



Strategic Licensing
Committee

9 October 2024

Item

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**MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12
JUNE 2024
10.00 - 10.09 AM**

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Present

Councillors Nigel Lumby (Vice Chairman), Peter Broomhall, Mary Davies, David Evans, Simon Jones, Duncan Kerr, Christian Lea, Pamela Moseley, Vivienne Parry and Edward Towers

4 Apologies

4.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Roy Aldcroft, Jeff Anderson and Kevin Pardy.

5 Minutes of Previous Meetings

5.1 RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Strategic Licencing Committee held on 13 March 2024 and 9 May 2024 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

6 Public Question Time

6.1 There were no public questions

7 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

7.1 There were no interests declared

8 Request for a Review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Card

8.1 Members received the report of the Transactional Management and Licensing – Team Manager set out the proposal for a revision of the Hackney Carriage Fare Card and the formal consultation to be undertaken.

8.2 The Transactional Management and Licensing – Team Manager advised the meeting that a request had been received from the Hackney Carriage Trade to review the fare card and that Officers had revised the fare card to take into account the proposed changes and carried out a period of informal consultation, following which 1 response had been received in support of the proposed changes.

8.3 The Transactional Management and Licensing – Team Manager informed members that legislation required a period of formal consultation, and it was proposed that this would take place from 1 July to 4 August, she went on to say that if no representations were received the proposed Hackney Carriage Table of Fares at Appendix D will come into effect on the 2 September 2024, but that if representations were received and not withdrawn a further report would be drafted for consideration at the Strategic Licensing Committee meeting due to be held on 9 October 2024.

8.4 A Member commented that she often got complaints about the costs of taxis and also that there was a lack of taxis operating in the evening in her area. The Transactional Management and Licensing – Team Manager reminded the meeting that the fare card set out the maximum fare that could be charged and that the passenger could negotiate a lower fee with the proprietor. She added that unfortunately the hours that operators worked were outside the remit of the Council.

8.5 **RESOLVED:**

That the Strategic Licensing Committee note the contents of the report and the legal requirement to consult on this process

9 **Exercise of Delegated Powers**

9.1 Members received the report of the Transactional Management and Licensing – Team Manager which gave details of the licences issued and the variations that have been made between 1 February 2024 and the 10 May 2024 and a summary of applications considered by the Committee.

9.2 The Transactional and Licensing Team Manager reminded Members that the report was brought to each meeting of the committee and that it updated them on the number and types of licences that had been issued since the last meeting.

9.3 In response to a query the Transactional and Licensing Team Manager that the number of Hackney Carriage Licence Holders remained fairly static.

9.4 A Member commented that some people were put off applying for a Hackney Carriage Licence because of the amount of paperwork involved. The Transactional and Licensing Team Manager stated that the process was driven by legislation which required things such as DBS checks which added to the paperwork. She added that the Council had a duty to ensure that people were “fit and proper people” to hold a licence.

9.5 **RESOLVED:**

That members note the position as set out in the report

10 **Date of Next Meeting**

10.1 Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Strategic Licensing Committee would be held on Wednesday 9 October 2024 at 10.00am

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Signed (Chairman)

Date: