

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 21 March 2023

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Alex Scroggie
 Councillor Pat Bosworth Councillor Sam Smith
 Councillor Rachael Ellis Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
 Councillor Des Gibbons Councillor Paul Wilkinson
 Councillor Julie Najuk

Absent: Councillor Martin Smith

Officers in M Hill, C Allcock, M Cryer, B Hopewell, K Nealon and S Palmer
Attendance:

30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Martin Smith.

31 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2023.

RESOLVED:

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

32 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

33 PROPOSED GENERAL LICENSING FEES FOR 2023/24

The Head of Environment introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval of the proposed licensing fees for 2023/24 as shown at appendix 1 to the report.

RESOLVED to:

Approve the general licensing fees detailed at appendix 1 to the report to come into force on 1st April 2023.

34 PROPOSED TAXI LICENSING FEES FOR 2023/24

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environment, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval of the proposed increase of fees for taxi driver, operator and vehicle licences for 2023/24 as shown at appendix 1, subject to consideration of the one objection received by the council, detailed at appendix 2.

RESOLVED to:

Approve the fees for taxi driver, operators and vehicle licences as detailed at appendix 1 for 2023/24 with effect from 1 April 2023.

35 RATES OF FARES

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environment, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, asking Members to make changes and amendments to the current Hackney Carriage Rates of Fares.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Not approve the proposed changes to the times in which a 25% surcharge will be applied between 23:00 and 06:00 hours, as set out in appendix A to the report.
- 2) Members retain the current times the 25% surcharge apply – additional fare for each hiring commencing between 00:01 hours and 06:00 hour;
- 3) Approve all the other proposed Rates of Fares detailed below

Current		Proposed	
If the whole distance does not exceed 1 mile for the whole distance	£3.50	£3.90	
If the distance exceeds 1 mile for the first mile	£3.50	£3.90	
For each subsequent 80 yards or part thereof	10p	10p	For each subsequent 70 yards
Waiting time – for each period of 20 seconds	10p	10p	Waiting time – for each period of 15 seconds
Surcharges			
Additional fare for each hiring commencing between 00:01 hours and 6.00	25%	25%	
Additional fare for each hiring commencing on a Bank Holiday	25%	25%	
Additional fare for each hiring commencing between 18:00 hours 24 December and 6:00 hours on 27 December	50%	50%	
Additional fare for each hiring commencing between 18:00 hours 31 December and 6:00	50%	50%	

hours on 2 January			
For the carriage of animals (Guide Dogs, Hearing Dogs and Assistance Dogs exempt)	£2		£3
Soiling Charge	£50		£50

- 4) Approve the Rates of Fares detailed above are advertised in accordance with Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 65 for a minimum period of 14 days.
- 5) Approve that the Director. In consultation with the Chair of the Environment & Licensing Committee be authorised to agree the final Rates of Fares, after taking into account any comments received during the consultation period; and
- 6) Members approve the final rates of Fares become effective from 1st May 2023.

36 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 4.40 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: