

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING AND
REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 20 MARCH 2014

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL MEETING – 15 APRIL 2014

(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

42. MINUTES (Agenda Item 1)

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 January 2014 were confirmed and signed.

43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS (Agenda Item 2)

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Gillian Beel, Lynn Graffham, Peter Isherwood and Brett Vorley.

44. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (Agenda Item 3)

There were no interests declared under this heading.

Background Papers

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

PART I – RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

There were no matters falling within this category.

PART II – MATTERS OF REPORT

45. HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE FEES 2014/15 – OUTCOME OF ADVERTISEMENT

- 45.1 The report asked the Committee to consider the representation received in respect of the advertisement of fees for hackney carriage/private hire vehicles etc. The proposed fees were advertised on 7 February 2014 giving 28 days for submission of representations in accordance with the requirements of Section 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The closing date for representations was 7 March 2014.

- 45.2 The Council must consider all representations to the advertised variation received within the statutory period. The Council must set a new date for the variation to come into force, with or without modification, having considered the representations, such date being not more than two months from the date advertised (which was 1st April 2014). There is no requirement for further advertising of any new fees set. In total, one written objection was submitted within the statutory consultation period.
- 45.3 The Licensing and Regulatory Committee had approved the schedule of Licensing and Regulatory Fees and Charges for 2014/15 and recommended them to Council as part of the Council budget process. The costs of the hackney carriage and private hire element of the licensing service within the draft Revenue Estimates are £335,090 for 2014/2015, and the income £101,000. The current rate of cost recovery for the Hackney Carriage element is 85%, which will drop to 84% for 2014/15 if the new charges are confirmed.
- 45.4 All licensees were written to informing them that it had reviewed its fees charged for hackney carriage and private hire licences and proposed to increase them and gave details of the proposed increases. The Committee considered the representation received as a result of advertising the 2014/15 hackney carriage/private hire licence fees and noted the chart of comparable fees levied in neighbouring boroughs and districts.
- 45.5 The Committee concluded that the increase in fees was reasonable and comparable to the nearest local authority charges and would help in the recovery of costs in this area. Following consideration of the objection received the Committee

RESOLVED that

1. the revised scale of fees for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire licences for 2014/15 be agreed; and
 2. the date for introduction of the agreed fees, not more than two months from the original advertised date, be 1st April 2014.
46. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE LICENSING (GENERAL PURPOSES) SUB-COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 7; Appendix B & C)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing (General Purposes) Sub-Committee, held on 30 January 2014 and the Special Meeting held on 5 February 2014, be noted.

47. LICENSING ACT 2003 – DECISIONS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Sub-Committee received and noted the information showing a list of decisions made by Licensing Sub-Committees, A, B and C since the beginning of the Council year.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. and concluded at 10.09 a.m.