

CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR LICENSING

WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?

Licensing

This is a statutory function to administer and regulate a range of licensable activities including the provision of taxis, licensing of premises (for the sale of alcohol, late night refreshment, gambling etc) and people (scrap metal dealers, taxi drivers, street traders etc).

Licensing fees are either set by statute or must be based only on cost recovery. Each Licensing budget must be ring fenced and if costs are reduced, non-statutory fees to applicants must be reduced accordingly. Savings cannot therefore be achieved from the licensing budgets.

HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS?

The core offer delivers solely what is required of the Council by the various types of Licensing legislation.

DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?

No

WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?

As licensing is reviewed annually the latest review figures are shown below. These relate to 2016/17. For 2019/20 costs overall are expected to be nil as service operates on a cost recovery basis.

In accordance with the legislative requirements there are separate budgets for taxi licensing (16009) & general licensing (16011). Both budgets show expenditure and income for 2015-16 and 2016-17 as follows:

	TAXI BUDGET (16009)		GENERAL LICENSING (16011)	
	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17
Employee Costs:	£118057	£96741	£120191	£144597
Premises Costs:	£3642	£3730	£4598	£3730
Transport Costs:	£866	£700	£754	£600
Supplies & Services Costs:	£13792	£12370	£6220	£6660
Central Recharges:	£18055	£21955	£28461	£30725
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	£154412	£135196	£164004	£186312
Anticipated total income:	£153564	£133739	£205696	£209387