

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee
held on 20 October 2008 commencing at 2 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Loney (Chairman)
Cllrs. Abraham, McInnes, Pett, Waller and Wigg

Also present: Mr. M. Simmonds Taxi driver Representative

1 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

Resolved: That the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 09 September 2008 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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 PETITION AGAINST MAXIMUM FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES (Report No. 3)

A representative of Hackney Carriage Drivers addressed the Committee. Members considered the representation, a letter by petitioners (Appendix A), the Officer's report as well a 2003 report published by The Office of Fair Trading on Local Authorities' role on fare regulations.

Members discussed and agreed with the concluding arguments from the previous meeting.

Resolved: That the increases in maximum fares for hackney carriage vehicles approved at a previous meeting be confirmed (Appendix) and that these are to take effect from 27/10/08.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 2.15 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	