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Agenda

Environment and Licensing Committee

Date: **Tuesday 5 November 2019**

Time: **4.15 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber**

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Environment and Licensing Committee

Membership

Chair Councillor Marje Paling

Vice-Chair Councillor Nicki Brooks

Councillor Pat Bosworth
Councillor Boyd Elliott
Councillor Roxanne Ellis
Councillor Des Gibbons
Councillor Julie Najuk
Councillor Sam Smith
Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
Councillor John Truscott
Councillor Paul Wilkinson

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To move that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the ensuing report on the grounds that the report involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.
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MINUTES ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday 1 October 2019

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Des Gibbons
 Councillor Pat Bosworth Councillor Julie Najuk
 Councillor Boyd Elliott Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
 Councillor Roxanne Ellis Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent: Councillor Sam Smith and Councillor John Truscott

Officers in Attendance: L Mellors, R Pentlow and C Allcock

34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Smith and Truscott.

Councillor Rachael Ellis and Councillor Greensmith attended as substitutes.

35 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2019.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

36 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

37 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

38 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

RESOLVED:

That, the Members being satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the

public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing reports on the grounds that the report involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

39 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF THREE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - IH AND APPLICATION FOR A THREE YEAR HEACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - IH

IH did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the Change of Circumstances for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from IH to a future meeting of the Committee. If IH does not attend his next appointment, the Change of Circumstance will be considered in his absence.

40 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - GSQ

GSQ attended, but declined to enter the meeting without his solicitor.

Councillor Greensmith entered the meeting.

After 50 minutes waiting the solicitor had not arrived. The Licensing Officer advised GSQ that if he was not willing to enter the meeting without his solicitor the matter may be deferred to a future meeting.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from GSQ to a future meeting of the Committee. If GSQ does not attend his next appointment, the application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers licence will be considered in his absence.

The meeting finished at 5.05 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date:



Report to Environment and Licensing Committee

Subject: Taxi Rates and Fares

Date: 5th November 2019

Author: Report of the Director of Health and Community Wellbeing

Purpose

To request Members to make changes and amendments to the current Hackney Carriage Rates of Fares

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- 1) That Members approve the proposed rates and fares detailed in appendix A;**
- 2) That Members approve the rates and fares detailed in appendix A are advertised in accordance with Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 65 for a minimum period of 14 days;**
- 3) That Members approve that the Director, in consultation with the Chair of the Environment & Licensing Committee be authorised to agree the final rates and fares, after taking into account any comments received during the consultation period.**

and

- 4) That following approval, Members approve final rates and fares become effective from 1st January 2020**

1 Background

- 1.1 Under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 a district council may fix and vary the rates and fares within the**

district. This is the maximum amount of fare that the driver can charge a passenger. The current rates and fares have been in place since 2011.

- 1.2 Following a request from the taxi trade a meeting was held with the trade representatives and after considering their request officers agreed that the proposed changes to the current rates and fares are attached at Appendix A should be submitted to Members for consideration.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 Under the above legislation there has to be a consultation of not less than 14 days by publishing a notice in a local newspaper. If the proposed rates and fares is approved the proposed rates and fares will commence on 1st January 2020.

3 Resource Implications

- 3.1 None

4 Appendices

- 4.1 Appendix A – Proposal to change the current rates and fares

Appendix A - Proposed changes to the Current Rates and Fares

Rates Of Fares	Current	Proposed	Change
If the whole distance does not exceed 1760 yards (1 Mile) for the whole distance	£3.10	£3.50	Increase of 40p
If the distance exceeds 1 mile for the first 1 mile	£3.10	£3.50	Increase of 40p
For each subsequent 80 yards pr part thereof	-	10p	Was 100 meters - Increase of 12p per mile
Waiting time for each period of 20 seconds	-	20p	Was 25p per minute - Increase of £1.30 per hour
Surcharges			
Additional fare for each hiring commencing between 00:01 hours and 06:00 hours	25%	25%	Was 23:00 hours
Additional fare for each hiring commencing on a Bank Holiday	25%	25%	No change
Additional fare for hiring commencing between 18:00 hours on 24 December and 06:00 hours on 27 December	100%	50%	Reduction of 50%
Additional fare for hiring commencing between 18:00 hours on 31 December and 06:00 hours on 2 January	100%	50%	Reduction of 50%
For the carriage of animals (guide dogs, hearing dogs, Assistance dogs exempt)	£2	£2	No change
Soling Charge	£40	£50	Increase of £10

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