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### Taxi licence fees consultation

Period: 12 January 2015 - 15 February 2015

Status: Closed

Audiences: Everyone

Topics: Licensing and applications

Type: Public

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#### SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Sections 53 and 70

Hackney carriage proprietor's licence and hackney carriage driver's licence fees for zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and private hire vehicle licence, private hire operator's licence and private hire vehicle driver's licence fees.

#### APPENDIX C – Extracts from website publicising proposals (as captured on 01/03/15)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** under the above act that Shropshire Council proposes to vary the statutory permissible fees chargeable for hackney carriage, private hire vehicle and operator's licences and drivers' licences. The charges set out below will take effect on 16 February 2015 unless objection is made and not withdrawn.

Licence Type	Current Fee (£)	Proposed 2015/16 Fee (£)
Drivers		
Driver's joint badge new one year (inc. DVLA, DBS check, first knowledge test and first driver assessment)	204.00	239.00
Driver's badge three year renewal (inc. DVLA and DBS check)	156.00	174.00
Driver's knowledge test resit	77.00	57.00
Driver badge replacement following damage or loss	10.00	10.00
Driver training assessment	30.00	26.00
Vehicles		

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Private hire vehicle - new	160.00	168.00
Private hire vehicle - renewal	167.00	172.00
Hackney carriage vehicle - new	150.00	155.00
Hackney carriage vehicle - renewal	157.00	159.00
Hackney carriage licence transfer	87.00	94.00
Private hire vehicle licence transfer	97.00	107.00
Exterior plate replacement following damage or loss	13.00	13.00
Internal plate replacement following damage or loss	15.00	15.00
Fare card replacement following damage or loss	2.50	2.50
Private hire door signs (pair)	15.00	15.00

Private hire operators – one year - new application		
Private hire operator - up to five vehicles	86.00	132.00

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Private hire operator - six to ten vehicles	119.00	166.00
Private hire operator - 11 to 30 vehicles	168.00	217.00
Private hire operator - 31 to 100 vehicles	330.00	387.00
Private hire operator - 101 to 200 vehicles	695.00	770.00
Private hire operator - > 200 vehicles	1,304.00	1,407.00

Private hire operators – three years - new application		
Private hire operator - up to five vehicles	118.00	220.00
Private hire operator - six to ten vehicles	182.00	288.00
Private hire operator - 11 to 30 vehicles	199.00	390.00
Private hire operator - 31 to 100 vehicles	361.00	730.00
Private hire operator - 101 to 200 vehicles	1,334.00	1,495.00
Private hire operator - > 200 vehicles	2,551.00	2,770.00

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Private hire operators – one year - renewal of licence		
Private hire operator - up to five vehicles	86.00	128.00
Private hire operator - six to ten vehicles	119.00	162.00
Private hire operator - 11 to 30 vehicles	168.00	213.00
Private hire operator - 31 to 100 vehicles	330.00	383.00
Private hire operator - 101 to 200 vehicles	695.00	766.00
Private hire operator - > 200 vehicles	1,304.00	1,403.00

## Private hire operators – three years - renewal of licence

Private hire operator - up to five vehicles	118.00	215.00
Private hire operator - six to ten vehicles	182.00	283.00
Private hire operator - 11 to 30 vehicles	199.00	385.00

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Private hire operator - 31 to 100 vehicles	361.00	725.00
Private hire operator - 101 to 200 vehicles	1,334.00	1,490.00
Private hire operator - > 200 vehicles	2,551.00	2,765.00

#### Additional administrative charges

License holder transfer/change of details (e.g. change of	10.00	10.00
address/other minor changes)		

In accordance with Section 70 (3) (b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 a copy of this notice may be inspected without payment during normal office hours at our offices at Shirehall Abbey Foregate Shrewsbury SY2 6ND, for a period of 35 days from 12 January 2015 to 15 February 2015.

Any objections to the proposed fees and charges should be made in writing and addressed to Licensing, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND or by e-mail to licensing@shropshire.gov.uk by 5pm on 15 February 2015.

Any objections received, if not withdrawn, will be considered by our Strategic Licensing Committee on the 18 March 2015 and the fees, with or without modification, shall come into force on 1 April 2015.

Dated 12 January 2015

Paul McGreary - Head of Public Protection

Our consultation press release gives more information.

#### **Contact**

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# Council proposes variation to hackney carriage and private hire licence fees

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Shropshire Council is proposing to vary its fees in relation to the licensing of hackney carriage proprietors and drivers and for private hire vehicles, operators and drivers.

The council is advising all those drivers and operators who may be affected by these changes to be aware of the proposals and to make any objections they may have within the next five weeks.

Objections to the proposals must be received by 5pm on 15 February 2015 and these must be submitted to the council in writing, either by post or by email, in accordance with the <u>formal</u> notice.

Frances Darling, Shropshire Council's Senior Commissioner for public protection, said:

"The council has a legal duty to publish any proposed variation to these particular licence fees and to allow a minimum of 28 days for objections to be received. If no objections are received by the deadline, the fees will automatically take effect from 16 February 2015. However, if we do receive objections, these will be given full consideration by the council's Strategic Licensing Committee before a final decision is made. In this event, it is anticipated that the fees will take effect from 1 April 2015."

Councillor Steve Charmley, Shropshire Council's Cabinet member responsible for public protection, said:

"We can recover certain costs associated with delivering the licensing service for the hackney carriage and private hire trades. Consequently, the fees currently being proposed aim to do this in as fair a manner as is possible, whilst continuing to comply with relevant legal requirements."

Michael Wood, Chairman of the Strategic Licensing Committee, added:

"We are currently proposing that some charges will increase, some will stay the same and some will even decrease. It is about making sure that our costs are recovered as much as possible to enable us to deliver a fit for purpose and resilient service to our customers.

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"To help the Strategic Licensing Committee make an informed decision about the fees, I would encourage all those who may be affected by the changes to submit any objections they have as soon as possible and clearly to do so before the 5pm deadline on 15 February."

Further information is available in the <u>report</u> that was considered by the Strategic Licensing Committee on 10 December 2014.

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