

## LICENSING COMMITTEE (REGULATORY)

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee (Regulatory) held on Monday, 22 January 2024 at the Council Chamber - Council Offices at 10.00 am

### Committee

#### Members Present:

Cllr M Batey  
Cllr D Birch  
Cllr P Fisher (Chairman)  
Cllr G Mancini-Boyle  
Cllr J Boyle  
Cllr T FitzPatrick

#### Officers in Attendance:

Assistant Director environmental Health and Leisure.  
Licensing Enforcement Officer  
Democratic Service Officer (Governance)

#### Apologies for Absence:

Cllr T Adams  
Cllr K Bayes  
Cllr H Blathwayt  
Cllr A Brown  
Cllr G Bull (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr N Housden  
Cllr P Porter  
Cllr E Vardy  
Cllr L Withington

### 6 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Adams, Cllr K Bayes, Cllr H Blathwayt, Cllr A Brown, Cllr G Bull, Cllr N Housden, Cllr P Porter, Cllr P Porter, Cllr E Vardy and Cllr L Withington.

### 7 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Licensing Committee (Regulatory) meetings held 1st March 2023, and; The Licensing Sub-Committee (Regulatory) meetings held 2nd February 2023, 29th March 2023, 6th June 2023 and 12th December 2023, were approved as a correct record.

### 8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 9 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

### 10 HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE REVIEW

- a) The Licensing Enforcement Officer outlined the Officer Report and affirmed the proposed far increase, if supported, would be subject to public consultation. Members were asked to consider an increase of 15% on the current Hackey Carriage Fares, which would align better with regional and

national fares.

- b) The Chairman thanked the Licensing Team for their work on this matter.
- c) Cllr T FitzPatrick sought confirmation where the consultation would be advertised and asked this be included in two local papers so that the whole district was covered. The Licensing Enforcement Officer agreed that it be advertised in two local papers spanning the district.
- d) Cllr G Mancini-Boyle asked for further details regarding advertising.
- e) The Licensing Enforcement Officer confirmed the advertising arrangements including use of social media. Consideration would be given to communicating more broadly with parish councils through local members.
- f) Cllr D Birch expressed his support for the fare increase to support the viability of the trade.
- g) The Chairman commented that a fare review should be conducted more periodically, particularly in times where there was volatility with interest rates.
- h) The Assistant Director for Environmental Health and Leisure stated that a review was requested in 2022 but was not supported by the trade when surveyed.
- i) The Chairman acknowledged that only 22% had responded to the survey and asked if this was to be expected.
- j) The Licensing Enforcement Officer stated the 22% was considered sufficient enough to proceed.

The Chairman proposed and Cllr D Birch seconded.

**To recommend to Cabinet, that subject to a successful consultation, to increase the current Hackney Carriage fare charges by 15%.**

The meeting ended at 10.19 am.

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Chairman