

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2025

Councillors Present: Jeremy Cottam (Chairman), Paul Dick (Vice-Chairman), Phil Barnett, David Marsh, Stephanie Steevenson and Clive Taylor

Also Present: Julia O'Brien (Principal Licensing Officer), Mark Groves (Licensing Officer), Thomas Radbourne (Zoom Host), Ben Ryan (Clerk)

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting: Councillor Nigel Foot, Councillor Justin Pemberton and Councillor Martha Vickers

Councillor(s) Absent: Councillor Billy Drummond, Councillor Paul Kander and Councillor Jane Langford

PART I

14. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2024 were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

16. Variations to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles and Private Hire Operator's Fees

The Committee/Commission considered a report (Agenda Item 4(1) concerning Variations to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles and Private Hire Operator's Fees. Ms Julia O'Brien introduced the report.

Councillor Clive Taylor enquired to the number of taxi drivers that were consulted and Ms Julia O'Brien stated that 50 operators and 450 drivers had been contacted to take part in the consultation.

Councillor Paul Dick expressed concern over the number of responses. Ms O'Brien explained that the Licensing team had written to all individuals.

Councillors David Marsh and Taylor expressed that silence from the trade meant the Committee had to assume the taxi trade was content.

Councillor Stephanie Steevenson expressed that it would be irresponsible to suggest changes to the fees with the limited number of responses.

Councillor Dick proposed the recommendations within the report and this was seconded by Councillor Steevenson.

The proposal was put to a vote and the Licensing Committee **RESOLVED** that the Committee:

- CONSIDER the comments received during the statutory consultation on variations to hackney carriage and private hire vehicle and private hire operator's fees as set out in Appendix A to this report and make no modifications to the proposed fees as a result of the consultation responses.

17. Draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2025 - 2030

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This item was withdrawn.

18. **Forward Plan**

The Committee noted the forward plan.

(The meeting commenced at 4.30 pm and closed at 4.45 pm)

CHAIRMAN

Date of Signature