



Committee and Date
Strategic Licensing Committee
Wednesday 5 th June 2013

Item
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Public

MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL 2013 IN THE SHREWSBURY ROOM, THE SHIREHALL, SHREWSBURY

10.00 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.

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Present:

Mrs R. Taylor-Smith (Chairman).
Mr P. Adams (Vice-Chairman), Mrs B. Baker, Mr T. Barker, Mrs J. Barrow, Mr V. Bushell, Mr A. Davies, Mr J. T. Durnell, Mr R. Evans, Mr R. Hughes and Mr J. Tandy.

49. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIRMAN

49.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

50.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mr K. Roberts and Mr. R. Tindall. Mr. J. T. Durnell was in attendance as Substitute for Mr. K. Roberts.

51. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

51.1 Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

52. MINUTES

52.1 It was agreed that confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2013 would be considered at the next ordinary meeting on Wednesday 5th June 2013.

53. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- 53.1 Mr Doran addressed the Committee on behalf of the Independent Drivers Association in relation to agenda item 6 - hackney carriage fares. Mr Doran referred to a statement that he had submitted in support of a common tariff for all five zones.
- 53.2 Mr Richard Price addressed the Committee in relation to agenda item 6 - hackney carriage fares. Mr Price referred to a statement that he had submitted to request that the decision regarding Hackney Carriage fares be deferred to allow zone 4 drivers to consider if the proposal submitted by zone 3 drivers was a viable option for zone 4.
- 53.3 The Chairman invited any further comments or questions from those present in the public gallery. Mr Ali Alyas and Mr Adrian Wilkes addressed the Committee in relation to agenda item 6 - hackney carriage fares to support a common tariff for all five zones.

54. HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

- 54.1 Consideration was given to a report of the Operational Community Safety Team Manager in relation to hackney carriage fares.
- 54.2 The Operational Community Safety Team Manager outlined the report and explained that following the meeting held on 12th March 2013 the table of fares as detailed at Appendix A was advertised in the Shropshire Star on 19th March 2013. It was added that during the consultation period eight representations had been received in response to the advertised table of fares and not withdrawn, therefore the matter had been referred back to the Committee to determine.
- 54.3 Members considered the objections received and discussed the proposed table of fares. It was agreed that a separate option for zone 3 would cause confusion for members of the public. The Vice-Chairman added that during extensive consultation with the taxi trade last year it was indicated a common tariff across the five zones would be welcomed.
- 54.4 In response to the request for the decision to be deferred to allow zone 4 drivers the opportunity to consider the proposal put forward by zone 3 drivers, it was explained that all representations had been published on the Council website as they had been received; therefore members considered this request was unnecessary.
- 54.5 RESOLVED:**
- (a) That having considered the objections: the table of fares for Hackney Carriages as set out in Appendix A of the report for Shropshire Council Zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 be approved ; and

(b) The table of fares come into effect at noon on the 15th May 2013.

55. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

55.1 The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Strategic Licensing Committee would be held on Wednesday 5th June 2013 commencing at 10.00am in the Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Shrewsbury.

55.2 The Chairman thanked all Members and Officers involved with the Licensing Committees. She added that everyone had done a good job during some challenging times.

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