



Portfolio Holder Report

The portfolio holder will make a decision on this item after seven days have elapsed (including the date of publication).

Report of:	Portfolio Holder	Date of publication
Mark Billington, Service Director People and Places	Cllr Alan Vincent, Resources Portfolio Holder	22 February 2018

Fees and Charges for Vehicle Compliance Test

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek approval for a change to the fees and charges in relation to vehicle compliance testing for taxi licensing.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Improve the return from our assets and progress delivery of the commercial strategy.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That the proposed fees and charges as detailed in section 5 (below) for 2018/19 be approved replacing the existing 'additional taxi test fee'.

4. Background

- 4.1 A Portfolio Holder report dated 9 March 2017 was approved to allow MOT testing to be carried out at Copse Road Depot. Subsequently a Fees and Charges Portfolio Holder report dated 30 November 2017 was approved allowing compliance testing for taxis to be charged at £20 per test, in addition to the MOT test at £40.
- 4.2 Following a review, if vehicle compliance tests are to be carried out by the Transport section at Copse Road Depot then this would include an MOT and be effective from 1st April 2018. Previously the vehicle compliance tests were outsourced and run by a local garage.

5. Key issues and proposals

5.1 The charges for the first year are to be set at the same level as the previous garage where possible, with the following charges proposed. All charges are outside of the scope of VAT unless otherwise stated. (The standard vehicle compliance test, when provided by a local authority as part of its taxi licensing function is outside the scope of VAT.)

	Current charge from Vehicle Compliance Test (VCT) provider	Proposed charge from council MOT Centre for 2018/19
Standard vehicle compliance test (proposed charge includes MOT)	£39.60 (includes VAT)	£40.00
First re-test after failure of above	£5.00	Free
Further re-tests following failure of free-retest	Not applicable	£40.00
Inspection and testing of horse drawn carriage	£33.00	£40.00
Standalone testing of taxi meters	£5.00	£5.00
Release following a Council or Police issued stop notice (during standard operating hours)	£5.00	£5.00
Release following a Council or Police issued stop notice (at weekends or over bank holidays)	Not applicable	£45.00
Vehicle compliance test carried out on a Saturday morning	Not applicable	£80.00
Local taxi licensing checks for temporary replacement vehicles	Not applicable	£25.00

6. Delegated functions

6.1 The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following executive function delegated to the Resources Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3 of the council's constitution): "To determine charges or fees for any relevant services operated within the Portfolio"

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	<p>The revenue from bringing the VCTs in-house is likely to be in the region of £12,475 per year, based on the following breakdown of estimates:</p> <p>285 VCTs (renewals) per year = £11,400 25 additional VCTs (transfer, accident, new) = £1,000 10 Standalone testing of taxi meters £50 5 Release following stop notice £25</p> <p>This income will be used to offset the cost of the Transport Team function.</p>

Legal	There are no significant legal implications arising from the proposals in this report
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Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	x
data protection	x

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
N/A		

List of appendices

N/A

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