

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2022 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Clack (Chairman)

Cllr. Abraham (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Bonin, Coleman, Edwards-Winsler, Hunter, Layland, Pett, Raikes and Waterton

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Dr. Canet and Carroll

Cllr. Osborne-Jackson was present via a virtual platform

26. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 4 January 2022 and the Licensing Hearing held on 31 January 2022, be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to two spelling amendments in paragraph 3 Minute 7 of the Licensing Hearing Minutes.

27. Declarations of interest

No additional declarations of interest were made.

28. Actions from the previous meeting (if any)

There were none.

29. Hackney Carriage and private hire licensing: Hackney Carriage fare tariff

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report which highlighted the proposed fees and charges for implementation, as set out in Appendix A of the report.

Members considered the proposed new Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff taking into account the response received following the trade and public consultation which took place between 6 January 2022 and 7 February 2022.

Members discussed the economic implications to taxi drivers through the increase in fuel costs and lack of business through the pandemic. They also took into account the continued need to provide a safe and cost effective taxi service to the customers. It was also brought to the Members attention that the taxi drivers would be responsible for the re-calibration of their meters along with any associated costs if the new fares were agreed.

Licensing Committee - 23 March 2022

Resolved: To agree to the adoption of the new Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff commencing 1 May 2022 as set out in Appendix A, with the late night hire charge to continue at 11pm.

30. Work plan

The work plan was noted.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 7.33PM

CHAIRMAN