

# Licensing Committee (Regulatory)



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**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

A meeting of the **Licensing Committee (Regulatory)** of North Norfolk District Council will be held in the **Council Chamber - Council Offices** on **Monday, 22 January 2024** at **10.00 am**.

At the discretion of the Chairman, a short break will be taken after the meeting has been running for approximately one and a half hours

Members of the public who wish to ask a question or speak on an agenda item are requested to notify the committee clerk 24 hours in advance of the meeting and arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. This is to allow time for the Committee Chair to rearrange the order of items on the agenda for the convenience of members of the public. Further information on the procedure for public speaking can be obtained from Democratic Services, Tel: 01263 516108, Email: [lauren.gregory@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:lauren.gregory@north-norfolk.gov.uk).

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Please note that Committee members will be given priority to speak during the debate of agenda items

**Emma Denny**  
**Democratic Services Manager**

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All other Members of the Council for information.  
Members of the Management Team, appropriate Officers, Press and Public



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to attend this meeting, please let us know in advance**

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## A G E N D A

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. MINUTES**

(Pages 1 - 14)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Licensing Committee (Regulatory) meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, and;  
The Licensing Sub-Committee (Regulatory) meetings held 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**3. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

To determine any other items of business which the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(Pages 15 - 16)

Members are asked at this stage to declare any interests that they may have in any of the following items on the agenda. The Code of Conduct for Members requires that declarations include the nature of the interest and whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest. Members are requested to refer to the attached guidance and flowchart.

**5. HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE REVIEW**

(Pages 17 - 38)

<b>Hackney Carriage Fare Review</b>	
<b>Executive Summary</b>	Hackney Carriage Fares (maximum chargeable) are set by the District Council under a provision made in Local Government Misc. Provision Act 1976. The Council have been requested by the taxi trade to review these maximum fares.
<b>Options considered</b>	Whether to increase fares or not increase fares and by what amount.
<b>Consultation(s)</b>	Consultation has taken place with representatives the North Norfolk taxi trade. Further public consultation will occur if the recommendations are accepted through press publication.
<b>Recommendations</b>	Increase the current Hackney Carriage fare charges by 15%
<b>Reasons for recommendations</b>	Hackney Carriage Fares have not been reviewed by the authority for a number of years. Members of the taxi trade have requested a review, due to the increasing cost of providing this service.
<b>Background papers</b>	NNDC Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy.  Taxi and private hire vehicle licensing best practice guidance for licensing authorities in England <a href="#">Taxi and private hire vehicle licensing best practice guidance for licensing authorities in England - GOV.UK</a>

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<b>Wards affected</b>	All
<b>Cabinet member(s)</b>	Cllr C Ringer
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Nicky Davison, Licensing Officer: <a href="mailto:nicky.davison@north-norfolk.gov.uk">nicky.davison@north-norfolk.gov.uk</a>

<b>Links to key documents:</b>	
Corporate Plan:	Investing in our local economy and infrastructure.
Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)	Not applicable.
Council Policies & Strategies	None.

<b>Corporate Governance:</b>	
Is this a key decision	No
Has the public interest test been applied	Yes
Details of any previous decision(s) on this matter	A previous review of fares last occurred in 2018.