



LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING : Thursday, 19th January 2023

PRESENT : Cllrs. Finnegan (Chair), Ackroyd, Bowkett, Brooker, J. Brown, Campbell, Chambers-Dubus, Hyman, Patel and Radley

Officers in Attendance

Monitoring Officer

Licensing Team Leader

Senior Lawyer, One Legal

Democratic and Electoral Services Officer

Also in Attendance

Gloucester Hackney Carriage Association (GHCA) Representative

APOLOGIES : Cllrs. Williams, O`Donnell and Tracey

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 September 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

22. MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee meeting held on 21 November 2022 were received.

23. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

There were no public questions.

24. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES, MAXIMUM 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

There were no petitions nor deputations.

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25. TAXI TARIFF REPORT

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report which outlined to members a proposal submitted by Gloucester Hackney Carriage Association (GHCA) for an increase to the current Hackney Carriage tariff.

Councillor Radley pointed to the different types of tariffs (1, 2 and 3) outlined in paragraph 3.6 of the report. She asked for clarification as to what these tariffs were. Through the Chair, the Gloucester Hackney Carriage Association representative stated that the tariffs outlined in the report related to the time a journey took place. He stated that tariff 1 was the normal daytime rate, which was applicable for any journey conducted between 7 am – 9 pm in Gloucester. He added that tariff 1 journeys in Cheltenham were journeys conducted between 7 am – 8 pm and for Stroud, their tariff 1 rate was for journeys between 7 am and 6 pm. He stated that Gloucester had kept the same times for tariff 1 journeys for 25 years and that they were not proposing changing this. He added that tariff 3 journeys were journeys conducted on occasions such as Bank Holidays, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Councillor Patel stated that he believed that the proposed 10% increase to taxi tariff rates was reasonable, considering the rising cost of fuel and cost of living pressures. He noted that he was surprised that it was lower than the neighbouring districts and stated that he would support the proposal outlined in the officer's report.

The recommendations outlined in the report were put to a vote and passed.

RESOLVED that:

The proposed increase to the Hackney Carriage tariff is advertised as a public notice in accordance with the requirements of Section 65, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

AND

If no objections are received from the public within 14 days of publication of the notice that the proposed tariff will come into effect from 1st March 2023.

OR

If objections are received within the 14 days, then the matter will be considered further at the March meeting of the Licensing and Enforcement Committee.

26. QUARTERLY UPDATE

The Licensing Team Leader asked if any Member had a query on the content of the Quarterly Update.

Members indicated that they had read the report and understood its content.

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RESOLVED that the Licensing and Enforcement Committee note the contents of the report.

27. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

No Member indicated that they wished to discuss the content of the exempt minutes. Therefore, it was not necessary to exclude the press and public.

28. EXEMPT MINUTES OF LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED as per the exempt minutes.

29. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 14 March 2023 at 6.30pm.

Time of commencement: 6.30 pm hours

Time of conclusion: 6.40 pm hours

Chair