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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE FEES</b>	<b>REF:</b>
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## **1. Recommendations**

- 1.1 That the proposed fees for private hire drivers, vehicles and operators are approved.

## **2. Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 To provide Members with the necessary information to be able to give full consideration to the recommendation contained in paragraph 1.1 of this report.

## **3. Detail**

- 3.1 Recent case law relating to fees for the taxi and private hire licensing regime has clarified what costs can be included in each type of fee therefore a review of the private hire fees has been carried out to ensure compliance with the legislation and relevant case law. In addition, as the private hire licensing function must operate on a cost recovery basis, the deficit and/or profit from 2019/2020 has been included in the relevant fees except private hire operator fees.
- 3.2 With regards to private hire operators, there was one set fee for an operator's licence regardless of the actual size of the company therefore it is proposed to amend the fees in line with the number of vehicles operated by an operator to reflect the true cost to the Licensing Authority.
- 3.3 Currently, there is a fee for a one year and three-year licence for private hire driver's licence therefore it is proposed to introduce a two year licence fee.
- 3.4 After review, it is proposed to amend the fees to the following:

Type of Licence	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Private Hire Driver: One year Two year Three year	£98 - £180	£150 £235 £331
Private Hire Vehicle	£273	£215
Private Hire Operator	£495	0-5 cars - £382 6-20 cars - £505 21-50 cars - £684 50 plus cars - £893

- 3.4 Once the reviewed fees have been approved, the Council will advertise the reviewed fees in a local newspaper and at the Council Offices for a period of 28 days as required by the 1976 Act.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications to the Council.
- 4.2 There are financial implications to some of the private hire licensing trade.

#### **5. Corporate Implications**

##### **Employment Implications**

- 5.1 None

##### **Legal Implications**

- 5.2 None

##### **Corporate Plan Implications**

- 5.3 These proposals will continue to demonstrate to members of the public that the Council takes the private hire licensing seriously in accordance with legislation and case law which contributes to the value of taking pride in our place and striving for excellence in all we do.

##### **Risk Impact**

- 5.4 None

#### **6. Community Impact**

##### **Consultation**

- 6.1 Consultation will take place with the trade in line with the legislation once the proposed fees are approved.

**Equality and Diversity Impact**

- 6.2 None

**Social Value Impact**

- 6.3 The proposals will protect all residents in South Derbyshire from subsidising the private hire licensing regime.

**Environmental Sustainability**

- 6.4 None

**6. Background Papers**

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976