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Report Cover Sheet																																										
Name of Meeting:		Regulatory Committee																																								
Date of Meeting:		30 th July 2007																																								
Report Title:		Hackney carriage/private hire licence fees																																								
Summary of report:		To inform the Committee of the change to three yearly driver's licences and change of fee.																																								
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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Policy Framework:		No																																								
Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budgetary framework:		No																																								
Wards of the District directly affected by this decision:		No																																								
Key Decision?		No																																								
Included within the Forward Plan?		No																																								
Is the report Private & Confidential		No																																								
Background Papers:		None																																								
Consultation Undertaken Below is a table of the Council's regular consultees. However not all have to be consulted on every matter and if there was no obligation to consult with a specific consultee they will be marked as n/a.																																										
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Officer Approval

With regard to officer approval all reports must be approved by the report author's relevant director, Finance Services and Legal Services.

Officer Approval	Date	Name
Relevant Director(s)		Robert Inman
Chief Executive		n/a
CMT		n/a
Section 151 Officer		n/a
Legal		Simon Best
Finance		Marcus Miskinis
Final Decision?		Yes
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 Members are asked to consider the fees for hackney carriage/private hire driver's licences as they will shortly be issued for a three year period instead of the present annual period.

2. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on 11th April 2005, the Committee approved several changes to the hackney carriage/ private hire licensing scheme.
- 2.2 One of the items approved was to change the licensing of hackney carriage/private hire from annual renewals to three year renewals.
- 2.3 Operational and logistical problems have delayed the implementation of the proposed three year licences.
- 2.4 The licensing team are now in a position to commence issuing three year licences, but feel it necessary to examine the fee appropriate to the licence.
- 2.5 Stratford upon Avon Council charge £200 for a three year licence; Solihull Council charge £83 for an annual licence and Coventry Council charge £97 for an annual licence. The current annual charge for a combined hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence is £30. Officers propose a fee of £120 for a three year driver's licence.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 No alternatives may be considered.

4. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 4.1 This report has no budgetary considerations for the Council.

5. POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 5.1 None