

**GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE
28 JANUARY 2025**

Fees Report

Purpose of Report

1. To invite Members to consider a report for the approval of revised licensing fees for the new financial year commencing 1 April 2025.

Human Rights Act

2. When considering policy matters, the Committee must consider whether the decision affects an individual, group, or Company's Human Rights as set out in the Convention and if it does, whether the interference with those rights is permissible by reason of the justifications set out in the Convention. In addition, consideration must be given to whether the interference is proportionate.

Legal Implications

3. There are no issues that the Assistant Director, Law and Governance, considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members.

Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Section 17

6. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.

Recommendation

7. Members are requested to approve the revised fees.

**Ian Williams
Chief Executive**

Background Papers

Open for Business (LGA guidance on locally set fees)
 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
 Animal Welfare (Primate Licences) (England) Regulations 2024
 Animal Welfare Licence Fees - A Practical Guide to Fee Setting 2018
 The Deregulation Act 2015
 Equality Act 2010
 Human Rights Act 1998

Council Plan	This policy is within the legal framework of fee related issues for all licensing regimes in Darlington
Addressing inequalities	The proposals will have no additional impact on equality of opportunity for the disabled public.
Tackling Climate Change	This report has no impact on the Council's carbon impact.
Efficient and effective use of resources	This report has no impact on the Council's Efficiency Programme.
Health and Wellbeing	This policy will have no impact on health and wellbeing
S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no issues specifically relating to the prevention of crime and disorder
Wards Affected	The proposals affects all wards for those seeking a licence
Groups affected	The policy does not have a direct impact on any particular group
Budget and Policy Framework	This report represents no change to policy and has been considered within the Councils budget
Key Decision	The proposals do not represent a key decision
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on the Council's impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers

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