

**TO: REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 23 JUNE 2004**

**SUBJECT: HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS - MEDICALS**

**FROM: MEMBERS' SERVICES**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To note an increase in the fee charged by the Occupational Health Medical Officer for medical examinations of applicants for, and holders of hackney carriage and private hire drivers licences.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 All applicants for private hire and hackney carriage driver's licences have to satisfy the Group II Medical Standards which are applicable to heavy goods vehicle drivers and public service vehicle drivers. Once licensed they have to continue to comply with the standard.
- 2.2 To ensure that applicants and existing drivers comply with the standard, Dr Popplewell, the Occupational Health Medical Officer carries out the necessary medical examinations.
- 2.3 At present Dr Popplewell charges £25 per examination. This charge is passed on to applicants and drivers together with a charge of £6 to cover the Council's administrative costs.
- 2.4 On the 17 May 2004, I heard from Dr Popplewell that she was increasing her charge with effect from the 7 June to £32.50.
- 2.5 The £6 administration charge is considered to be sufficient for the time being.
- 2.6 In order that the Council did not lose money it was necessary to increase the charge made to applicants and drivers to £38.50 and this was done with effect from the 7 June.

**3. DECISION REQUIRED**

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the change in the fee payable by and applicants and licensed drivers for their medical examination.

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## BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

**Areas and the District Affected:** All  
**Key Decision:** Yes  
**Included in Forward Plan:** No

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