

MINUTES OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

25 JANUARY 2022

PRESENT:

Councillors Mrs A'Barrow (Chairman), Bearne, Douglas, Miss Dumbleton, Mrs Garcia, Mrs Roodhouse, Mrs Timms and Dr Williams

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman:

Licensing and Safety Committee held on 13 October 2020 and 20 May 2021; Licensing Sub Committees (General) held on 14 July 2021, 9 September 2021, 22 September 2021 and 4 November 2021; and Licensing Sub Committee (Alcohol and Regulated Entertainment) held on 8 December 2020.

5. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Brader, Cade and Ellis.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

7. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer – Regulation and Safety (Part 1 - agenda item 4) concerning a review of hackney carriage fares.

Hackney carriage fares were last reviewed and subsequently increased in March 2018. A four-week consultation had been carried out with the taxi trade in October 2021 by a questionnaire being sent to all licence holders.

The Committee discussed the proposed fare increases and it was noted that officers would continue to monitor feedback from the taxi trade and would review the fares again in 12 months' time.

There was a minor error in the table of proposed increases at Appendix F. Tariff 3 should read "the flag fall for the first 440 yds or part thereof or 1 minute 39.24 seconds or a combination of both parts".

RESOLVED THAT – the proposed increases outlined in the hackney carriage tariff, attached at appendix F to the report, be approved for public consultation for a period of 14 days subject to the amendment to tariff 3 minuted above.

8. STATUTORY REVIEW OF GAMBLING POLICY

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer – Regulation and Safety (Part 1 - agenda item 5) concerning a review of the Policy.

The Policy had been reviewed in line with the Gambling Act 2005 and had been subject to public consultation for a period of four weeks.

Two responses were received during the consultation period and the draft Policy was amended to reflect comments received:

- The section on primary activity was amended to reflect current guidance.
- A change was made to the wording of paragraph 17.4 to reflect that no new rules had been introduced.

RESOLVED THAT – the Gambling Policy be adopted to cover a three-year period with effect from 31 January 2022.

CHAIRMAN