

FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2016-17

CAR PARKING CHARGES

The recommendation to freeze car parking charges for 2016-17 is based on the need to continue to encourage the increased use of car parks, which has occurred as a result of the £2 all-day charge initiative.

Nationally, the use of car parks fell during the recession and is only this year beginning to recover from this. This is reflected in feedback from our neighbouring authorities.

Our £2 tariff has helped to encourage more use of our car parks, and a separate report to the Hub Committee on this agenda recommends that long-stay parking in Tavistock is increased slightly by having long-stay parking on the top two decks of Brook Street car park.

The initiative was discussed by the West Devon Car Parking Strategy Group on 3rd November, where it was requested that the Council review the current arrangements in early spring 2016, allowing it to run for a full 12 months before the impact is fully assessed. It was recognised that there may be a need to postpone the start time of the scheme to, say 10am. However, the increase in long-stay parking, by using Brook Street, may resolve the very few complaints we have received regarding the scheme. Largely it has been received positively both by customers and the business communities in both Tavistock and Okehampton.

Income comparison:

	2015	2014	2013
April	£74,032	£58,376	£57,347
May	£66,778	£71,636	£67,761
June	£75,793	£66,591	£58,422
July	£77,085	£64,571	£72,551
August	£76,485	£82,671	£79,142
September	£78,199	£71,648	£69,921
TOTAL	£448,372	£415,493	£405,144

Pay & Display ticket sales:

	2015	2014
April	60,705	57,680
May	66,489	61,397
June	56,404	56,013
July	66,528	64,127
August	70,421	70,210
September	62,875	60,210
TOTAL	383,422	369,637

In respect of season tickets, it is recommended that these be reviewed at the same time as the tariffs, in the spring, at the end of the pilot period for the new tariffs. In the meantime, our season tickets still work out to be better value for customers than paying £2 per day. Should a customer choose to not take advantage of this, additional income would be generated for the Council, based on a commuter working 5 days per week, 48 weeks of the year (£480 per annum, compared with a town centre season ticket charge of £400).

The Revenue Budget Monitoring report for 2016-17 is a separate report on this Hub Committee agenda and this is predicting that actual car parking income received for the year will be £890,000 against a budgeted income target of £860,000. This is based on the fact that car parking income is currently higher than the budget for the first seven months of 2015/16. If this trend continues, it is predicted that car parking income will be £30,000 above the budget.

Recommendation

That the Hub Committee recommends to Council that

- a) Car parking charges are frozen for 2016-17 as set out above***

*For clarification - There is a separate item on the Hub Committee agenda to implement long stay parking on the top two decks of Brook Street car park in Tavistock.

Environmental Health Licence Fees West Devon 16/17

(All outside the scope of vat except where shown)

Licence Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee (2016/17)	Comments
Acupuncture, Tattooing, Ear-piercing & Electrolysis			The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Part VIII requires businesses which carry out the following types of skin piercing to be registered with the Council.
Register of Persons	£112.00	£112.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – acupuncture – tattooing
Register of Premises	£112.00	£112.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – cosmetic body piercing (including ear piercing) – semi-permanent skin colouring – electrolysis
Changes to Premises registration particulars	None	£40	<p>The Act requires registration to cover both the person carrying on the practice and the premises used for that purpose. Once an application has been made and a fee paid, an inspector will undertake an inspection of the premises. If the inspector considers the applicant's procedures and the premises to be suitable, then registration will be approved. The fees are only payable once. Once registered there is no need to reapply on an annual basis. Premises will be checked before registration is completed and on a regular basis to ensure that hygienic standards are being maintained.</p>

<p>Animal Boarding Establishment (All to 31 December each year)</p> <p>Licence (per animal)</p> <p>Minimum</p> <p>Maximum</p> <p>Home Boarding (maximum fee charged)</p>	<p>£5.00</p> <p>£123.00</p> <p>£179.00</p> <p>£110.00</p>	<p>£5.00</p> <p>£129.00</p> <p>£187.00</p> <p>£120.00</p>	<p>Animal Boarding establishments are essentially kennels and catteries.</p> <p>The fees are based on a 'per animal' basis with a minimum fee of £123.00 being proposed. Premises are regulated under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963. A visit will normally be made to the establishment to check that licence conditions are being complied with. Checks will include ensuring that the accommodation is suitable in construction, size, numbers and facilities such as heating, lighting and ventilation are adequate. Checks are also made to ensure the correct welfare and management of the animals, fire precautions and emergency arrangements.</p> <p>Revisits to premises may be required where minimum standards are not achieved. Visits may also be required on receipt of complaints.</p> <p>Regular checks will also be required.</p>
<p>Dangerous Wild Animal Licence</p> <p>Plus Vets fees and expenses</p>	<p>£394.00</p> <p>Act. Cost</p>	<p>£394.00</p> <p>Act. Cost</p>	<p>Animals which are classified as "dangerous wild animals" and can be anything from an Aadvark to a Zebra, are identified in a schedule to the Dangerous Wild Animals Act. Anyone wishing to keep one of these animals requires a Licence issued by the local authority.</p> <p>Checks will be made on application to ensure that the person is suitable for the keeping of dangerous animals. A visit will then be made to the premises to ensure that the animals can be kept in an environment that protects their welfare and also that of public safety. Licence conditions often are specific to the type or property and animal being kept, so can require a significant amount of officer time to develop.</p>

