

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 24 January 2023

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Martin Smith
 Councillor Rachael Ellis Councillor Sam Smith
 Councillor Des Gibbons Councillor Paul Wilkinson
 Councillor Julie Najuk

Absent: Councillor Pat Bosworth, Councillor Alex Scroggie and Councillor
 Clive Towsey-Hinton

Officers in M Hill, A Ball, L Chaplin, P Gibbs and B Hopewell
Attendance:

9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Scroggie and Towsey-Hinton.

10 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2023.

RESOLVED:

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

11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

12 REVIEW OF TAXI LICENCE FEE SETTING.

The Chief Executive introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, updating members on the review of taxi licensing fee setting, including the findings of an independent assessment of Gedling Borough Council's Taxi Licence Fee Setting prepared by CIPFA.

RESOLVED to:

Note the findings, including the financial implications.

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PROPOSED TAXI LICENSING FEES FOR 2023/24.

The Chief Executive introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval for the proposed fees for taxi driver, operator and vehicle licensing for 2023/24 as shown at Appendix 1(a) to the report and to approve a proposed increase to the general taxi licensing fees for 2023/24 shown at Appendix 1 (b) to the report.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the fees taxi driver, operators and vehicle licences as detailed at Appendix 1(a) to the report for 2023/24 for advertisement in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, to automatically come into force on 1 April 2023 if no objections are received within the statutory period. If any objections are received within the statutory period that those be referred back to Committee for consideration in accordance with the legislation.
- 2) Approve the fees for general taxi licensing for 2023/24 as detailed at Appendix 1(b) to the report with effect from 1 April 2023.

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ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

The Chair informed the Committee of an additional item requiring an urgent decision regarding an application from a driver which was to be introduced after the exclusion of the press and public. The matter was considered urgent as the outcome of the application could resolve ongoing legal proceedings and the application was not received until after the agenda for the meeting had been prepared.

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 reports involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

APPLICATION TO AMEND WORDING ON HACKNEY CARRIAGE ROOF SIGN

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environment, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting as a matter considered urgent by the Chair, regarding an application from MF to permit the display of the word 'TAXI' on his hackney carriage vehicle roof sign in accordance with Gedling Borough Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Condition 6(vi)(the 'Condition').

RESOLVED to:

Approve MF's application to vary the wording on his hackney carriage vehicle roof sign, to read 'TAXI' rather than 'FOR HIRE' in accordance with the condition until further notice.

The meeting finished at 4.35 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: