph (6) above or varying the amount of such charges the council—

(a) shall give notice of the proposed charges to licence-holders; and

(b) shall publish notice of the proposed charges in a local newspaper circulating in their area.

(10) A notice under sub-paragraph (9) above shall specify a reasonable period within which representations concerning the proposed charges may be made to the council.

(11) It shall be the duty of a council to consider any such representations which are made to them within the period specified in the notice.

### **Acupuncture - Section 14 (6)**

A local authority may charge such reasonable fees as they may determine for registration under this section.

### **Tattooing, semi-permanent skin colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis – Section 15 (6)**

A local authority may charge such reasonable fees as they may determine for registration under this section.

## **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976**

### **Controls hackney carriages and private hire vehicles**

#### **Section 53 - Drivers' licences for hackney carriages and private hire vehicles**

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of 1847\*, a district council may demand and recover for the grant to any person of a licence to drive a hackney carriage, or a private hire vehicle, as the case may be, such a fee as they consider reasonable with a view to recovering the costs of issue and administration and may remit the whole or part of the fee in respect of a private hire vehicle in any case in which they think it appropriate to do so.

\*Town Police Clauses Act 1847

#### **Section 70 - Fees for vehicle and operators' licences**

(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, a district council may charge such fees for the grant of vehicle and operators' licences as may be resolved by them from time to time and as may be sufficient in the aggregate to cover in whole or in part—

(a) the reasonable cost of the carrying out by or on behalf of the district council of inspections of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles for the

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purpose of determining whether any such licence should be granted or renewed;

(b) the reasonable cost of providing hackney carriage stands; and

(c) any reasonable administrative or other costs in connection with the foregoing and with the control and supervision of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles.

(2) The fees chargeable under this section shall not exceed—

(a) for the grant of a vehicle licence in respect of a hackney carriage, twenty-five pounds;

(b) for the grant of a vehicle licence in respect of a private hire vehicle, twenty-five pounds; and

(c) for the grant of an operator's licence, twenty-five pounds per annum;

or, in any such case, such other sums as a district council may, subject to the following provisions of this section, from time to time determine.

(3) (a) If a district council determine that the maximum fees specified in subsection (2) of this section should be varied they shall publish in at least one local newspaper circulating in the district a notice setting out the variation proposed, drawing attention to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subsection and specifying the period, which shall not be less than twenty-eight days from the date of the first publication of the notice, within which and the manner in which objections to the variation can be made.

(b) A copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall for the period of twenty-eight days from the date of the first publication thereof be deposited at the offices of the council which published the notice and shall at all reasonable hours be open to public inspection without payment.

(4) If no objection to a variation is duly made within the period specified in the notice referred to in subsection (3) of this section, or if all objections so made are withdrawn, the variation shall come into operation on the date of the expiration of the period specified in the notice or the date of withdrawal of the objection or, if more than one, of the last objection, whichever date is the later.

(5) If objection is duly made as aforesaid and is not withdrawn, the district council shall set a further date, not later than two months after the first specified date, on which the variation shall come into force with or without modification as decided by the district council after consideration of the objections.

(6) A district council may remit the whole or part of any fee chargeable in pursuance of this section for the grant of a licence under section 48 or 55 of this Act in any case in which they think it appropriate to do so.

### **Zoo Licensing Act 1981**

#### **Controls zoos – Section 15**

(1) Subject to this section, the local authority may charge such reasonable fees as they may determine in respect of—

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(a) applications for the grant, renewal or transfer of licences;

(b) the grant, renewal, alteration or transfer of licences;

(2) Any fee charged under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) in respect of an application shall be treated as paid on account of the fee charged under paragraph (b) on the grant, renewal or transfer applied for.

(2A) Subject to this section, the authority may charge to the operator of the zoo such sums as they may determine in respect of reasonable expenses incurred by them—

(a) in connection with inspections in accordance with section 9A and under sections 10 to 12;

(b) in connection with the exercise of their powers to make directions under this Act;

(c) in the exercise of their function under section 16E(4) of supervising the implementation of plans prepared under section 16E(2); and

(d) in connection with the exercise of their function under section 16E(7) or (8).

(2B) The authority's charge under subsection (2A)(d) shall take into account any sums that have been, or will fall to be, deducted by them from a payment under section 16F(7) in respect of their costs.

(3) In respect of any fee or other sum charged under this section, the local authority may, if so requested by the operator, accept payment by instalments.

(4) Any fee or other charge payable under this section by any person shall be recoverable by the local authority as a debt due from him to them.

