

CABINET MEMBER DECISION NOTICE

15 February 2019



The Cabinet Member for Waste and Licensing has taken the following decision.

PRIVATE HIRE / TAXI LICENSING ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST FEE

(a) Decision(s)

To approve a proposed fee, as per the published report, in respect of the Council's new English language testing requirements for private hire and hackney carriage drivers.

(b) Reason(s) For Decision(s)

The proposed arrangements ensure that applicants bear the cost of the new test requirements and that the Council's costs are kept to a minimum. The bulk buying of tests provides a small cost saving to applicants, whilst the ability to pay alongside the application fee reduces inconvenience for both the applicant and the Council.

(c) Alternative Option(s) Considered

Not to introduce a test and fee. However, this option has been rejected by the Cabinet Member. This approach was also endorsed by the Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee.

(d) Resource Implications

The cost of the test will cover the additional resources needed.

(e) Conflicts of Interest/Dispensation(s)

There are none.

CALL IN TIMESCALE

Any requests for call in must be received by the Democratic Manager by 5.00 pm on 22 February 2019. The request must be made by the Chairman or any 3 Members of the Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee. The proposed fees and charges were considered by the Licensing Committee before approval. The Committee was satisfied with the proposed test and fees.

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