

## MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

15 SEPTEMBER 2011

Present:

**Councillor R.W. Sider (Chairman)**  
**Councillor C.M. Frazer (Vice-Chairman)**

Councillors:

F. Ayers

R.B. Colison-Crawford

A.J. Mitchell

Mrs S.A. Dunn

Mrs M.W. Rough

**Apologies:** Councillors A. Ayub, C.A. Bannister, M. Bushnell, Mrs J.A. Dale, D. Gohil, Mrs D.L. Grant, A.C. Harman and Mrs I. Napper.

### 240/11 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2011 were approved as a correct record.

### 241/11 TO SEEK APPROVAL TO AMEND THE INCREASE TO THE TAXI FARE TARIFF RATES

The Environmental Health Manager (Commercial) recalled that an increase to the taxi fare tariff one rate was approved by the Licensing Committee on 17 August 2011.

Following the meeting it was brought to the attention of the Council's officers, by the taximeter suppliers, that it was not possible to re-calibrate these devices according to the rates agreed by the Committee for tariff one.

He explained that it was not possible to set a taximeter at a different rate for waiting time to that for set distances, which follow the tariff after the first mile of a journey is completed. This was because the taximeter automatically switches to waiting time from the distance setting when the vehicle becomes stationary and switches back to the distance setting when the vehicle begins moving again. The tariff for waiting time must therefore be the same as that for each subsequent 160 metres or part thereof.

Consequently it had been necessary to refer this matter back to the Committee to seek approval to increase the rate for waiting time for each period of 40 seconds, or part thereof, for tariff one from £0.20 to £0.25. A summary of the current and proposed taxi fare tariff rates was shown in Appendix A to the Report of the Assistant Chief Executive.

In order to speed up the process of implementing the increase to the taxi fare tariff rates, thereby reducing the time the hackney carriage trade had to wait for the increase to take effect, verbal approval was obtained from the

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Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee, to put a further public notice in a local newspaper on 25 August 2011.

No representations or objections were received concerning this proposed amendment to the taxi fare tariff rates.

**RESOLVED** that the proposed amendment to the increase in the Hackney Carriage tariff one rate as set out in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive dated 15 September 2011, be approved for implementation from 16 September 2011.