

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 11 August 2015

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Barbara Miller
Councillor Bruce Andrews Councillor Carol Pepper
Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Alex Scroggie
Councillor Roxanne Ellis

Absent: Councillor Gary Gregory, Councillor John Parr and
Councillor Jane Walker.

Officers in Attendance: R Pentlow, L Mellors, K Nealon, S Steventon and
L Sugden.

252 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Parr, Councillor Gregory and Councillor Walker.

Councillor Poole attended at the meeting as substitute for Councillor Walker who had given her apologies.

253 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

254 CHANGES TO THE STATEMENT OF POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS AND PRIVATE HIRE OPERATORS

The Licensing Section and Legal Services have reviewed the policy in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair. Appendix 1 is the revised document which includes the changes that are being proposed.

RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the amendments to the Statement of Policy and Guidelines for the Licensing of Hackney Carriage Drivers, Private Hire Drivers and Private Hire Operators for consultation.
2. Approve, where the Corporate Director determines under his current delegation that an applicant is fit and proper to hold a

licence, he also has delegated authority to decide on the term of the licence (where the application is for 3 or 5 years).

255 PROPOSED TAXI LICENSING FEES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2015 TO MARCH 2016

To approve a proposed changes to taxi licensing fees for the remainder of 2015/16 as shown in Appendix 1, subject to advertisement requirements having being satisfied.

RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the fees for taxi operators and as detailed in Appendix 1 for 2015/16 for advertisement in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. If there are no objections then the proposed will automatically come into force after the statutory period. In the event that objections are received, the Corporate Director in consultation with the Chair of Environment and Licensing Committee be authorised to agree the final fees, after taking into account any comments received during the consultation period.
2. Approve the proposed fees for taxi driver's licences detailed in Appendix 1 for October to March 2015/16 for advertisement and the Corporate Director in consultation with the Chair of Environment and Licensing Committee be authorised to agree the final fees after taking into account any comments received during the consultation period.

256 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 4.55 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: