

**Licensing and Safety Committee - 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2008**

**Report of the Director of Law and Property and the Director of Finance**

**Revision of Licence Fees**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the revision of fees for licences and consents (other than those where the fees are imposed by statute in respect of liquor licensing and lotteries and amusements).

**Background**

2. The fees for the various licences and permits administered by the Committee were last revised with effect from April 2007.
3. Fees received in respect of all licences or consents, are currently refunded if the application is withdrawn or refused.
4. In considering the revision of licence fees, the Committee may wish to compare the fees charged by the Council with those of neighbouring Councils. A table showing these comparisons is attached as Appendix 1.
5. Column (1) in Table A below shows the fees currently charged.

Column (2) to (5) show the effect on fees of various increases between 2% and 5%. The budget for 2008/9 (see paragraph 7) has been set based on cost inflation and estimated activity levels; a 3% increase will be sufficient to achieve this.

**TABLE A**

<b>LICENCES</b>	(1) Fees currently charged	(2) Increase @ 2%	(3) Increase @ 3%	(4) Increase @ 4%	(5) Increase @ 5%
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>STREET TRADING CONSENT – 1<sup>ST</sup> SITE</b>	500	510	515	520	525
<b>STREET TRADING CONSENT – ADDITIONAL SITE</b>	500	510	515	520	525
<b>SEX ESTABLISHMENTS</b>	3,420	3,488	3,523	3,557	3,591
<b>MOTOR SALVAGE VEHICLE LICENCE</b>	54	55	56	56	57
<b>EXISTING CASINO</b>					
New Application	N/A				
Annual Fee	2,200	2,244	2,266	2,288	2,310
Application to Vary	1,500	1,530	1,545	1,560	1,575
Application to Transfer	1,010	1,030	1,040	1,050	1,061
Application for Reinstatement	1,010	1,030	1,040	1,050	1,061
Application Provisional Statement	N/A				
Licence application Provisional Statement Holders	N/A				
Copy Licence	25	26	26	26	26
Notification of Change	50	51	52	52	53

<b>LICENCES</b>	(1) Fees currently charged	(2) Increase @ 2%	(3) Increase @ 3%	(4) Increase @ 4%	(5) Increase @ 5%
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>NEW SMALL CASINO</b>					
New Application	6,000	6,120	6,180	6,240	6,300
Annual Fee	3,750	3,825	3,863	3,900	3,938
Application to Vary	3,000	3,060	3,090	3,120	3,150
Application to Transfer	1,350	1,377	1,391	1,404	1,418
Application for Reinstatement	1,350	1,377	1,391	1,404	1,418
Application Provisional Statement	6,000	6,120	6,180	6,240	6,300
Licence application Provisional Statement Holders	2,250	2,295	2,318	2,340	2,363
Copy Licence	25	26	26	26	26
Notification of Change	50	51	52	52	53
<b>NEW LARGE CASINO</b>					
New Application	7,500	7,650	7,725	7,800	7,875
Annual Fee	7,500	7,650	7,725	7,800	7,875
Application to Vary	3,750	3,825	3,863	3,900	3,938
Application to Transfer	1,610	1,642	1,658	1,674	1,691
Application for Reinstatement	1,610	1,642	1,658	1,674	1,691

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Licence application Provisional Statement Holders	3,750	3,825	3,863	3,900	3,938
Copy Licence	25	26	26	26	26
Notification of Change	50	51	52	52	53
<b>REGIONAL CASINO</b>					
New Application	11,250	11,475	11,588	11,700	11,813
Annual Fee	11,250	11,475	11,588	11,700	11,813
Application to Vary	5,625	5,738	5,794	5,850	5,906
Application to Transfer	4,875	4,973	5,021	5,070	5,119
Application for Reinstatement	4,875	4,973	5,021	5,070	5,119
Application Provisional Statement	11,250	11,475	11,588	11,700	11,813
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<b>BINGO CLUB</b>					
New Application	2,625	2,678	2,704	2,730	2,756
Annual Fee	600	612	618	624	630
Application to Vary	1,310	1,336	1,349	1,362	1,376
Application to Transfer	900	918	927	936	945
Application for Reinstatement	900	918	927	936	945
Application Provisional Statement	2,625	2,676	2,704	2,730	2,756
Licence application Provisional Statement Holders	900	918	927	936	945
Copy Licence	25	26	26	26	26
Notification of Change	50	51	52	52	53
<b>BETTING EXCLUDING TRACK</b>					
New Application	2,250	2,295	2,318	2,340	2,363
Annual Fee	487	497	502	506	511
Application to Vary	1,125	1,148	1,159	1,170	1,181
Application to Transfer	900	918	927	936	945
Application for Reinstatement	900	918	927	936	945
Application Provisional Statement	2,250	2,295	2,318	2,340	2,363

