

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held in the Elisabeth Frink Room, Endeavour House on Friday, 9 December 2022 at 9.30am.

PRESENT:

Councillor: Lee Parker (Chair)
Sue Carpendale (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: Kathryn Grandon John Nunn

In attendance:

Councillor(s): Elisabeth Malvisi

Officers: Licensing Projects Officer (NG)
Corporate Manager Public Protection (TH)
Legal Advisor (ND)
Lead Officer Regulatory & Civic (KS)
Lead Officer Members & Systems (MS)

Apologies:

Jane Gould
Margaret Maybury
Mark Newman
Adrian Osborne

25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

1.1 There were no declarations of interest.

26 BLR/22/1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2021

It was **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2021 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

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

3.1 None received.

28 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

4.1 None received.

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

- 5.1 Neil Gardiner, Licensing Projects Officer presented Paper BLR/22/2 to the Committee. The report referred to the consultation of a revised table of fares for hackney carriages operating in the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Districts, outlining 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 amended Recommendation contained in the Tabled papers and the reasons why it was not currently possible to amalgamate a new joint table of fares with Mid Suffolk.
- 5.4 Members discussed the proposed table of fares, how the tariffs were calculated, consultation with the taxi trade and responses received, and how the tariff compared to other neighbouring Local Authorities.
- 5.5 Members also discussed the differences in the way hackney carriage meters used in Babergh are calibrated compared with those used in Mid Suffolk district.
- 5.6 Councillor Grandon commented that the table of fares should be considered for review more regularly going forward.
- 5.7 Councillor Malvisi, Cabinet Member for Environment advised the Committee that the Taxi Policy would be reviewed next year.
- 5.6 Councillor Carpendale proposed Recommendation 3.1 and Recommendation 3.2 Option 2 as detailed in the Tabled Papers. Councillor Nunn seconded the proposal.

By a unanimous vote,

It was RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

- 1. That a new tariff table of maximum fares be approved with the following changes:**
 - i. Miles & 1/10th Mile, replacing yards.**
 - ii. Tariff 1 reverts to tariff 2 (+50%) at 22:30 hrs each day instead of 23:00 hrs.**
 - iii. Tariff 4 is shown as an extra, due to size of vehicle/time of day.**

2. That Licensing & Regulatory Committee having considered the options contained in the report, recommend Option 2 to Cabinet to vary the tariff table of maximum fares that may be charged by Hackney Carriage proprietors using a new table – miles & 1/10th Mile:

ii. Increase the first mile and each 1/10th mile.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.25 am.

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Chair