(5) The local authority shall secure that the amount of all the fees and other sums charged by them under this section in a year is sufficient to cover the reasonable expenditure incurred by the authority in the year by virtue of this Act.

### **Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976**

#### **Controls dangerous wild animals as listed in the Act – Section 1**

(2) A local authority shall not grant a licence under this Act unless an application for it—

.... and

(e) is accompanied by such fee as the authority may stipulate (being a fee which is in the authority's opinion sufficient to meet the direct and indirect costs which it may incur as a result of the application).

### **Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907**

#### **Controls pleasure boats/vessels - Section 94**

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(1) The local authority may grant upon such terms and conditions as they may think fit licences for pleasure boats and pleasure vessels to be let for hire or to be used for carrying passengers for hire, and to the persons in charge of or navigating such boats and vessels, and may charge for each type of licence such annual fee as appears to them to be appropriate.

### **Environmental Protection Act 1990**

Controls free printed matter – Schedule 3A paragraphs 3 & 4

3 (1) A principal litter authority may on the application of any person consent to that person or any other person (identified specifically or by description) distributing free printed matter on any land designated by the authority under this Schedule.

4 (1) A principal litter authority may require the payment of a fee before giving consent under paragraph 3 above.

(2) The amount of a fee under this paragraph is to be such as the authority may determine, but may not be more than, when taken together with all other fees charged by the authority under this paragraph, is reasonable to cover the costs of operating and enforcing this Schedule.

### **Gambling Act 2005**

Statutory fees are prescribed for:-

- small society lotteries (Schedule 11 – Part 5)
- club gaming permits and club machine permits (Schedule 12)
- notification of gaming machines in alcohol licensed premises (Section 282)
- family entertainment centre gaming machine permits (Schedule 10)
- licensed premises gaming machine permits (Schedule 13)
- prize gaming permits (Schedule 14)

And, therefore, the licensing authority has no control over these fees. The following statutory instruments are relevant:-

- Small Society Lotteries (Registration of Non-Commercial Societies) Regulations 2007
- Gambling Act 2005 (Club Gaming and Club Machine Permits) Regulations 2007
- Gaming Machines in Alcohol Licensed Premises (Notification Fee) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007
- Gambling Act 2005 (Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine) (Permits) Regulations 2007
- Gambling Act 2005 (Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007
- Gambling Act 2005 (Prize Gaming) (Permits) Regulations 2007

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The licensing authority must determine the fees, up to certain statutory maximums, that are applicable to premises licences, e.g. adult gaming centres, betting at race tracks, betting shops, bingo premises, casinos and for temporary use notices. The Gambling (Premises Licence Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 and the Gambling (Temporary Use Notices) Regulations 2007 set the relevant statutory maximums. In addition, Section 212 of the Act states:-

(2) .... the authority—

(a) shall determine the amount of the fee,

(b) may determine different amounts for different classes of case specified in the regulations (but may not otherwise determine different amounts for different cases),

(c) shall publish the amount of the fee as determined from time to time, and

(d) shall aim to ensure that the income from fees of that kind as nearly as possible equates to the costs of providing the service to which the fee relates (including a reasonable share of expenditure which is referable only partly or only indirectly to the provision of that service).

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(d) a licensing authority shall compare income and costs in such manner, at such times and by reference to such periods as the authority, having regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State, think appropriate.

In addition, where the licensing authority is required to maintain licensing registers, the authority may determine fees for providing access to, making copies of and/or providing information to members of the public from those registers.

### Premises licences (Section 156)

(1) A licensing authority shall—

(a) maintain a register of premises licences issued by the authority together with such other information as may be prescribed,

(b) make the register and information available for inspection by members of the public at all reasonable times, and

(c) make arrangements for the provision of a copy of an entry in the register, or of information, to a member of the public on request.

(2) A licensing authority may refuse to provide a copy of an entry or of information unless the person seeking it pays a reasonable fee specified by the authority.

### Small society lotteries (Schedule 11 Part 5 paragraph 55)

(1) Where a statement is sent to a local authority under paragraph 39 the authority shall—

(a) retain it for at least 18 months,

(b) make it available for inspection by members of the public at all reasonable times, and

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(c) make arrangements for the provision of a copy of it or part of it to any member of the public on request.

(2) But a local authority may refuse to provide access or a copy unless the person seeking access or a copy pays a fee specified by the authority.

(3) A local authority may not specify a fee under sub-paragraph (2) which exceeds the reasonable cost of providing the service sought (but in calculating the cost of providing a service to a person the authority may include a reasonable share of expenditure which is referable only indirectly to the provision of that service).

