

MINUTES OF: LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 4th July 2023

**Present: Councillor Marriott (Chair)
Councillors Adshead, D.Ashworth, Gill, Johnson, Looker, Rigby,
Snowden (sub) and Thompson**

**In Attendance: Phil Morton, Public Protection Manager
Yasmin Ahmed, Principal Legal Officer
Sattar Hussain, Legal Officer**

Also Present: 1 member of the public

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Cheetham (Snowden subbing), Driver (D.Ashworth subbing) and Neal.

2. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on the 22nd February 2022 be approved as a correct record.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the following Driver Sub-Committee meetings be approved as a correct record:

- 26th May 2022
- 22nd September 2022
- 15th December 2022
- 25th May 2023

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

6. Proposed review of Hackney Carriage Fares

The Public Protection Manager introduced the report which was to consider the proposed review of hackney carriage fares.

Resolved:

That following the consideration of the report and options, the Licensing Committee agree to approve the proposed fares at option 3 following the statutory advertising requirements and consideration of any subsequent objections.

7. Minor amendments to Taxi Licensing Policy

The Public Protection Manager introduced the report which was to consider minor amendments to Taxi Licensing Policy.

In response to questions from members it was confirmed that:

- In relation to the Euro standard, only a small number of the taxi fleet would be affected as currently vehicles were removed from the fleet at the age of 10 anyway.
- The introduction of CCTV had been beneficial to the taxi trade and well as being good for public safety.

The Chair, Councillor Marriott, moved the recommendation of the report in addition to proposing that the relevant portfolio holder also be consulted on future minor amendments as detailed at 4.13 of the report, which was seconded by Councillor Gill.

Resolved:

1. That the Licensing Committee approve the amendments to the Taxi Licensing Policy.
2. That future minor amendments to the policy be delegated to the Public Protection Manager in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee and the relevant Portfolio Holder.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and closed 6.52pm.

CHAIR: _____