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Licence application Provisional Statement Holders	900	918	927	936	945
Copy Licence	25	26	26	26	26
Notification of Change	50	51	52	52	53
<b>TRACKS</b>					
New Application	1,125	1,148	1,159	1,170	1,181
Annual Fee	750	765	773	780	788
Application to Vary	930	949	958	967	977
Application to Transfer	710	724	731	738	746
Application for Reinstatement	710	724	731	738	746
Application Provisional Statement	1,875	1,913	1,931	1,950	1,969
Licence application Provisional Statement Holders	710	724	731	738	746
Copy Licence	25	26	26	26	26
Notification of Change	50	51	52	52	53
<b>FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRES</b>					
New Application	1,500	1,530	1,545	1,560	1,575
Annual Fee	550	561	567	572	578
Application to Vary	750	765	773	780	788

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Notification of Change	50	51	52	52	53
<b>ADULT GAME CENTRE</b>					
New Application	1,500	1,530	1,545	1,560	1,575
Annual Fee	600	612	618	624	630
Application to Vary	750	765	773	780	788
Application to Transfer	900	918	927	936	945
Application for Reinstatement	900	918	927	936	945
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6. The Council is only permitted to set licensing fees up to the amount that can be ascertained as being the cost of administering the licensing function. However this does not apply to liquor licensing fees which are set by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. The cost of administering includes enforcement, the administrative and ancillary costs of issuing the licence and the ancillary costs relating to members meeting to determine certain licensing applications.

## **Finance**

7. This report is financial in nature with any financial implications referred to in the background above.

The budget 2008/9 has been set as follows; the cost of licence administration includes enforcement and administrative costs of processing the licence but does not include any costs relating to Members.

	£'000s	£'000s
Cost of Licence Administration		588
Less:	Income:	
	Hackney Carriage Licences	344
	Street Trading	3
	Betting and Gaming	47
	Liquor	202
Net (surplus) of Licensing Administration		(8)

8. The net surplus of licence administration and other Member costs are both included in the Law and Property Services budget for 2008/2009.

## **Law**

9. Part III and schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 regulates the grant of street trading consents.
10. The Gambling Act 2005 part 8 212 and the Gambling Premises Licence fees (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 make provision for the fees payable to the Council.
11. The Gambling Act 2005 part 8 212 2 (c) provides for the publication of fees from time to time.

## **Equality Impact**

12. The proposals take into account of the Council's policy in relation to equal opportunities.



13. The Gambling Act 2005 will impact on children and young people through the licensing of Family Entertainment Centres.
14. There has been no consultation or involvement of children and young people in developing these proposals.

**Recommendation**

15. That the Committee review the current fees charged with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008.

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**List of Background Papers**

## APPENDIX 1

LICENCE/PERMIT	DUDLEY	WOLVERHAMPTON	SANDWELL	BIRMINGHAM
<b>STREET TRADERS</b>	500	Subject to site	275	Subject to site
<b>ADDITIONAL SITE</b>	500			
<b>SEX ESTABLISHMENTS</b>	3,420	Single 4,010 Joint 6,010	5,300	9,550 (12 months) 5,300 (6 months)
<b>RENEWAL</b>	3,420	Single 3,225 Joint 4,840	5,300	9,550 (12 months) 5,300 (6 months)
<b>TRANSFER</b>	3,420	320	1,500	1,170
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE SALVAGE LICENCE</b>	54	76	70	
<b>EXISTING CASINOS</b>				
New Application	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Fee	2,200	2,497	1,000	375
Application to Vary	1,500	1,580	750	1,130
Application to Transfer	1,010	-	500	630
Application for Reinstatement	1010	-	500	630
Application Provisional Statement	N/A	-	N/A	-

