

Minutes

Licensing Committee Monday, 13th October, 2014

Attendance

Cllr Barrett (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Mrs Henwood
Cllr Mrs Murphy
Cllr Dr Naylor

Cllr Newberry
Cllr Reed
Cllr Russell
Cllr Tee

Apologies

Cllrs Mrs Cohen and Mrs Hubbard

Substitutes Present

Cllrs Keeble and Le-Surf

Officers Present

Ashley Culverwell
Gary O'Shea
Jean Sharp

Head of Borough Health Safety and Localism
Principle Licensing Officer
Governance and Member Support Officer

163. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Cohen and Cllr Mrs Hubbard.

164. Urgent Business - Appointment of Vice-chair

Members were advised that Cllr Mrs Cohen had stood down as Chair of the Licensing Committee and therefore Cllr Barrett chaired the meeting.

Cllr Barrett requested nominations for a Vice-chair for this meeting only. Cllr Mynott nominated and Cllr Keeble seconded Cllr Newberry and Cllr Tee nominated and Cllr Mrs Henwood seconded Cllr Reed.

A vote was taken on a show of hands and Cllr Reed was appointed Vice chair for the duration of the meeting.

165. Minutes of previous meetings: 26.3.14 Licensing Committee and 22.8.14 Licensing Sub-committee

The minutes of the 26.3.2014 Licensing Committee and the 22.8.2014 Licensing Sub-committee were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

166. Hackney Carriage Proposed Tariff Change

This report before Members gave background information to enable them to consider an application received via the Taxi Trade Consultative Group (TTCG) for an increase in the maximum fares permitted to be charged by licensed Hackney Carriage Vehicles within the Borough of Brentwood.

Details of charges made by other Essex Authorities were provided for benchmarking purposes only and Members were reminded that their decision needed to be made on local circumstances only.

Members discussed the proposed charges and expressed concern at the large increase in relation to current charges.

Cllr Barrett MOVED recommendation 2.1a) in the agenda:

That Members agree in principle the increase in the maximum fare/tariff as attached at Appendix A, to be advertised in accordance with the relevant legislative requirements; and that the increased tariff should come into force at the end of a period of 14 days from the first date of advertisement if no objections are received; or be reported back to Licensing Committee for further determination on 11 November 2014 if one or more objections are received.

There was no SECONDER.

Cllr Reed MOVED and Cllr Russell SECONDED recommendation 2.1b) and it was RESOLVED:

That Members refuse the application to increase the fare tariffs at this time in favour of retaining the current table of maximum fares/tariff as adopted in July 2011.

