



GLA12/7.3 Ref GLA Licence Fee Renewal

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BOARD PAPER REFERENCE – GLA12/7.3 – GLA Licence Fee RenewalIssue

1. Setting of licence fees for 2007-08.

Recommendations

2. To agree the timetable set out below.

Background

3. The following details the timetable associated with the proposal for the agreement of licensing fees for 2007-08.
4. It is proposed that the licence fee will change on 1st April 2007 and that all new applications or renewals on or after that date will attract the new fee.
5. At the Board Meeting of January 2006 a paper on fees and charges (8.2) was presented to and agreed by members.
6. In summary the following was agreed:

Size of Business	Fee Band	Licence Fee p.a.	
		2006-07 £	2007-08 £
£10m +	A	4,000	9,000
£5-10m	B	2,000	4,500
£1-5m	C	750	1,750
>£1m	D	250	500

7. Subsequently the following levels of fees were agreed for application inspections under the 'audits for all' approach in advance of the risk rating being switched on which would determine inspections (compliance visits) based on the calculated risk.
8. It is intended to confirm the GLA budgetary arrangements for 2007-08 by early November and from this work, aided by an informed opinion of the likely number of licences to be issued during the year, set a fee level for 2007-08.

9. Currently the working assumption is that risk rating will be operational by 1st April 2007. If this is not the case then the GLA will levy application inspection fees to (new businesses only) at the rates currently in force.

Band	Cost (excl. VAT)
A	2,500
B	2,100
C	1,850
D	1,600

10. Fee levels each year are subject to public consultation and subsequent ministerial approval. Due to timing difficulties with Board meetings it will be necessary for the proposed fee levels for 2007-08 to be circulated 'out of committee'.

11. The proposed timetable is as follows:

Proposed fee levels for 2007-08 to be circulated to members	30 th October 2006
Defra Minister and Cabinet Committee clearance	6 th November – 17 th November 2006
Public Consultation	20 th November 2006 – 5 th January 2007
Consultation responses considered	8 th – 12 th January 2007
GLA Board Meeting (agreement)	17 th January 2007
SI laid before Parliament	9 th March 2007
GLA fees updated	6 th April 2007