### **Club gaming permits and club machine permits (Schedule 12 paragraph 26)**

(1) A licensing authority shall—

(a) maintain a register of permits issued by the authority together with such other information as may be prescribed,

(b) make the register and information available for inspection by members of the public at all reasonable times, and

(c) make arrangements for the provision of a copy of an entry in the register, or of information, to a member of the public on request.

(2) A licensing authority may refuse to provide a copy of an entry or of information unless the person seeking it pays a reasonable fee specified by the authority.

### **Temporary Use Notice (Section 234)**

1) A licensing authority shall—

(a) maintain a register of temporary use notices given to them together with such other information as may be prescribed,

(b) make the register and information available for inspection by members of the public at all reasonable times, and

(c) make arrangements for the provision of a copy of an entry in the register, or of information, to a member of the public on request.

(2) A licensing authority may refuse to provide a copy of an entry or of information unless the person seeking it pays a reasonable fee specified by the authority.

### **Family entertainment centre gaming machine permits (Schedule 10 paragraph 23)**

(1) A licensing authority shall—

(a) maintain a register of permits issued by the authority together with such other information as may be prescribed,

(b) make the register and information available for inspection by members of the public at all reasonable times, and

(c) make arrangements for the provision of a copy of an entry in the register, or of information, to a member of the public on request.



## **Appendix 7 – Extracts from Licensing Legislation**

(2) A licensing authority may refuse to provide a copy of an entry or of information unless the person seeking it pays a reasonable fee specified by the authority.

### **Licensed premises gaming machine permits** (Schedule 13 paragraph 22)

(1) A licensing authority shall—

(a) maintain a register of permits issued by the authority together with such other information as may be prescribed,

(b) make the register and information available for inspection by members of the public at all reasonable times, and

(c) make arrangements for the provision of a copy of an entry in the register, or of information, to a member of the public on request.

(2) A licensing authority may refuse to provide a copy of an entry or of information unless the person seeking it pays a reasonable fee specified by the authority.

### **Prize gaming permits** (Schedule 14 paragraph 23)

(1) A licensing authority shall—

(a) maintain a register of permits issued by the authority together with such other information as may be prescribed,

(b) make the register and information available for inspection by members of the public at all reasonable times, and

(c) make arrangements for the provision of a copy of an entry in the register, or of information, to a member of the public on request.

(2) A licensing authority may refuse to provide a copy of an entry or of information unless the person seeking it pays a reasonable fee specified by the authority.

## **Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013**

Controls buyers/sellers of scrap metal and motor salvage operators (Section 5 Schedule 1 paragraph 6)

(1) An application must be accompanied by a fee set by the authority.

(2) In setting a fee under this paragraph, the authority must have regard to any guidance\* issued from time to time by the Secretary of State with the approval of the Treasury.

\*Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013: guidance on licence fee charges – issued by Home Office 12 August 2013

## **Licensing Act 2003**

Statutory fees for premises licences, club premises certificates, temporary event notices and personal licences are currently prescribed by the Licensing Act 2003 (Fees) Regulations 2005. The licensing authority has no control over these fees.

## **Appendix 7 – Extracts from Licensing Legislation**

In addition, there is a requirement to maintain a register and make it available for inspection without payment but if requested to provide a copy of information contained in the register a fee may be charged under Section 8 of the Act.

(4) If requested to do so by any person, a licensing authority must supply him with a copy of the information contained in any entry in its register in legible form.

(5) A licensing authority may charge such reasonable fee as it may determine in respect of any copy supplied under subsection (4).

### **Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960**

Under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, as amended by the Mobile Homes Act 2013, licensing authorities are permitted to charge fees for the licensing of residential caravan sites with effect from 1 April 2014. Transitional arrangements will be in place and the licensing authority is required to publish a fees policy. (NB The Council has not yet prepared a fees policy and therefore is currently unable to charge fees in this respect.)

### **Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018**

13.—(1) A local authority may charge such fees as it considers necessary for—

(a) the consideration of an application for the grant, renewal or variation of a Licence including any inspection relating to that consideration, and for the grant, renewal or variation,

(b) the reasonable anticipated costs of consideration of a licence holder's compliance with these Regulations and the licence conditions to which the licence holder is subject in circumstances other than those described in subparagraph (a) including any inspection relating to that consideration,

(c) the reasonable anticipated costs of enforcement in relation to any licensable activity of an unlicensed operator, and

(d) the reasonable anticipated costs of compliance with regulation 29.

