



**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

Taxi & General Licensing Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Taxi & General Licensing Committee held at Jeffrey Room, The Guildhall, Northampton, NN1 1DE on Monday 11 July 2022 at 6.00 pm.

Present Councillor Andrew Kilbride (Chair)
 Councillor Mike Warren (Vice-Chair)
 Councillor Sally Beardsworth
 Councillor Imran Ahmed Chowdhury BEM
 Councillor Maggie Clubley
 Councillor Cheryl Hawes
 Councillor Keith Holland-Delamere
 Councillor Mark Hughes
 Councillor Brian Sargeant
 Councillor Richard Solesbury-Timms
 Councillor Winston Strachan

Present James Chadwick, Senior Licensing and Litigation Lawyer
Virtually:

Apologies Councillor Alan Chantler
for Councillor Gareth Eales
Absence: Councillor Terry Gilford

Officers Louise Faulkner, Environmental Health and Licensing Manager
 Eleanor Flannery, Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer
 Maisie McInnes, Democratic Services Officer
 Richard Woods, Democratic Services Officer

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

Following the restructure of the Council's Licensing Committee structure in April 2022, there were no previous minutes to consider.

3. Chair's Announcements

There were no announcements from the Chair.

4. Hackney Carriage Tariff Fare Increase

The Committee considered a report from the Licensing Team Leader which set out the work that was underway in reviewing all currently in-force local hackney carriage and private hire vehicle policies inherited by West Northamptonshire Council from the now abolished Northampton Borough, Daventry District and South Northamptonshire District Councils.

In introducing the report, the Environmental Health and Licensing Manager explained that the current table of hackney carriage fares took effect from December 2013 in the former Northampton Borough area, October 2008 in the former South Northamptonshire area and May 2019 in the former Daventry district. Due to the significant rise in the cost of living and fuel and changes to the UK economic outlook since the current fare table took effect, WNC-licensed hackney carriage drivers were seeking an increase to offset the rising cost of living and fuel, and that the views of all hackney and combined licence holders were canvassed regarding the proposed increase.

The Licensing Team Leader added that, whilst the former South Northamptonshire district area did not currently have any licensed hackney carriage drivers based within it, the proposed new tariff would apply to the wider West Northamptonshire Council area.

Resolved

(1) That the proposed WNC Hackney Carriage Tariff table of fares be recommended to Cabinet for approval.

5. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 6.23 pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____