

Charging Policy for Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Vehicles

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Council must decide whether it is to achieve full cost recovery or provide a subsidy to licensees.

The Council must not make a profit on the fees but all costs can be recovered.

Calculations on costs must be renewed every year.

Any reduction in costs must lead to a reduction in fees.

What can be recovered?

- Enforcement costs against unlicensed traders must be covered by the general Council fund. Therefore it is useful to make a distinction between enforcement and compliance. Compliance includes monitoring visits (spot checks), suspensions, revocations and prosecution of licence holders. Enforcement is any actions against unlicensed operators.
- Apportioned Officer.
- Officer on-costs – PAYE, Pension etc, accommodation, offices, heating, light, rates, computers, desks, paper, pens etc.
- Equipment costs including testing of equipment.
- Member costs – allowances/expenses, meeting rooms, printing etc.
- Advertising costs if applicable such as public notices.
- Environmental Health compliance
- Lawyers / Solicitors
- Financial / accountants
- Provision for appeals
- Training Costs