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<u>Memorandum for Executive Council</u>	
SUBJECT	ROAD TRAFFIC (FEES AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2018
	<u>Memorandum by the Chairman of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee</u>
ADVICE SOUGHT	1. Executive Council is asked to advise whether the fees and charges detailed at Appendix One, should be increased as recommended by the Environment & Natural Resources Committee, to take effect from 1st December 2018 and whether the Road Traffic (Fees Amendment) Regulations, 2018 at Appendix 2, should be published accordingly.
BACKGROUND & CONSIDERATIONS	<p>2. The Environment & Natural Resources Committee was asked to consider a proposed increase in fees and charges under the Road Traffic Ordinance 1985. This was as part of the budget process in order for the Police Directorate to submit a budget within the allocated budget ceiling for 2018/19. These fees were last increased by 10% in April 2013.</p> <p>3. As part of the review of fees and charges collected by the Police Directorate, the proposed increases were supported by the Environment & Natural Resources Committee and is now being submitted to Executive Council in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Ordinance 1985.</p> <p>4. Subject to Council's approval, a draft legal notice provided by the Attorney General's Chambers to give effect to the proposed increases, in accordance with the Road Traffic Consolidation Ordinance, Cap 101, can be found at Appendix Two.</p>
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	<p>5. Based upon the current number of vehicles licenced, it is anticipated that revenue in the region of £21k could be generated in a full financial year and £9k during the remainder of 2018/19. It should be noted however that these figures are based upon the expectation that licencing will continue at a similar level; there is the inherent risk that there could be a decrease in the number of vehicle registrations.</p>
ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS	<p>6. An increase of 17% would be required to keep the fees in line with inflation since their last increase in 2013. However, because there has not been an increase in five years, such a large increase in one year may not be palatable. However, it is recommended that the</p>

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	fee increases occur more regularly after this one and within one or two years, the increases should reflect inflation since 2013.
CONSISTENCY WITH INVESTMENT POLICY PRINCIPLES	7. Not applicable.
PUBLIC / SOCIAL IMPACT	8. As with all increases in fees and charges, these proposed increases will no doubt have a general negative impact on the public, especially those who are directly affected.
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT	9. None expected from this memorandum.
PREVIOUS CONSULTATION / COMMITTEE INPUT	10. The proposed increases were agreed by the Environment & Natural Resources Committee during its monthly meeting on 18th October 2018.
PUBLIC REACTION	11. Some negative reaction should be anticipated.
PUBLICITY	12. It is recommended that publicity be done through Public Notices and via Press Releases to the media. A staged series of Public Notices and Announcements (over a few weeks) should be considered, to include explanation as to why the increases are necessary.
SUPPORT TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	13. This paper supports the National Goal – Altogether Safer. It will contribute to the Police Directorate having a balanced budget to enable them to operate.
LINK TO SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN GOALS	14. Not applicable
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