(2) The fee charged for the consideration of an application for the grant, renewal or variation of a licence and for any inspection relating to that consideration must not exceed the reasonable costs of that consideration and related inspection.

### **Business and Planning Act 2020**

Applications

(1) An application for a pavement licence made to a local authority must—

(a) be made in writing and in such form as the authority may specify,

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- (b) be sent to the authority using electronic communications in such manner as the authority may specify, and
- (c) be accompanied by such fee not exceeding the relevant amount as the local authority may require.

“the relevant amount” means—

- (a) £350, in the case of an application which—
  - (i) is made by a person who already holds a pavement licence, and
  - (ii) is in respect of the premises to which that existing licence relates (whether or not it is a renewal application), and
- (b) £500, in any other case.

### **Licences for which the licensing authority is NOT permitted to charge**

- House-to-house collections: House to House Collections Act 1939
- Street collections: Police, Factories, etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916
- Hypnotism consent

## AGENDA ITEM 6

### **TITLE: HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES - CONSIDERATION OF COMMENTS RECEIVED FOLLOWING CONSULTATION**

Committee: Licensing Committee

Date: 19 November 2025

Author: Stewart Broome, Licensing Manager

Report number: AA98

Contact officer:

Stewart Broome, Licensing Manager

[stewart.broome@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:stewart.broome@eastcambs.gov.uk), 01353 616287, SF204, The Grange, Ely

#### **1.0 Issue**

- 1.1 To consider comments submitted in response to the taxi table of fares amendment notice published on Thursday 18 September 2025.

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Members consider the content of this report and the comments received following the required consultation period (**Appendix 1**), and instruct officers on how to proceed.

#### **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 On Wednesday 10 September 2025 Members considered a detailed report from officers which outlined the reasons why a change to the existing tariff of fares could be justified. Having considered this report, Members authorised Officers to publish a notice of the proposed tariff of fares in accordance with the controlling legislation and notify all existing hackney carriage proprietors. A public notice was placed in the Ely Standard paper edition and in the online edition, as well as being placed in the Council Offices and Ely Library outlining the proposal contained in Table 1 below.

**Table 1 – Proposed new table of fares**

Rate	First 960 yards (877 meters)	For each 160 yards (146.3 meters) or uncompleted part thereof	Waiting time per minute	Two mile cost	Five mile cost
<b>Rate 1</b> 7am to 9pm Mon – Sat	£4.20	£0.25 (£2.75 per mile)	£0.40	£8.20 (+20%)	£16.45 (+20%)

<b>Rate 2</b> 9pm to 7am Mon – Sat and Sunday 7am until 7am Monday and Bank Holidays (excl. Christmas & New Year)	£6.20	£0.25 (£2.75 per mile)	£0.40	£10.20 (+20%)	£15.00 (+20%)
<b>Rate 3</b> 9pm Christmas Eve to 7am 27 <sup>th</sup> December and 9pm New Year's Eve to 7am 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	£8.00	£0.35 (£3.85 per mile)	£0.40	£13.60 (+20%)	£25.15 (+20%)
Each passenger in excess of one (persons under the age of 18, and person(s) accompanying a passenger who requires assistance due to their physical or mental health shall not be counted)				£0.25 per person, per trip	
Soiling charge				Not to exceed £150.	

3.2 During the consultation period, a total of fourteen comments were received from members of the licensed trade (**Appendix 1**). No other comments were received. The comments were split as below:

- Seven in support, including one representing a large taxi firm licensed with the Council that represents 30% of the hackney carriage fleet working in the District.
- Three objecting to the proposal, but agreeing an increase of some description is justified.
- Four outright objecting to any increase at this time

3.3 Table 2 below provides a summary of the main points raised in the comments received, and officer comments on the points raised for Member consideration. Hackney Carriage Drivers are at liberty to charge fares lower than the specified

**Table 2**

Consultee comments	Officer comment
Charging for the first 960 yards makes it almost impossible to quote a taxi fare.	The change from a mile flag rate to a reduced 960 yard distance will take a little time to get used to, but the Licensing Authority is prepared to assist by providing drivers with a laminated ready reckoner.
Increasing fares would be professional suicide for Hackney Carriage vehicles, as we are already trying to compete with private hire vehicles charging less than meter price plus the added concern of Uber	Increasing the maximum levels permitted does not remove the ability to offer lower fares to secure journeys.
There has been a big drop-off in work over the last year with the much greater presence of Uber operating in the vicinity of the station, fear that increasing fares further will cause further hardship	Unfortunately, the presence of Uber is not something that Officers can remove, as evidence suggests that they are not touting or plying. The increase does not have to be charged, the proposed rates are maximums

Cost of living impacting on people's ability to spend money on taxis, propose an aligning of pricing with Uber.	Cost of living does impact on some people's ability to take a taxi, but as stated in the original report, it also impacts on those running a taxi service. The increase does not impede a person's ability to align with Uber pricing, providing the aligned fare is no higher than the table of fares price.
The reduction of the first rate to £4.20 will cause a loss of earnings.	The reduction of the first rate to £4.20 should be read in conjunction with the lowering of the flag rate. The equivalent first mile rate will be higher than £4.60 on the proposed tariff.

#### 4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 The consultation has shown that the trade is split on the proposal. Comments submitted suggest approximately 48% (44 out of 91) hackney proprietors had their opinion represented, and 84% (37 out of these 44) supported the proposal. The comments not supporting the proposal raise concerns of competition from online platforms such as Uber, and cost of living impacts resulting in fewer fares being taken if fares were to be increased.
- 4.2 Members must consider the full details of the comments received in Appendix 1, against the reasoning behind the proposal submitted in the first committee papers, and determine whether those comments opposing the increase provide sufficient evidence to override the proposal as set out in the formal public notice. If Members are satisfied that they do, then the proposal should not be carried, and an alternative should be considered, which could include remaining with the current table of fares. However, if Members are satisfied that the comments in support of the proposal outweigh those opposing, then the proposal should be carried to come into effect before the relevant date of Friday 3 December 2025.
- 4.3 To assist Members, Officers have created two further tariffs (below) which would result in approximate increases of 10% and 15% across the board. In order to achieve this the flag rate or initial hire rate has had to be reduced from 960 yards (877 meters) to 880 yards (804.5 meters)

**Table 2 – Alternative tariff to achieve approximate 15% increase:**

Rate	First 880 yards (804.5 meters)	For each 176 yards (160.9 meters) or uncompleted part thereof	Waiting time per minute	Two mile cost	Five mile cost
<b>Rate 1</b> 7am to 9pm Mon – Sat	£4.10	£0.25 (£2.50 per mile)	£0.40	£7.85 (+15%)	£15.35 (+14%)
<b>Rate 2</b> 9pm to 7am Mon – Sat and Sunday 7am until	£6.00	£0.25 (£2.50 per mile)	£0.40	£9.75 (+16%)	£17.25 (+15%)

7am Monday and Bank Holidays (excl. Christmas & New Year)					
<b>Rate 3</b> 9pm Christmas Eve to 7am 27 <sup>th</sup> December and 9pm New Year's Eve to 7am 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	£7.80	£0.35 (£3.50 per mile)	£0.40	£13.05 (+15%)	£23.55 (+11%)
Each passenger in excess of one (persons under the age of 18, and person(s) accompanying a passenger who requires assistance due to their physical or mental health shall not be counted)				£0.25 per person, per trip	
Soiling charge				Not to exceed £150.	

**Table 3 – Alternative tariff to achieve approximate 10% increase:**

Rate	First 880 yards (804.5 meters)	For each 176 yards (160.9 meters) or uncompleted part thereof	Waiting time per minute	Two mile cost	Five mile cost
<b>Rate 1</b> 7am to 9pm Monday to Saturday (excl. Bank Holidays)	£3.80	£0.25 (£2.50 per mile)	£0.40	£7.55 (+11%)	£15.05 (+12%)
<b>Rate 2</b> 9pm to 7am Monday to Saturday and Sunday 7am to 7am Monday (excl. Bank Holidays)	£5.50	£0.25 (£2.50 per mile)	£0.40	£9.25 (+10%)	£16.75 (+11%)
<b>Rate 3</b> All Bank Holidays & 9pm Christmas Eve to 7am 27 <sup>th</sup> December and 9pm New Year's Eve to 7am 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	£7.20	£0.35 (£3.50 per mile)	£0.40	£12.45 (+10%)	£22.95 (+8%)
Each passenger in excess of one (persons under the age of 18, and person(s) accompanying a passenger who requires assistance due to their physical or mental health shall not be counted)			£0.25 per person, per trip		
Soiling charge			Not to exceed £150.		

## 5.0 Additional Implications Assessment

5.1 In the table below, please put Yes or No in each box:



<b>Financial Implications</b>	<b>Legal Implications</b>	<b>Human Resources (HR) Implications</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)</b>	<b>Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA)</b>	<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>

### **Financial implications**

- 5.2 If Members were to approve the proposal or one of the alternative tariffs shown in paragraph 4.3, hackney proprietors would see estimated increases in turnover of between 10% and 20% if they applied the maximum levels of fares permitted, and members of the public would see the same level of increases in the journey costs they will incur.
- 5.3 Officer time has been required to prepare this report, and Members time has been required to determine the report. These costs will come out of the Licensing Department's budget paid for by those obtaining hackney carriage licences.

### **Legal Implications**

- 5.4 Members must determine the level to set the table of fares and the date they commence, which must be no later than Friday 3 December 2025. Failure to do so would result in an unlawful table of fares that cannot be enforced.
- 5.5 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been completed showing there is no adverse impact on the community if Members follow the Officer recommendations at this stage. Members of the trade and public were invited to submit comments via the required public consultation.

## **6.0 Appendices**

- 6.1 Appendix 1 - Consultation comments

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Background Documents	Location	Contact Officer
The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976	Room SF204 The Grange, Ely	Stewart Broome Senior Licensing Officer (01353) 616477
Department for Transport's - 2023 Private Hire and Taxi Statistics		
RAC website		
Office for National Statistics		

### Stewart Broome

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**From:** rodger goodson  
**Sent:** 02 October 2025 12:12  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** new fairs  
  
**Categories:** Stewart

#### Warning: Unusual sender

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good afternoon

with regards to the new pricing, we do not have a problem with the new rates, it would be nice to have an increase

but we do think that the £8 start rate should stay

our main problem in Ely is the Uber drivers; they park in the bus lay by at the bottom of the station and when all the station taxis leave the rank on jobs they then drive in and take our work

we would like Uber drivers/taxis stopped from working in our area

J R Cars

## Stewart Broome

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**From:** Gytautas Rimkus  
**Sent:** 02 October 2025 11:48  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Table of fares

**Categories:** Stewart

### Warning: Unusual sender

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Hello,  
I think your new rates proposal is good. I would like to go ahead with that.

Kind regards  
G.Rimkus

## Stewart Broome

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**From:** Eve Marion  
**Sent:** 01 October 2025 23:05  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** New taxi fare table

**Categories:** Stewart

### Warning: Unusual sender

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Dear Licensing officers,

I have examined your proposed new taxi fares, and I don't agree with charging for the first 960 yards, it makes it almost impossible to quote a taxi fare for example to quote a fare for 21 miles distance. At the moment I find it easy to calculate, ie  $20 \times £2.20 = £44.00 + £4.60$  for first mile = £48.60

I propose there should still be a charge for first mile for each rate, 1,2 and 3.

I propose-

Rate 1

£5.60 for first mile  
£2.75 for each mile thereafter.

Rate 2

£7.45 for first mile  
£2.75 for each mile thereafter.

Rate 3

£9.75 for first mile  
£3.85 for each mile thereafter

I also wonder why you have changed the Bank Holiday rate back to being the same as rate 2? I always work on Bank Holidays, and there are passengers that will pay the extra fare. So could you please include these Bank Holidays in Rate 3 please, as they were on rate 3.

Anyway, I hope you will consider my suggestions, and I thank you in advance!

Kind regards,

Eve Humphrey

Hackney Carriage

Sent via BT Email App

## Stewart Broome

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 29 September 2025 11:26  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** METER INCREASE  
  
**Categories:** Stewart

### Warning: Unusual sender

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Dear Lisencing

Having gone over the proposed increase in taxi fares I have given it much consideration and debate with fellow colleagues and I strongly believe that this would be a big mistake at this time.  
I feel very strongly that if you were to increase fares it would be professional suicide for Hackney carriage vehicles, as we are already trying to compete with private hire vehicles charging less than meter price plus the added concern of Uber taxis from multiple districts such as Cambridge, Huntingdon and Peterborough operating here in Ely.  
I think it would be in the councils best interest to look after the interest of its current taxis who pay for their licence and plates through you, and try to remove Uber and other such companies ie Bolt etc from trading in the Ely area.  
Its my understanding from other drivers and customers that it is possible to stop them or at least have a restriction zone on areas stopping them from plying for business in key areas such as the town centre and the station, could this be a possibility or a consideration' considering the size of Ely?.

Your sincerely

Karen Northfield.



## Stewart Broome

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**From:** Wojciech Gabryszak  
**Sent:** 23 September 2025 18:54  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing: Hackney Carriage "Table of Fares" - Proposed increase consultation  
**Categories:** Stewart

### Warning: Unusual sender

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Hi.

