

23 April 2010

Dear Councillor

**LICENSING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 28TH  
APRIL 2010**

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the above meeting of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee, the following report that was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

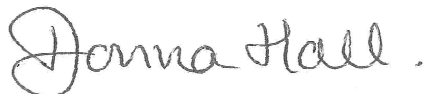
**Agenda No    Item**

3.     **Annual Review of Licence Fees (Pages 1 - 6)**

Members of the Committee will consider representations received as an outcome of the consultation on the Annual Review of Licence Fees, which expired on 22 April 2010.

A copy of the report of the Director of People and Places is now attached for consideration.

Yours sincerely



Donna Hall  
Chief Executive

Cathryn Barrett  
Democratic and Member Services Officer  
E-mail: [cathryn.barrett@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:cathryn.barrett@chorley.gov.uk)  
Tel: (01257) 515123  
Fax: (01257) 515150

**Distribution**

1.     Agenda and reports to all Members of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee.

**This information can be made available to you in larger print or on audio tape, or translated into your own language. Please telephone 01257 515118 to access this service.**

આ માહિતીનો અનુવાદ આપની પોતાની ભાષામાં કરી શકાય છે. આ સેવા સરળતાથી મેળવવા માટે કૃપા કરી, આ નંબર પર ફોન કરો: 01257 515822

ان معلومات کا ترجمہ آپ کی اپنی زبان میں بھی کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ یہ خدمت استعمال کرنے کیلئے براہ مہربانی اس نمبر پر ٹیلیفون کیجئے: 01257 515823

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of People and Places	Licensing and Public Safety Committee	28 April 2010

## REVIEW OF TAXI LICENCE FEES

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present to Members the results of the statutory notification of the proposed taxi licensing fees for 2010/2011 and confirm the setting of those fees from 1 May 2010.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- Members are asked to consider the report and agree the proposed fees as attached.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- A proposed increase in taxi licensing fees was agreed by the Licensing and Public Safety Committee on 10 March 2010 subject to the statutory notification period and consideration of any objections or comments.
- In accordance with statutory requirements the proposed increases were advertised in a local newspaper inviting representations and objections in writing to the Council. At the close of the notification period at noon on Friday 23 April 2010 one letter of objection had been received.
- The press advertisement content is attached to this report at Appendix A and the one letter of objection is attached at Appendix B.

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

#### (If the recommendations are accepted)

- To ensure that the fees which the Council has discretion to set are in line with the cost of providing the associated licensing service.

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- None

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region		Develop local solutions to climate change.	
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances		Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	
Involving people in their communities		Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	√

### OBJECTIONS

8. The only letter of objection from a representative body of some of the operators, proprietors and drivers in the taxi trade asks Members to take into account the current economic climate and the impact the increase will have on its members.
9. The current cost of providing the 'taxi' element of the licensing service was in excess of £90,000. Whereas the net fee income derived from all taxi licensing transactions only amounted to £79,193. Therefore Members should be aware that the cost of the licensing function for the provision of a Hackney and Private Hire Taxi service in Chorley is significantly financially supported by the Council.
10. The proposed increase is a 2% increase on fees charged in 2009/10 and reflects the general corporate increase in charges for the year 2010/11.

**IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT**

11. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		No significant implications in this area	√

JAMIE CARSON  
 DIRECTOR PEOPLE AND PLACES

There are no background papers to this report.

Report Author	Ext	Date	Doc ID
Simon Clark	5732	23/4/10	Fees(1)



**Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 70**

**Notice of Proposed Fees**

**Taxi Vehicle Licensing**

Hackney Carriage Licence (6 months)	£227.00
Private Hire Operator's Licence	
1-5 Vehicles	£273.00
6-10 Vehicles	£323.00
11+ Vehicles	£382.00
New Private Hire Vehicle Licence (6 months)	£132.00
Renewal Private Hire Vehicle Licence (6 months)	£120.00
Grant Driver's Licence (one badge + knowledge test)	£71.00
Grant Driver's Licence (both badges + knowledge test)	£94.00
Renewal Driver's Licence (one badge)	£48.00
Renewal Driver's Licence (both badges)	£71.00
Second Driver's Badge (after initial grant)	£47.00
Administration Fee (For 1 <sup>st</sup> hour or part thereof)	£28.00
Full set of livery	£40.00
Rear plate on renewal	£11.00
Vehicle Change / Transfer Fee	£48.00
Replacement items	£22.00

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Chorley Council is proposing to vary the fees for hackney and private vehicle licences as indicated above. Objections to the proposed increase of Licence Fees setting out grounds for objection should be sent in writing to the undersigned (quoting reference: Licensing Fees Consultation 2010) no later than noon on Friday 23 April 2010. If no written objections are received by noon on 23 April 2010 the proposed fees will come into effect from 1 May 2010. If any written objections are received and not withdrawn these will be considered at a meeting of the Council's Licensing and Public Safety Committee at the Town Hall on a date to be announced in the week commencing 26 April 2010. A copy of the Notice is available for inspection without payment from 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday at the reception area of the Civic Offices Union Street and at the Town Hall Market Street, Chorley.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jamie Carson", with a horizontal line underneath.

Jamie Carson  
 Director of People & Places  
 Civic Offices  
 Union Street  
 Chorley  
 PR7 1AL

This page is intentionally left blank

## APPENDIX B

**The hackney drivers association ltd**

Bolton, bury, BURNLEY, Preston, Chorley, Blackburn, Oldham, hackney  
 association,(incorporating, Preston, hackney carriage  
 OWNERS ASSOCIATION) association. & BURNLEY HACKNEY

Samantha & Charles Oakes  
 Reg office 38 Shireburn Ave  
 Tongfold  
 Bolton, BL2 2SX  
 Phone 01204 371928  
 Fax 01204 370115  
 Mob- 07817680799  
 bbha@btinternet.com  
 www.thdabolton.co.uk

Doc Ref: 200420101648

Page 1 of 2

TO the Chairperson  
 Licencing Committee  
 Chorley Council  
 Chorley

**Objection to the increase in Council fees 2010/2011**

23 April 2010

Dear chair and members,

We The Hackney Drivers Association Ltd, On behalf of its members In Chorley hereby object to the increase in council fees for the year 2010/2011 which was approved for publication at the last panel meeting.

**Background**

The world as gone through the worst recession for a long time, and there are bad times to come in the next few years, along with the ban on smoking and the down turn in town centre, and passenger numbers dropping.

We now again facing the increase in Fuel which at writing this was around £1.20, per litre and more in some places

The trade can not keep supporting rises as much as it cant keep putting up fares to keep there standard of living, we take the point that 2% would not normally be objected to but time are hard and all of us have to make savings, and ever little amount keeps biting away at the earnings we don't wish to have an increase in fares this year.

We ask the members to think carefully before adding to an already trade which is suffering from lack of work people don't have the money to spend on taxis unless they have to.

We know that the increase is not much but there is something the council can do to

help the trade it licenses and play there part along with the trade and say on to any increase this year.

Doc Ref: 200420101648

Page 2 of 2

Yours Sincerely,

C. Oakes

Chairman The Hackney Drivers Association, Ltd

bbha@btinternet.com