



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 21ST MAY, 2007 AT 6.00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

MEMBERS: Those Members appointed to the Committee at the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held on 15th May 2007.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 2)
3. Report of the Head of Planning and Environment Services (Pages 3 - 6)

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11th May 2007

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Agenda Item 2

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 2007

PRESENT: Councillors A.J. Dent (Chairman), A.N. Blagg (Vice-Chairman), Mrs R.L. Dent, Mrs. K.M. Gall, Mrs. J.M.L.A. Griffiths, G.H.R. Hulett, Ms. J.A. Marshall, N. Psirides J.P., C.R. Scurrall, G.G. Selway and E.C. Tibby

Officers: D. Hammond, Ms. H. Coleman, A. Jessop and Ms. A May.

12/06 **MRS. S. SMITH, PRINCIPAL LICENSING OFFICER**

Prior to the commencement of the ordinary business of the meeting, the Head of Planning and Environment Services reported that Sharon Smith, the Council's Principal Licensing Officer, gave birth to a son, Samuel Isaac, on 10th January 2007.

RESOLVED that a letter of congratulations be sent on behalf of the Committee.

13/06 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M. H. Gill.

14/06 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 18th December 2006 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

15/06 **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES RELATING TO NON-CONFIDENTIAL AND NON-EXEMPT ITEMS**

The Report of the Head of Planning and Environment Services relating to non-confidential and non-exempt items was submitted.

Arising therefrom:

(1) **FEES FOR TAXI LICENCES**

Further consideration was given to this matter which had been deferred at the last meeting, and, in this regard, an updated Appendix A was circulated for consideration by Members. Whereupon it was

RESOLVED that the fees for taxi licences for the year 2007-2008 be increased by 3% resulting in the following fees:-

Hackney Carriage	£275.00
Private Hire	£251.50
Private Hire Operator	£260.50
HC/PH Drivers Licence	£82.50
Mid-term Vehicle Test	£51.00
Vehicle Re-test if MOT certificate is required	£51.00
Meter Test	£21.50
Conversion of Vehicle Licence to P/H or H/C	£20.60
Replacement Vehicle Plate	£10.30
Replacement Driver's Licence	£6.20
Trailer Test	£18.00
Transfer of Ownership of Licensed Vehicle	£20.60
Criminal Bureau Check	£37.00

(NOTE: Councillor Ms. J.A. Marshall declared a personal interest in this item on the grounds that she was a frequent user of the various taxi firms in the town).

(2) **HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES**

RESOLVED that the Hackney Carriage fees for the year 2007-2008 remain unchanged.

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm

Chairman

Agenda Item 3

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Monday, 21ST May 2007

GAMBLING ACT 2005 FEES SCHEDULE

Responsible Head of Service	Head of Planning and Environment Services
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1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets the fees to be charged for licenses issued under the Gambling Act 2005 on a recovery cost basis.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1. That Members agree the fees as set out in this report.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 THE GAMBLING (PREMISES LICENCE FEES) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2007 make provision for the fees payable to licensing authorities in England and Wales under the Gambling Act 2005 in relation to premises licenses issued under the Act. The Regulations provide for licensing authorities to determine separate fees, subject to maximum fees prescribed in the Regulations. The Regulations provide for licensing authorities to determine separate fees for different types of activities associated with licenses (e.g. application for a licence; application to vary a licence; etc) and the annual fees payable in respect of a licence. The Regulations also provide for licensing authorities to determine separate fees for different classes of premises licence (e.g. those relating to casino's bingo halls, betting shops, etc.).

3.2 The Council must set out the fees to be charged before an application can be submitted. The first date for receiving applications is 21st May 2007. The proposed scale of fees is set out at Appendix A

3.3 There are fees to be set for premises that currently do not operate in Bromsgrove District. The fees are set at the maximum allowed, and a refund will be made for any overcharge if an application should be received from these type of premises.

4. Policy Implications

4.1 The setting of fees enables the Council to determine applications in accordance with the Council's own Statement of Gambling Policy.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The fees will only affect 7 premises within the district.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 The application fee should cover the cost of receiving, considering and determining the application, which includes staff costs, overheads, IT, Legal and other support costs, initial inspections, Licensing Committee costs, hearing costs and appeals.

6.2 The first annual fee will cover the regulatory costs for the first year and the DCMS proposes that for new applications the maximum first annual fee should be 25% lower than the maximum fee for subsequent annual fees in recognition of the fact that checks will have been done at the time of the application

Background Papers

Gambling Act 2005

Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Gambling Protocol

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Premises Licence Fees

Appendix A

Premise Type	Transitional Fast Track Application £	Transitional Non Fast Track Application £	New Application £	Annual Fee £
Existing Casinos	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Small Casino	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Large Casino	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Regional Casino	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Premise Type	Transitional Fast Track Application £	Transitional Non Fast Track Application £	New Application £	Annual Fee £
Bingo Club	300 (300)	875 (1750)	1750 (3500)	500 (1000)
Betting Premises (excluding tracks)	300 (300)	750 (1500)	1500 (3000)	300 (600)
Tracks	300 (300)	625 (1250)	1250 (2500)	500 (1000)
Family Entertainment Centres	300 (300)	500 (1000)	1000 (2000)	375 (750)
Adult Gaming Centre	300 (300)	500 (1000)	1000 (2000)	500 (1000)

	Application to vary £	Application to Transfer £	Application for Re-instatement £	Application for provisional statement £	Licence application (Provisional statement Holders) £	Copy Licence £	Notification of change £
Existing Casinos	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Small Casino	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Large Casino	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Regional Casino	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bingo Club	875 (1750)	600 (1200)	600 (1200)	1750 (3500)	600 (1200)	25 (25)	50 (50)
Betting Premises (excluding tracks)	750 (1500)	600 (1200)	600 (1200)	1500 (3000)	600 (1200)	25 (25)	50 (50)
Tracks	625 (1250)	475 (950)	475 (950)	1250 (2500)	475 (950)	25 (25)	50 (50)
Family Entertainment Centres	500 (1000)	475 (950)	475 (950)	1000 (2000)	475 (950)	25 (25)	50 (50)
Adult Gaming Centre	500 (1000)	600 (1200)	600 (1200)	1000 (2000)	600 (1200)	25 (25)	50 (25)

Permits

Local authorities already issue a number of permits or registrations for activities under existing gambling legislation. Under the Gambling Act 2005, the Licensing Authority will be responsible for dealing with the following permits and registrations:

- Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permits
- Registration of Small Lottery Licenses
- Club Gaming Permits
- Club Gaming Machine Permits
- Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits
- Prize Gaming Permits

Unlike premises licence fees, permit fees are prescribed by the Government and therefore licensing authorities have no discretion in this matter. For information only, at the time of writing, the only permit fees that have been prescribed are for Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machines and Prize Gaming which are summarized below:

Permit type	Application Fee	Renewal Fee	Transitional Application Fee
FEC Gaming Machines	300	300	100
Prize Gaming	300	300	100

Miscellaneous Fees

	Change of Name £	Copy of Permit £	Variation £	Transfer £
FEC Permits	25	15	N/A	N/A
Prize Gaming Permits	25	15	N/A	N/A