

Licensing Committee

28th September 2009

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Michael Braley (Chair), Councillor Kath Banks (Vice-Chair) and Councillors M Chalk, A Clayton, J Cookson, J Field, W Hartnett, W King and D Smith

Officers:

A Teepe and S Garratt

Committee Officer:

D Sunman

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fry, Hunt, Pearce and Thomas.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 5th December 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. HACKNEY CARRIAGE - FARES

The Committee considered a report which outlined the options for a variation of fares for hiring Hackney Carriages within the Borough.

Members were informed that the last fare increase had been approved on 29th November 2008 and took effect from 12th January 2009 as follows:

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Chair

Mileage

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| First half mile or uncompleted parts thereof | £2.62p |
| Subsequent charge | 10p per 135 yards or £1.31 p per mile |
| Waiting time | 10p per 40 secs. or 15p per minute |
| Each person exceeding one | 10p |
| Late Night and Bank Holiday Surcharge | |
| Midnight to 6.00am every day and all Bank Holidays (excluding Good Friday) | £1.25 per journey |
| From 6.00pm Christmas Eve to Midnight Boxing Day | Double Tariff |
| From 6.00pm New Years Eve to 6.00am New Years Day | Double Tariff |
| Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) | £1.35p |
| Any persons fouling the vehicle will be charged an excess of £75 per journey. | |

Officers reported that the Executive Committee in October 2008 had recommended that various retail price indices, including petroleum products be taken into account when considering a variation in fares for hiring Hackney Carriages.

Using these indices the effect on the fare table was found to be minimal.

Consultation had been carried out with Redditch Taxi Association who had agreed the policy and recognised the effect of low inflation on the current tariff.

RESOLVED that

there be no increase in the Hackney Carriage fare rates for the year 2009 to 2010.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 7.30 pm

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Chair