

WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

28 January 2015

SUBJECT:	PERIODIC REVIEW OF LICENSING FEES FOR MARRIAGE PREMISES LICENCES
WARD AFFECTED:	ALL WARDS
REPORT OF:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR of REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for Members of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee to review and approve the licence fees in respect of Marriage Premises with effect from 1 April 2015.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The Council are legally entitled to charge such a fee for licences that they consider reasonable with a view to recover costs of the issue and administration of the licence.
- 2.2 Under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the cost of a licence must be related to the cost of the licensing scheme itself. It is therefore appropriate for a local authority to recover their administrative and other associated costs.
- 2.3 Estimated costs to the Licensing Section of licensing such premises has previously been calculated at £362 per application. A review of the costs has been undertaken and it has been identified that from January 2015 the licensing function will be subject to a 2.2% increase in staffing costs. Members are therefore asked to approve an increase in the licensing fee for Marriage Premises to £370 to reflect the increase in this cost of the administration.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 There is no legal obligation to consult in the implementation of this legislation.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

7.1 There are cost implications to the Council in undertaking this legal duty and this is recognised in the legislation which gives provision for the Council to recover the costs of administering the scheme and to ensure compliance.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 A decision of the Committee may be subject to legal challenge.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

No because there is no relevance to equality.

10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no specific carbon reduction implications arising from this report.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no Planning implications arising out of this report.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION

12.1 That Members of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee approve the Marriage Premises Licence fee of £370 with effect from 1 April 2015.

13.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

13.1 It is a statutory requirement for this Committee to approve the licence fee.

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APPENDICES

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date