

Minutes of the Licensing Committee

17 February 2022

-: Present :-

Councillor Barbara Lewis (Vice Chairwoman)

Councillors Amil, Atiya-Alla, Douglas-Dunbar, Kavanagh and Chris Lewis

90. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from, the Chairman Councillor Ellery and Councillors Barnby, Mills, Pentney and Sykes.

The Vice-Chairwoman, Councillor Barbara Lewis, chaired the meeting.

It was reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the Conservative Group, the membership of the Committee had been amended for this meeting by including Councillor Chris Lewis instead of Councillor Foster.

91. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 2 September 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairwoman.

92. Hackney Carriage Tariff Increase

The Committee considered the submitted report and appendices which set out requests from two different Hackney Carriage Drivers Associations to increase the Hackney Carriage fare scale. The two requests from Torbay United Licensed Drivers Association and Torbay Licensed Taxi Association differed and both organisations were asked if a compromise could be made. As no compromise could be found between the Associations, the Licensing Authority determined that the request from Torbay Licensed Taxi Association, who have largest Hackney Carriage membership, be recommended as the proposed tariff increase.

The proposed tariff would be advertised and in the event objections are received, these will be considered at a future Licensing Sub-Committee. If no objections are received the new tariff would come into effect from 22 March 2022.

At the meeting Mr Hall on behalf of Torbay Licensed Taxi Association addressed the Committee in support of the Associations proposed tariff increase. Ms Nicholls

on behalf of Torbay United Licensed Drivers Association addressed the Committee in support of the Associations proposed tariff increase.

Resolved:

- i. that the appropriate Public Notices be placed to advertise the requested increase in the Hackney Carriage Fare Scale, as set out in Appendices 3 and 5 of the submitted report;
- ii. that any responses to the Public Notice be considered by the Licensing Sub-Committee; and
- iii. in the event that no objections are received, the new tariff would take effect from 22 March 2022.

Chairman