

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the **LICENSING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held on Friday, 5 June 2020 at 10:30am

PRESENT:

Councillor: Kathie Guthrie (Chair)
David Muller (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: Gerard Brewster Paul Ekpenyong
Julie Flatman Penny Otton
Dr Daniel Pratt Andrew Stringer

In attendance:

Officers: Kay Sanders – Licensing Officer
David Price – Licensing Officer
Emma Richbell – Assistant Manager Food, Safety & Licensing
Nigel Dulieu – Legal Advisor
Karen Sayer – Governance Officer

Apologies:

None received

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS

6.1 There were no declarations of interest.

7 MLR/19/3 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2020

It was RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

8 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME

8.1 None received.

9 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

9.1 None received.

10 MLR/19/4 TABLE OF FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

- 10.1 Kay Sanders, Licensing Officer presented Paper MLR/19/4 to the Committee. The report considered the response to the public consultation including objections received against the revised table of fares fixed for Hackney Carriages operating in the controlled zone of the Mid Suffolk District, which the Licensing and Regulatory Committee approved for public consultation at the meeting on 7 February 2020.
- 10.2 Local authorities have the power to fix the maximum rates of fares for hackney carriages within their District by virtue of section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
- 10.3 The Licensing Officer and Legal Advisor responded to Members' questions on issues including: Government legislation on the wearing of face coverings on public transport and why Mid Suffolk have a call-out charge. It was noted that the call-out charge is discretionary.
- 10.4 The Committee considered the three options set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report, and the following were among the points discussed: removal of call-out charge, difficulties getting taxis in Stowmarket in the evenings, comparison of night-rate tariffs with other Council areas.
- 10.5 Councillor Muller proposed that the alternative proposed table of fares attached as Appendix E be recommended to Cabinet for approval. Councillor Brewster seconded the proposal.
- 10.6 The vote was taken by roll call, and by 5 votes to 1 with 2 abstentions the Motion was carried.
- 10.7 **It was RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:**
 - 1. **That the alternative table of fares attached as Appendix E to Paper MLR/19/4 be adopted.**
 - 2. **That, in accordance with Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Monday 27 July 2020 be recommended as the date for the varied table of fares to become effective.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 11:25am

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Chair