

Licensing and Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, 8 June 2011

Present: Councillor Stella Walsh (Chair), Councillor Keith Iddon (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Terry Brown, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, Hasina Khan, Paul Leadbetter, Mick Muncaster, Steve Murfitt, Beverley Murray, Pauline Phipps, Alan Platt, Debra Platt, Dave Rogerson, Ralph Snape and John Walker

Substitute: Councillor Anthony Gee

Also in attendance: Simon Clark (Head of Environment, Environment & Neighbourhoods), Alex Jackson (Senior Lawyer) and Ruth Rimmington (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

11.LPS.13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Marion Lowe.

11.LPS.14 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest by any of the Committee Members in any of the meeting's agenda items.

11.LPS.15 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee held on 9 March 2011 were confirmed as a correct record for signature by the Chair.

11.LPS.16 MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

(a) Minutes of meeting 16 March 2011 of General Licensing Sub-Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 16 March 2011 (10am) were confirmed as a correct record for signature by the Chair.

(b) Minutes of meeting 16 March 2011 of General Licensing Sub-Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 16 March 2011 (2pm) were confirmed as a correct record for signature by the Chair.

11.LPS.17 HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPOSED FARE INCREASE

The Committee received the report of the Head of Health, Environment and Neighbourhoods advising Members of a request from the Hackney Carriage Drivers Association Ltd for a hackney carriage fare increase.

The request was received by the Council on 15 March 2011 and a copy of the request was enclosed with the agenda. Under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the Council may fix fares for time and distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a hackney carriage.

Hackney Carriage fares were last increased in September 2008 and the cost of motoring has increased significantly with fuel costs alone rising by over 30% since 2008.

Following a meeting with a representative from the Hackney Carriage Drivers Association Ltd the original request was discussed and simplified. The present and proposed fares were set out in Appendix B of the report.

Members noted the notice which would be displayed at Appendix C and the notice that would be displayed within the Hackney Carriage at Appendix D.

The Chair invited a representative from the Hackney Carriage Drivers Association to comment. He thanked the Licensing Officers for their assistance and noted that Chorley currently had one of the lowest fares in the country.

It was proposed by Councillor Ralph Snape, seconded by Councillor David Dickinson and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED**

- 1. The report be noted.**
- 2. The proposed increase in Hackney Carriage fares be agreed, subject to the necessary notice being advertised and no objections being received. Should any objections be received they will be presented to the next meeting of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee for consideration.**

11.LPS.18 ANY OTHER ITEM(S) THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES IS/ARE URGENT

The Chair invited the Legal officer to update Members Licensing training had been arranged for Wednesday, 13 July at 5.30pm in the Council Chamber. The training would be open to all Members, but in particular new Members of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee who need to attend to enable them to sit on Sub-Committee's.

Chair