

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING AND  
REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 16 DECEMBER 2013

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL MEETING – 18 FEBRUARY 2013

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

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| * Cllr Elizabeth Cable (Chairman)     | * Cllr Lynn Graffham   |
| * Cllr Simon Inchbald (Vice-Chairman) | * Cllr Peter Isherwood |
| * Cllr Brian Adams                    | * Cllr Carole King     |
| Cllr Gillian Beel                     | * Cllr Bryn Morgan     |
| Cllr Jenny Else                       | * Cllr Brett Vorley    |
| * Cllr Tony Gordon-Smith              | * Cllr Andrew Wilson   |

\*Present  
Cllr Nick Williams

33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Gillian Beel and Jenny Else. Cllr Nick Williams attended as a substitute.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

There were no interests declared under this heading.

**PART I – RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL**

There were no matters falling within this category.

**PART II - MATTERS OF REPORT**

35. HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF FARE SCALES – REVIEW (Item 3; Appendix A)

35.1 The Committee noted that the current scale of hackney carriage fares took effect on 16 July 2012. On 7 November 2013 an email was sent to licensees and posted at Waverley's taxi ranks, requesting comments from licensees regarding the current tariff of fares, whether it was appropriate or if they felt an increase was required.

35.2 Attached to the report was the current tariff, a table setting out comparative rates with other nearby districts, a chart showing by month the cost of petrol according to petrolprices.com from January 2007 to September 2013 and a flow chart for the setting of Hackney Carriage Fares. Members considered these together with the eight written comments received from licensees regarding the tariff fare scale.

- 35.3 The Committee considered the report and took into account the comments submitted by licensed taxi drivers.
- 35.4 Members noted that it was the general consensus of the licensed taxi drivers (including a late comment tabled at the meeting) that there should be no increase in meter fares at the present time. Members also noted that Waverley fares were comparable to those of neighbouring authorities.
- 35.5 Therefore taking the views of the licensed taxi drivers into account and noting that in the present economic climate a fare increase would also affect those wishing to use taxis, especially the elderly, the Committee agreed the following recommendation be made to the Executive.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Executive agrees:

1. that the Hackney Carriage Fare Scale be advertised in accordance with Section 65 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 as at Annexe 1 to the report;
2. that the latest date by which objections to the advertised scale of fares are to be submitted be 22 February 2014; and
3. that, in the event of objection(s) to the advertised table of fares being received on/before 22 February 2014, the date that the scale of fares (with or without modifications) will come into force be 22 April 2014.

### **Background Papers**

The background papers relating to the following items in Parts III are as specified in the Agenda for the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

### **PART III – Brief summaries of other matters dealt with**

There were no matters falling within this category.

**The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. and concluded at 2.11 p.m.**

Chairman