

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee
held on 9 September 2008 commencing at 2 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Loney (Chairman)
Cllrs. Abraham, Darrington, Lankester, McInnes and Piper

Also present: Mr. M. Simmonds Representative
Mr. R. Landless Representative
Mr. T. Eastwood Representative

1 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS (17.03.08 and 13.05.08)

Resolved: That the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 17 March 2008 and 13 May 2008 be approved and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members present made a declaration of personal interest in that they all were acquainted with Cllr. John Underwood who was a taxi driver. Cllr. McInnes declared a personal interest as he was acquainted with Mr. C. Annetts, a taxi driver. Cllr. Abraham declared a personal interest as he was acquainted with Mr. M. Collins, a taxi driver.

3 INCREASE IN MAXIMUM FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

Representatives of Hackney Carriage Drivers addressed the Committee. Members considered the representations made as well as Officers' report on maximum fares for hackney carriages.

Members were asked to take into account that the last review of fares had been three years ago. The Officer stressed that maximum fares agreed at the meeting could stay in place for a number of years. In response to a question from a Member, the Chairman clarified that taxi drivers were under no obligation to charge the maximum fare.

Members were advised that should they approve the proposal a public consultation would take place for 2 weeks.

Resolved: The maximum fares for hackney carriage vehicles be approved as set out in the Appendix.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 2.45 P.M.

Chairman

HACKNEY CARRIAGE MAXIMUM FARES

DISTANCE	POUNDS	PENCE
Charge for the first 1,287.2 metres approx. (8/10 mile) or part thereof	3	50
Then for each additional 160.9 metres approx. (1/10 mile)	0	21
WAITING TIME (STANDARD RATE)		
For each period of 1 minute	0	35
WAITING TIME (WITH INDICATED EXTRA CHARGES)		
Applied As Below: for each period of 1 minute		
(ii) For hiring begun between 11pm and 7am (except all Bank & Public Holidays)	0	50
(iii) For hiring on Public & Bank Holidays (other than Christmas & New Year holidays)	0	50
(iv) For hiring on Christmas & New Year Holidays (commencing 6pm, Christmas Eve to 6am, 27 December and 6pm, New Year's Eve to 6am, 2 January)	0	65
EXTRA CHARGES		
(i) Additional Passengers (For each person in excess of four persons)	25% of prescribed fare	
(ii) For hiring begun between 11pm and 7am (except all Bank & Public Holidays)	£1.80 per fare	
(iii) For hiring on Public & Bank Holidays (other than Christmas & New Year holidays)	£2.00 per fare	
(iv) For hiring on Christmas & New Year Holidays (commencing 6pm, Christmas Eve to 6am, 27 December and 6pm, New Year's Eve to 6am, 2 January)	100% of prescribed fare	
(v) For carriage of pets (other than dogs for registered disabled people)	£3.00 per fare	