

## ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

### IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives <i>(delete as appropriate):</i>	<b><i>Prosperity – Improving the economic and social opportunities available to our communities</i></b> This priority focuses on safeguarding and enhancing our unique mix of rural and urban communities, promoting sustainable, economic opportunities and delivering cost effective services.
Consultation:	No consultation has taken place as this is a statutory requirement, report for information only
Legal:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>We are required to issue the licences for the new minimum duration periods.</i></li><li>• <i>Fees must be set in line with the Provision of Services Regulations.</i></li></ul>
Financial:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Income from taxi licensing will be impacted as the fees being charged for the longer duration licenses will be lower.</i></li><li>• <i>The income will be concentrated in the renewal years rather than being spread out annually.</i></li><li>• <i>As taxi licensing fees can only be set on a cost recovery basis the impact will be balanced by the savings in officer time and materials.</i></li><li>• <i>Fees will be reviewed regularly to ensure the authority is recovering the correct amount in line with policy.</i></li><li>• <i>Any surplus or deficit must be carried over to the next year and the fees adjusted where appropriate.</i></li></ul>
Human Resource:	No issues identified by report author or contact officer
Risk Management:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>All the current checks carried out on drivers will continue to be carried out at the original intervals so there is no increased risk.</i></li><li>• <i>The Council's Licensing Records Points Scheme will remain in place to address misconduct during the longer licence periods.</i></li><li>• <i>If the fees are not approved the authority will be unable to meet its statutory requirement for longer licence durations without having to charge a fee</i></li></ul>

	<p><i>which does not comply with the Provision of Services Regulations. This would leave the fees open to challenge.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>There is a risk that in these times of austerity a taxi driver operating as a small business may not be able to afford the higher fee immediately, potentially taking their livelihood away. This is reason the transitional period has been proposed to allow drivers to prepare for the additional cost.</i></li> </ul>
<p>Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:</p>	<p>No issues identified by report author or contact officer</p>