

## **TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **HEAD OF SERVICE'S DECISION**

Committee: Cabinet

Chairman: Cllr Ian Carr

Head of Service: Paul Wykes - Head of Environmental Services

### **SUBJECT**

To reduce the charges for undertaken MOT tests for Class 4 and Class 7 vehicles.

### **REASON FOR URGENCY**

(After consultation with the Chief Executive)

Since the 1 January 2011 the Environmental Service has been an authorised testing station for MOT tests. Primarily the aim was to be able to undertake MOT testing on the Council's own fleet of non-HGV vehicles. Only VOSA (Vehicle and Operator Services Agency) can undertake testing on HGV vehicles. However, as a result of being granted authorised testing station status it is a requirement to undertake MOT tests for private individuals and companies on demand.

As a result of this requirement the standard fees set by VOSA were included in the 'Fees and Charges' report. These fees currently stand at £54.85 for Class 4 vehicles and £58.60 for class 7 vehicles.

A small number of private MOT's have been undertaken since the 1 January 2011. There is the potential to generate more income using spare capacity within the vehicle workshop. The reason for urgency is because a local company has approached the Transport Manager seeking a reduction in the price for Class 7 tests on the basis of undertaking approximately 70 tests per year. A decision needs to be made urgently to prevent the local company going to another supplier for services that the Council is well placed to offer. Moreover, the additional revenue will assist the Transport section in providing better services to its customers.

Since commencing the MOT testing on the Council fleet the service has a better idea of resource requirements and could easily accommodate the testing of class 4 and class 7 vehicles at a reduced rate. The costs stated above are VOSA's maximum rates for the respective tests and industry intelligence suggests that most organisations charge much less than these maximum rates.

Reducing the rates would place the Council's costs to a comparable rate within the market place. It is proposed that the rates for Class 4 tests are reduced to £40.00 and Class 7 tests are reduced to £50.00. These new rates will be incorporated into the next Fees and Charges report due in the autumn of 2011.


### **DECISION**

That the agreed rates for undertaking MOT tests for Class 4 Vehicles are reduced from £54.85 to £40.00 per test; and Class 7 Vehicles are reduced from £58.60 to £50.00 per test.

(After consultation with the Chairman (or in his absence the Vice-Chairman), who has not requested that the matter be referred to a special meeting of the Committee).

Chief Executive's/  
Director's Signature:  Date: 19.7.11

Chairman's/Vice-Chairman's  
Signature:  Date: 25.07.11

Chairman's/Vice-Chairman's  
(Overview & Scrutiny Committee)  
Signature:  Date: 25.07.11

Head of Service's  
Signature:  Date: 19/7/11

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