LICENCE/PERMIT	DUDLEY	WOLVERHAMPTON	SANDWELL	BIRMINGHAM
Copy Licence	25	-	-	25
Notification of Change	50	-	-	50
<b>NEW SMALL CASINO</b>				
New Application	6,000		-	1,370
Annual Fee	3,750	4,162	-	375
Application to Vary	3,000	3,269	-	1,130
Application to Transfer	1,350	-	-	630
Application for Reinstatement	1,350	-	-	630
Application Provisional Statement	6,000	-	-	1,370
Licence Application Provisional Statement Holders	2,250	-	-	-
Copy Licence	25	-	-	25
Notification of Change	50	-	-	50
<b>NEW LARGE CASINO</b>				
New Application	7,500	-	-	-
Annual Fee	7,500	-	-	-
Application to Vary	3,750	-	-	-
Application to Transfer	1,610	-	-	-

LICENCE/PERMIT	DUDLEY	WOLVERHAMPTON	SANDWELL	BIRMINGHAM
Application for Reinstatement	1,610	-	-	-
Application Provisional Statement	7,500	-	-	-
Licence Application Provisional Statement Holders	3,750	-	-	-
Copy Licence	25	-	-	-
Notification of Change	50	-	-	-
<b>REGIONAL CASINO</b>				
New Application	11,250	-	-	-
Annual Fee	11,250	-	-	-
Application to Vary	5,625	-	-	-
Application to Transfer	4,875	-	-	-
Application for Reinstatement	4,875	-	-	-
Application Provisional Statement	11,250	-	-	-
Licence Application Provisional Statement Holders	6,000	-	-	-
Copy Licence	25	-	-	-
Notification of Change	50	-	-	-

LICENCE/PERMIT	DUDLEY	WOLVERHAMPTON	SANDWELL	BIRMINGAHAM
<b>BINGO CLUB</b>				
New Application	2,625	1,353	1,500	1,370
Annual Fee	600	832	400	375
Application to Vary	1,310	1,353	650	1,130
Application to Transfer	900	-	450	630
Application for Reinstatement	900	-	450	630
Application Provisional Statement	2,625	-	1,500	1,370
Licence Application Provisional Statement Holders	900	-	-	880
Copy Licence	25	-	-	25
Notification of Change	50	-	-	50
<b>BETTING EXCLUDING TRACKS</b>				
New Application	2,250	1,228	1,000	1,090
Annual Fee	487	500	250	305
Application to Vary	1,125	1,228	500	850
Application to Transfer	900	-	400	350
Application for Reinstatement	900	-	400	350

LICENCE/PERMIT	DUDLEY	WOLVERHAMPTON	SANDWELL	BIRMINGHAM
Application Provisional Statement	2,250	-	1,000	1,090
Licence Application Provisional Statement Holders	900	-	-	600
Copy Licence	25	-	-	25
Notification of Change	50	-	-	50
<b>TRACKS</b>				
New Application	1,125	1,097	1,000	1,370
Annual Fee	750	832	400	375
Application to Vary	930	1097	500	1130
Application to Transfer	710	-	400	630
Application for Reinstatement	710	-	400	630
Application Provisional Statement	1,875	-	1,000	1,370
Licence Application Provisional Statement Holders	710	-	-	880
Copy Licence	25	-	-	25
Notification of Change	50	-	-	50
<b>FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRES</b>				
New Application	1,500	978	600	1,090

LICENCE/PERMIT	DUDLEY	WOLVERHAMPTON	SANDWELL	BIRMINGAHAM
Annual Fee	550	624	300	305
Application to Vary	750	978	400	850
Application to Transfer	710	-	350	350
Application for Reinstatement	710	-	350	350
Application Provisional Statement	1,500	-	600	1,090
Licence Application Provisional Statement Holders	710	-	-	600
Copy Licence	25	-	-	25
Notification of Change	50	-	-	50
<b>ADULT GAME CENTRE</b>				
New Application	1,500	978	750	1,090
Annual Fee	600	832	400	305
Application to Vary	750	978	400	850
Application to Transfer	900	-	450	350
Application for Reinstatement	900	-	450	350
Application Provisional Statement	1,500	-	750	1,090
Licence Application Provisional Statement Holders	900	-	-	600

<b>LICENCE/PERMIT</b>	<b>DUDLEY</b>	<b>WOLVERHAMPTON</b>	<b>SANDWELL</b>	<b>BIRMINGAHAM</b>
Copy Licence	25	-	-	25
Notification of Change	25	-	-	50