			<p>The service of a specialist vet is often required (for which a separate recharge is made). A number of visits may often have to be made to ensure that licence conditions can be met. Visits may also have to be made on a regular basis to ensure welfare and safety standards are maintained. Public nuisance issues may also have to be addressed.</p>
<p>Dog Breeding Establishment</p> <p>Licence Fee (Initial & Renewal)</p> <p>Plus Vets fees and expenses (initial applications only)</p>	<p>£157.00</p> <p>Act. Cost</p>	<p>£167.00</p> <p>Act. Cost</p>	<p>A breeding establishment is where five or more litters are born, to one or more bitches, for the purpose of sale, in the period of one year. A licence is necessary for the interests of animal welfare and consumer protection relating to the facilities in which the animals are kept and the extent to which they are bred.</p> <p>A visit will be made to the premises to ensure that welfare conditions are suitable. For initial applications a visit by a vet will also be required. Conditions may also be attached to the licence.</p> <p>Regular inspections will also be required to ensure compliance with conditions and to ensure that adequate records are kept.</p>

<p>Hypnotism</p>	<p>£54.00</p>	<p>£56.00</p>	<p>The control of hypnotism is via the Hypnotism Act (as amended). Anyone giving an exhibition, demonstration or performance of Hypnotism on any person or in connection with entertainment to which the public are admitted whether by payment or otherwise is required to obtain authorisation from the Council by way of consent. Hypnotism includes hypnotism, mesmerism and any similar act or process which produces or is intended to produce in any person any form of induced sleep or trance in which the susceptibility of the mind of that person to suggestion or direction is increased or intended to be increased.</p> <p>Once a completed application form is received and the information has been checked, liaison with a number of</p>
			<p>agencies such as the Police may take place. Checks will be made to ensure that the proposed event does not offend public decency and that vulnerable people will not be put at harm. Conditions will normally be attached to the licence to protect the public physical safety and mental health.</p> <p>Discussions may have to be held with the event organiser.</p>

<p>Pet Animal Auctions</p>	<p>£202.00</p>	<p>£202.00</p>	<p>Pet Animal Auctions require to be licensed. The licence will specify conditions concerning the welfare of animals that are to be sold. Other checks will ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – animals will at all times be kept in accommodation suitable as respects size, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness; – animals will be adequately supplied with suitable food and drink and (so far as necessary) visited at suitable intervals; – animals, being mammals, will not be sold at too early an age; – that all reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent the spread among animals of infectious diseases; – that appropriate steps will be taken in case of fire or other emergency; <p>As the auctions are transient, the potential for animal neglect is higher. More stringent controls and inspection regimes will be required.</p>
<p>Pet Shop Licences (Non-Statutory Annual Fee) Plus Vets fees and expenses</p>	<p>£120.00 Act. Cost</p>	<p>£120.00 Act. Cost</p>	<p>Pet shops will require licensing on an annual basis. As with Pet Animal Auctions checks and visits will be required to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – animals will at all times be kept in accommodation

			<p>suitable as respects size, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - animals will be adequately supplied with suitable food and drink and (so far as necessary) visited at suitable intervals; - animals, being mammals, will not be sold at too early an age; - that all reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent the spread among animals of infectious diseases; - that appropriate steps will be taken in case of fire or other emergency <p>Visits will also need to be made to follow up on complaints.</p>
Riding Establishment Licences			<p>The Riding Establishments Act 1964 requires persons to obtain a licence from the local authority if they wish to operate a riding establishment. A 'riding establishment' means the carrying on of a business of keeping horses to let them out on hire for riding, or for use in providing instruction in riding for payment, or both'. The Act is concerned with ensuring the suitability of the licence holder and the welfare and suitability of the horses and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - whether the person has suitable qualification or experience - the condition of the horses - the condition of feet - suitable accommodation - where appropriate, the condition of pasture
Up to 10 horses	£168.00	£168.00	
Plus for each horse	£8.00	£8.00	
Plus for Vets fees and expenses	Act. Cost	Act. Cost	
Maximum Fee	£303.00	£304.00	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - suitable food, drink, bedding and exercise facilities - suitable disease control - suitable precautions in event of fire - provision of adequate accommodation for forage, bedding and equipment. <p>Adequate insurance cover will also have to be provided. The local authority will have to authorise a vet to inspect the establishment and to consider the report of their visit before issuing the licence.</p> <p>Checks will be made to ensure that the premises continue to operate in a satisfactory manner.</p>
Scrap Metal Dealers (2013 Act)			
Site Licence (New Application valid 3 yrs)	£175.00	£180.00	The 2013 Act replaces the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964 and combines scrap metal dealers and motor salvage operators under one licence. We will continue to act as the main regulator but the new Act gives us more powers, including the power to refuse a license and powers to revoke licences if the dealer is considered unsuitable. Both we and the Police have been given powers to enter and inspect premises.
Site Licence (Renewal)	£125.00	£130.00	
Transfer of Site Licence to Mobile Collector	£75.00	£75.00	
Mobile Collector Licence (New application valid 3 yrs)	£125.00	£130.00	
	£80.00	£85.00	
Mobile Collector (Renewal)	£75.00	£80.00	
Transfer of a Mobile Collector Licence to a Site Licence			
Change of licence holder details	£15.00	£15.00	
Change of licensed site	£75.00	£80.00	
Change of site manager	£40.00	£43.00	

Sex Establishments (Shops & Encounter Venues)			The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 requires the licensing of sex establishments (shops or cinemas) and also the licensing of sexual entertainment venues, by virtue of s27 of the Police and Crime Act 2009.
Per application (Inclusive of first year	£4,600	£4,600	
annual licence) Annual Fee/Renewal Transfer Plus Premises Licence / Club Premises Certificate if applicable – Licensing Act 2003	£450.00 £1,300 Statutory Fee	£450.00 £1,300 Statutory Fee	A sex shop means any premises, vehicle, vessel or stall used for a business which consists to a significant degree of selling, hiring, exchanging, lending, displaying or demonstrating sex articles or acts of force or restraint associated with such activity. A sex cinema has a similar meaning but for the showing of films. A sexual entertainment venue would cover establishments such as a lap-dancing clubs. The price of a sex establishment (there are none in West Devon) has been reduced so to be mindful of an EU Directive that an applicant isn't required to contribute towards appeal or enforcement costs. Also, the fee level set should not be used to act as a deterrent against applying. Annual renewal fees are set considerably lower to reflect the decreased workload associated.

Zoo Licensing Act			
Grant of Licence (Valid 4 years)	£818.00	£818.00	<p>Zoos are required to be licensed by the local authority under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981. A zoo is defined in the Act as being 'an establishment where wild animals are kept for exhibition ... to which members of the public have access, with or without charge for admission, seven or more days in any period of twelve consecutive months'. The Act aims to ensure that, where animals are kept in enclosures, they are provided with a suitable environment to provide an opportunity to express most normal behaviour.</p> <p>The process for licensing a zoo is complex and timeconsuming. The process will involve liaison with a Secretary of State appointed vet, and inspections will be made to ensure that the zoo can operate in a manner that ensures public safety while maintaining a rich and rewarding environment for the animals. Checks will also have to be made to ensure that the zoo is actively involved in conservation measures.</p> <p>The level of specialist knowledge required is very high as is the amount of work required to effectively liaise with the zoo and Government vets. Inspections to ensure compliance can take several days to complete. Regular visits to ensure continued compliance are also required.</p> <p>The costs of arranging an inspection of the zoo by a Secretary of State appointed vet are met by the licence holder.</p> <p>The consequences of having a poorly-run zoo are great. Dispensation can be made for smaller zoos that do not require such a high level of input.</p>
Renewal of Licence (Valid for 6 years)	£717.00	£717.00	
Transfer of Licence	£370.00	£370.00	
Partially exempt premises	70% of above fees	70% of above fees	
Inspection	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	

Housing Act Enforcement Notice fee	New charge	£38.50 per hour	The 2013 Act introduced the ability of the Councils to charge for the service of enforcement notices and to carry out works in default to remedy breaches of site licence conditions from 1 st April 2014. The fee for Housing Act 2004 enforcement notices is based on the hourly rate plus on-costs of the relevant enforcing office, due to the similarity of the two pieces of legislation the two fees will be comparable, as such the fee is £38.50/hour. The Councils have already set a fee for depositing site rules with the local authorities, this was set in 2014 and will remain the same at £75.
Depositing site rules with Local Authority	£75	£75	

Recommendation

It is recommended to Council that:-

- i) The fees for the Environmental Health Community of Practice are as per Appendix F
- ii) Delegated authority is given to the Community of Practice Lead for Environmental Health in consultation with the Lead Member, to modify the charges of Food Export Certificates, once the outcome of the current review is known.