

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **LICENSING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held in the King Edmund Chamber, Endeavour House, Ipswich on Friday, 3 February 2023

PRESENT:

Councillor: David Muller (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: Paul Ekpenyong Penny Otton
Dr Daniel Pratt Andrew Stringer

In attendance:

Officers: Licensing Projects Officer (NG)
Licensing Team Leader (KP)
Legal Advisor (ND)
Lead Officer Regulatory & Civic (KS)
Lead Officer Members & Systems (MS)

Apologies:

Julie Flatman
Kathie Guthrie (Chair)

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

1.1 There were no declarations of interest.

2 MLR/22/1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2021

It was **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2021 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

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

3.1 None received.

4 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

4.1 None received.

5 MLR/22/2 CONSULTATION OF A REVISED TABLE OF FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

5.1 Neil Gardiner, Licensing Projects Officer presented Paper MLR/22/2 to the Committee. The report referred to the consultation of a revised table of fares for hackney carriages operating in the controlled zone of Mid Suffolk District and outlined the options under consideration and the responses received.

- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 The Licensing Projects Officer responded to Members questions in relation to the proposed table of fares attached as Appendix A to the report, how the tariffs were calculated and how the tariff in Mid Suffolk compared to other neighbouring Local Authorities.
- 5.4 Councillor Stringer and Councillor Ekpenyong questioned why the calculations were in yards. The Licensing Projects Officer responded that Mid Suffolk hackney carriage meters were calibrated in yards.
- 5.5 Councillor Otton proposed the Recommendation to Cabinet contained in paragraph 3.1 of the report with an amendment to Appendix A to include calculations in metric and miles. Councillor Stringer seconded the proposal.
- 5.6 During the discussion, Members asked when the meters would be modernised. The Licensing Team Leader, Kate Pearsall confirmed that this would be looked into as part of the Policy Review.
- 5.7 Councillor Ekpenyong asked for an additional Recommendation to Cabinet to ask the Licensing Team to investigate the modernisation of hackney carriage meters and report back to the Committee.
- 5.8 Councillor Otton and Councillor Stringer, as proposer and seconder, accepted the additional Recommendation.
- 5.9 By a unanimous vote,

It was RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

- 1. That Cabinet following consideration of Licensing and Regulatory Committee's recommendation, adopts the revised table of fares, attached at Appendix A to the report, and in accordance with Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, subject to Appendix A being amended to include calculations in metric and miles.**
- 2. That the Licensing team investigate the modernisation of hackney carriage meters and report back to the Licensing & Regulatory Committee.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 11.16 am.

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Chair