

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2024

Present: Cllrs Derek Beer (Chair), Louise Bown (Vice-Chair), Les Fry, Jill Haynes, Jack Jeanes, Craig Monks, David Morgan, Kate Wheller and Sarah Williams

Present remotely: Cllrs David Shortell

Apologies: Cllrs Cathy Lugg and Emma Parker

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Aileen Powell (Licencing Team Leader), Elaine Tibble (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Graham Duggan (Head of Community & Public Protection), Lara Aintree (Senior Lawyer - Regulatory) and John Miles (Democratic Services Officer)

Officers present remotely (for all or part of the meeting):

John Newcombe (Service Manager for Licensing & Community Safety)

7. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2024 were confirmed and signed.

8. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made at the meeting.

9. **Public Participation**

There were no questions or participation from the public.

10. **Increase in Taxi Fares for Dorset Zone**

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to start the process to consider increasing the maximum level of fares that could be charged by Hackney Carriage Proprietors in the Dorset Zone, excluding the Weymouth and Portland Zone. Members were advised that the Proprietors were asking for a modest increase and consultation would be undertaken prior to any changes, and updates on the consultation may come back to the committee.

In response to a member question, the Licensing Team Leader confirmed that the rates for the Dorset Zone were last considered in 2022.

Proposed by Cllr Haynes, seconded by Cllr Fry

Decision: To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Public Health, Environmental Health, Housing, Community Safety and Regulatory Service that they authorise the undertaking of a consultation exercise on the suggested tariff increase with the Hackney Trade in the Dorset Zone and members of the public.

11. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

12. **Exempt Business**

There were no exempt items.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 10.05 am

Chairman

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