

**REPORT**

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: REVIEW OF TESTING FEES FOR TESTING OF TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE CARS
From: ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES		
Date: 26 APRIL 2016	Ref: KW/GJ	

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1. The purpose of the report is to consider test fee increases for the testing of taxis and private hire cars within North Lanarkshire.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1. The Council, as a licensing authority, under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 has a duty to ensure that taxis and private hire cars are safe, roadworthy and fit for purpose. Both taxis and private hire cars are required to be inspected when vehicles are presented under new licences and annually thereafter. New vehicles, intended to replace existing vehicles, also require to be checked. Licensed vehicles are also subject to spot checks, or called in for ad hoc inspections, as required by Police Officers or Council staff.

2.2. It is appropriate at this point in time to assess whether the test fee levels are adequate taking into consideration the fact that since 2001 there has been no review/increase in fees for testing vehicles.

**3. PROPOSED CHANGE TO ARRANGEMENTS**

3.1. The Council's fee for carrying out a test on a vehicle with a meter is currently £45.00. Vehicles not requiring meter tests are charged £40.00. The proposal is to increase the test fee by £10.00. A full list of existing fees and proposed increases is contained within Appendix 1.

The fees charged by the Council compare favourably with other local authorities like:-

3.1.1. South Lanarkshire Council who charge a fee of £65.00 for testing a vehicle with a meter and £60.00 for testing a vehicle without a meter.

3.1.2. Glasgow City Council charge a flat £45.00 fee.

3.1.3. Stirling Council charge fees of £60.00 and £91.00

**4. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

4.1. In 2001, when NLC set the current taxi test fee (without a meter) at £40.00, the maximum fee which the Department of Transport allowed garages to charge for an

MOT was £39.40. The current maximum fee permissible for an MOT is £54.85. NLC's proposed new £50.00 taxi test fee (without meter) remains good value.

## 5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1. That the Committee agree to increase the various fees, as detailed in the Appendix hereto, and remit the increased fees to the Council's Corporate Services Committee for information.



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## REPORT ON TEST FEES – SOUTH, CENTRAL &amp; NORTH AREAS

	Current Fee (£)	Proposed Fee (£)
1. ANNUAL INSPECTION (Vehicles with Meters)	£45.00	£55.00
2. ANNUAL INSPECTION (Vehicles without Meters)	£40.00	£50.00
3. CHANGE OF VEHICLE (Vehicles with Meters – Excluding Plate)	£45.00	£55.00
4. CHANGE OF VEHICLE (Vehicles without Meters – Excluding Plate)	£40.00	£50.00
5. RE-TEST SPECIFICALLY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND ONLY IF VEHICLE PRESENTED FOR RE-TEST BEFORE THE END OF THE NEXT WORKING DAY Horn Detection, Indicators/Hazard Warning, Headlamp Aim, Lamps, Rear Reflectors, Registration Plates, Vin, Mirrors, Seat Belts (but Not anchorages), Doors, Bootlid, Tailgate, Loading Door, Tailboard, Dropsides, Windscreen, Windscreen Wipers/Washers and Exhaust Emissions, plus any item Covered in the Taxi and Private Hire Conditions of Licence pertaining to vehicle condition (Only one free Re-Test is permissible per Taxi/ Private Hire Car Test).	NO FEE	NO FEE
6. RE-TEST UNDER ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCE	£30.00	£35.00
7. TEST IN TERMS OF LICENCE CONDITION 8 (Present car after an accident)	£10.00	£15.00
8. RE-TEST FOR CONDITION 8 FAILURE	£10.00	£15.00
9. TEST IN TERMS OF LICENCE CONDITION 7 (Present car as advised by Police Officer)	£10.00	£15.00
10. RE-TEST FOR CONDITION 7 FAILURE	£10.00	£15.00
11. TEST IN TERMS OF LICENCE CONDITION 10 (Police Spot Check – MOT defaults)	£30.00	£35.00
12. TEST IN TERMS OF LICENCE CONDITION 10 (Police Spot Check – Non MOT defaults)	£10.00	£15.00
13. METER TEST (outwith time of annual test or sub-vehicle)	£10.00	£15.00
14. REQUEST FOR MOT CERTIFICATE	£5.00	£5.00
15. APPOINTMENT NOT KEPT	£10.00	£25.00