

LICENSING

Committee

11th August 2011

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Michael Braley (Chair), Councillor Gay Hopkins (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Peter Anderson, Anita Clayton, Andrew Fry, Bill Hartnett, Roger Hill, Robin King, Phil Mould, Jinny Pearce and Brenda Quinney

Also Present:

Officers:

C Flanagan, M Kay and N McMenamin

Committee Officers:

D Sunman

9. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor A Mason.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

11. MINUTES

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 14th July 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

12. VEHICLE INSPECTION FEE STRUCTURE

Following a request from Licensing Committee for additional information at their meeting on 14th July 2011, members received a further report regarding the Vehicle Inspection Fee Structure. The additional information included:

- a comparison of vehicle testing charges across the West Midlands region; and

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- the projected income versus costs indicating a broadly cost neutral service that would be provided at Crossgates Depot.

Members heard representations made on behalf of Redditch Taxi Association which re-stated their suggestion made at the meeting of this Committee on 12th July 2011 that the fee for the Vehicle Inspection test be set at £37 with no additional charge being made for a re-test, should one be required.

An addition to the recommendation was proposed and agreed as follows:

- no inspection fee be charged if a vehicle be presented within one working day of the original test with the identified defect remedied.

RESOLVED that

- 1) the incorporation of a minor amendment made by Officers, shown within the report at paragraph 3.8 (that the cost of a Vehicle Inspection be £50 and Vehicle Inspection Re-test be £25);**
- 2) no re-inspection fee be charged if a vehicle be presented within one working day of the original test with the identified defect remedied; and**
- 3) that a further report on the review of the service including fees and charges be presented to Licensing Committee following the first six months of operation of the scheme.**

The Meeting commenced at 7.31 pm
and closed at 8.28 pm