

Extract from minutes of Public Protection Committee held on 3rd November 2015

Public Protection Committee - 03/11/15

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 3rd November, 2015

Present:- Councillor Kyle Robinson – in the Chair

Councillors Allport, Braithwaite, Dymond, Hailstones, Hailstones, Harper, Kearon, Matthews, J Tagg, Williams and Winfield

Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Wemyss

11. HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFFS

Consideration was given to a report informing Members of a request from the Hackney Carriage Association to change the commencement time of tariff 2.

Members were advised that there had been no increase in fees in the last six to seven years. In addition, prior to deregulation there had been sixty vehicles, there were now two hundred and twenty.

The cost of running a taxi had increased, for example there was an exceptional route to get the vehicle up to scratch. In addition, the moving of the taxi rank from Hassell Street to the High Street had resulted in some loss of business.

The Chair had concerns that this could make it harder for people to get into the town centre which could have a detrimental impact upon the economy.

It was suggested that people may come out earlier and stay longer in the town. Many go home just before the tariff changes. Members requested that an Authority be identified that has already done this to gain some evidence.

In addition, Members did not want to deter people from using taxis.

Resolved: That the Cabinet be advised that this Committee recommends that the proposed change be rejected.