

LICENSING & PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 21st March, 2023
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

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Present: Councillor Andrew Parker (Chair)

Councillors:	Whieldon	Wilkes	J Williams
	S White	Adcock	G Williams
	Barker MBE	Dymond	Brown
	Heesom	Allport	

Apologies: Councillor(s) Sweeney, Skelding and Wright

Substitutes: Councillor David Hutchison
Councillor Barry Panter
Councillor Wendy Brockie (In place of Councillor Ruth Wright)

Officers: Nesta Barker Service Director - Regulatory Services

Also in attendance:

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RELATION TO LICENSING MATTERS**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. **MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th January 2023 be agreed as a correct record.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RELATION TO PUBLIC PROTECTION MATTERS**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

5. **PRIVATE HIRE & HACKNEY CARRIAGE FEES & CHARGES 2023/2024**

Members considered a report on the proposed taxi and private hire fees for 2023/24. It was agreed in December 2022 that the fees would be subject to a public consultation which was subsequently carried out. No responses were received and therefore the table was the same as the one previously submitted.

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The Regulatory Services Director presented the report and responded to questions from members as detailed hereunder:

- Was the taxi drivers association still active? – Every private hire would be associated with a private hire operator and yes the Hackney Carriage Trade Association was still in existence and had been contacted by officers however no responses were received.
- Two of the charges appeared to have decreased by 20%, why was that? – External equipment was previously bought and included in the price, as this was now paid off the costs had been reduced accordingly.
- Was it correct to say that as it was not a profit making operation the small increases and reductions were appearing as a result of aiming to break even? – Yes, reductions could be brought for example when a training moves online.

Resolved: That the proposed taxi and private hire fees for 2023/24 be approved.

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6. MINUTES OF PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Resolved: That the minutes of the Public Protection Sub-Committee meetings held on 18th January, 8th February and 8th March 2023 be received.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

**Councillor Andrew Parker
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 7.10 pm