

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE -
23 SEPTEMBER 2019

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL MEETING – 22 OCTOBER 2019

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

Present

Cllr Robert Knowles (Chairman)
Cllr Peter Clark (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Martin D'Arcy
Cllr Jerome Davidson

Cllr Patricia Ellis
Cllr Michael Goodridge
Cllr Anna James
Cllr Jacquie Keen

Cllr Joan Heagin (Substitute)

Apologies

Cllr Jack Lee, Cllr Michaela Martin and Cllr Ruth Reed

LIC14/19 MINUTES (Agenda item 1.)

The minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 17th June 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC15/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS (Agenda item 2.)

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jack Lee, Michaela Martin and Ruth Reed. Cllr Joan Heagin attended as substitute.

LIC16/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item 3.)

There were no declarations of interest made prior to or at the meeting.

LIC17/19 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 4.)

No questions from members of the public were received.

LIC18/19 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS (Agenda item 5.)

No questions from members were received.

LIC19/19 ACTION AUTHORISED (Agenda item 6.)

No actions taken by the Chief Executive had been received.

PART II - MATTERS OF REPORT

LIC20/19 TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE TARIFF CARD AND FEES (Agenda item 7.)

Paul Hughes, Licensing and Environmental Enforcement Manager, outlined the report that had been circulated to members with the agenda.

The recommendations set out for the members consideration were:

1. Accept any of the licensees proposals to the Hackney Carriage Fare Scale (with or without amendments) for officers to advertise in accordance with Section 65 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 or;
2. Propose their own proposal to the Hackney Carriage Fare Scale for officers to advertise in accordance with Section 65 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 or;
3. Request that officers provide a further report providing specific options utilising the Guildford Borough Council methodology template. or;
4. Make no recommendation of change to Hackney Carriage fares.

Members questioned why the fares were not reviewed annually as then a slight increase per year would not be such a shock to the public as a larger increase after 5 years.

After consideration and discussion members supported looking at the Guildford methodology and to bring back a report as soon as possible outlining the proposed fares from this approach.

Action: Paul Hughes to draw up a new fare proposal using the Guildford methodology and bring back to the next possible meeting.

LIC21/19 MINUTES OF THE LICENSING (GENERAL PURPOSE) COMMITTEE (1) (Agenda item 8.)

The minutes of the Licensing (General Purpose) Committee held on 17 June 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

LIC22/19 MINUTES OF THE LICENSING (GENERAL PURPOSE) COMMITTEE (2) (Agenda item 9.)

The minutes of the Licensing (General Purpose) Committee held on 1 July 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

LIC23/19 FORWARD PROGRAMME (Agenda item 10.)

It was noted that Taxi Policy Review was scheduled for the next meeting in November as well as the Taxi and Private Hire Tariff Card and Fares to be brought back following this meeting.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.13 am

Chairman