After reviewing your information  
I completely agree with the ideas you've proposed.

I think it's a good idea.

Kind Regards

Wojciech Gabryszak  
H71

On 17/09/2025 13:30 BST Licensing <[licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Licence Holder

You are receiving this email because your email address is associated with a licensed Hackney Carriage vehicle licence at this Council.

On September 10<sup>th</sup> 2025, the Council's Licensing Committee agreed to consult on the proposed Table of Fares below. If you wish to make a comment on this proposal, you must do so by writing to: The Licensing Manager, East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE or by emailing [licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk) by midnight on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025.

The full report considered by Members on the 10<sup>th</sup> September can be found here:  
[Council meeting search | East Cambridgeshire District Council](#)

## Stewart Broome

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**From:** Daniel Muzyczka  
**Sent:** 23 September 2025 11:04  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** New taxi fares  
  
**Categories:** Stewart

### Warning: Unusual sender

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Dear The Licensing Manager

Due to the rising costs of running a taxi business and inflation I support the change of table of maximum fares.

In my opinion all bank holidays should be treated like Christmas day and New year and first rate started from £4.60

Best regards

Daniel Muzyczka

## Stewart Broome

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**From:** Richard Lee  
**Sent:** 22 September 2025 10:36  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing: Hackney Carriage "Table of Fares" - Proposed increase consultation  
**Categories:** Stewart

### External sender

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Yes, I accept.

Regards  
Richard Lee  
Fencabs Ltd  
56 Market St, Ely, Cambs  
CB7 4LS

On Wed, 17 Sept 2025 at 13:31, Licensing <[Licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk)> wrote:

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## Stewart Broome

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**From:** Dennis J Money  
**Sent:** 21 September 2025 19:36  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Proposed taxi fare increases.

**Categories:** Stewart

Warning: Unusual sender

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Hello, I am writing as a licensed taxi driver with ECDC. I am very concerned to hear of a proposal to increase fares at this time.

As a permit holder at Ely rail station a majority of my business is applied here and I have noticed a big drop off in work over the last year with the much greater presence of Uber operating in the vicinity of the station especially, but also Ely as a whole.

They have taken a lot of our trade and by increasing fares I fear we will suffer further hardship and eventually go out of business.

Unless of course uber can be stopped from operating here.

I don't know who is proposing the increase in tariff if it's a request from licence holders or the licencing committee yourselves, but whichever it is they need to think long and hard about it, because jobs will be lost and tensions will rise.

As you may gather I'm 100% against a rise at this time.

Dennis Money.

## Stewart Broome

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**From:** maciejtroc  
**Sent:** 20 September 2025 20:20  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing: Hackney Carriage "Table of Fares" - Proposed increase consultation  
**Categories:** Stewart

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Hi ,this new tariff look very good.

17 wrz 2025 13:30 Licensing <Licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk> napisał(a):

Dear Licence Holder

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## Stewart Broome

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**From:** Rostek Tomczyk  
**Sent:** 20 September 2025 11:10  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Table of fares ok

**Categories:** Stewart

### Warning: Unusual sender

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Hi.

I think the proposed change is good balance between drivers and public.

I heard conversation when some drivers are scared of losing business because of UBER / Vezu driver and are hesitant regarding price increase but this hesitation is only because of fear of competition. Minimum wage goes up every year, as well as costs of running small business, taxi insurance, costs of repairs, service vehicle, home utility bills, food, etc. Also we need to be able to save up for newer car every few years. It is absolutely necessary to increase price every few years to be able to provide service and remain on market.

I fully support proposed table of fare. In fact I would consider increasing waiting time by 5p

Kind regards

## Stewart Broome

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**From:** Sue  
**Sent:** 20 September 2025 09:54  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Proposed increase to taxi meters  
  
**Categories:** Stewart

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I wright to oppose any increase to the taxi rate at this present time if Uber / Peterborough private hires and south cambs private hire cars we're not operating in the vicinity I'd be more than happy to accept a price increase but they are so to do so would be shooting ourselves in the foot I'm happy to review the situation in a couple of years to see if Uber and the likes have had an even bigger impact on us but for now we need to leave well alone times are tough enough for us and the public all a price rise will do is play into the hands of pre booked cars especially Ubers

Yours

Susan lindsay

Cornell taxis



## Stewart Broome

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**From:** Licensing  
**Subject:** FW: Table of new fares

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**From:** Philip Bowers  
**Sent:** 19 September 2025 10:15  
**To:** Stewart Broome <Stewart.Broome@eastcambs.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Table of new fares

[Licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk)

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Philip Bowers  
**Date:** 19 September 2025 at 9:02:14 am BST  
**To:** Licensing <[Licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Table of new fares

Good morning

I formally oppose the proposed table of new fares.

Yours sincerely

Philip Bowers

# Opposing reasons

Our takings have markedly decreased due to the cost of living and uber/discount pre book cabs, things will definitely get much worse with any increase, it's simply mathematics.

The Licensing committee need to sit down and have a little think, see it from our point of view, I mean who are you here to help, us or them.

I propose a reduction in fares to bring us in line with uber so we can compete on price.

£5.00 first mile £2.00 thereafter.

## Stewart Broome

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**From:** Marcin Siemiatycki  
**Sent:** 18 September 2025 10:35  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing: Hackney Carriage "Table of Fares" - Proposed increase consultation  
**Categories:** Stewart

### Warning: Unusual sender

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Dear Licensing Team

Thank you for the comment and suggestion options

I would like to share my observations on the above rate change offer.

1.  
The reduction of the first rate to 4.20 pounds (it is now 4.60 pounds) at the moment we mostly only have short local jobs, so we will lose more on this, because each job by driving 20 mph takes us about 30% longer and affects the length of the service, and the price is not adequate to the time needed to provide such transport and return to start the next service.
2.  
Second rate what is the night and Bank Holiday rate ( exc. Christmas & New Year). People working on bank holidays either get double pay but an extra day of leave, which still translates into extra pay.
3.  
Change in waiting time rates and billing rules, and rates for additional passengers.

I would like to make a few suggestions for change.

1.  
Leave the current rates and do not change anything.
2.  
Change the first rate to what it was before (£4.60) and change the second rate to be night only, and the third rate to be bank holiday only.
3.  
Make changes so that the starting rate is for 0 miles (not the first 960 yards) and additional fees start after 100 yards (not 160 yards).
- 4.

Changing the waiting time rate and the rules for calculating it, changing the waiting time rate so that it should end at around 5 mph or 7 mph and not at around 13 mph as it is now, the reason for this is frequent driving in the city and surrounding area at less than 20 mph.

The minimum wage increases every year, the proposed rates we received, instead of being better than the previous ones, are, in my opinion, much worse. The prices of products and services are constantly going up, and instead of having slightly more optimistic rates, we have to lower them, thus losing our earnings.

The costs of maintaining a car, fees, insurance, and renewals are going up, not everyone who works in taxis treats it as a hobby. Most people who work as taxi drivers earn money to support their families and businesses, this job is becoming increasingly difficult and less profitable, and UBER, which is permanently based in Ely, does not help.

Please note that the previous rates were changed on September 28, 2022. Since then, we have not observed any price decreases on the market, only increases in all product and service prices.

Kind Regards,  
Marcin Siemiatycki

W dniu 2025-09-17 14:31:40 użytkownik Licensing napisał:

Dear Licence Holder

You are receiving this email because your email address is associated with a licensed Hackney Carriage vehicle licence at this Council.

On September 10<sup>th</sup> 2025, the Council's Licensing Committee agreed to consult on the proposed Table of Fares below. If you wish to make a comment on this proposal, you must do so by writing to: The Licensing Manager, East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE or by emailing [licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk) by midnight on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025.

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## Stewart Broome

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**From:** Mariusz Burczyk  
**Sent:** 17 September 2025 16:07  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing: Hackney Carriage "Table of Fares" - Proposed increase consultation  
**Categories:** Stewart

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Make sure you trust this sender before taking any actions.

Good afternoon.

Thank you for your email .

My suggestion about increase consumption is as follows.

It is a good idea to lower the tariff from £ 4.60 to 4.20 but it will also be advisable to change the initial calculation from 960 yards to 100 yards and to keep £0.25 p for every 160 yards which can be satisfactory for everyone.

Thank you.

Regards.

Golden Eagle Taxi

Mariusz Burczyk

On Wed, 17 Sept 2025, 13:31 Licensing, <[Licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk)> wrote:

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# Licensing Committee Annual Agenda Plan

## Agenda Item 8

**Lead Officer: Stewart Broome, Licensing Manager**  
**Democratic Services Officer: Patrick Adams**

<b>Wed 21 Jan 2026</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
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Forward Agenda Plan	Democratic Services

<b>Wed 11 Feb 2026</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
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