

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2026

Present:

Councillors Bradford, Hayes (Chair), Rollason (Vice-Chair), Atkins, Dawson, Gearon, Peart and Horner

Apologies:

Councillors Foden and Jackman

Officers in Attendance:

Legal Assistant
Solicitor

22. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs Foden and Jackson.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)

None.

24. MINUTES

It was Proposed by Cllr Peart and Seconded by Cllr Dawson that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved; and

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes from the previous meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

25. REQUEST FOR TARIFF INCREASE FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

The Licensing Officer went through the report and explained that the majority of drivers who had responded to the Survey sent out were in support of the increases but the Licensing Officer did note that it is difficult to get drivers to provide their opinion and this is why the number of responses recorded is low.

The Licensing Officer responded to questions and confirmed that there is an agent a lot of the drivers use who had sent out a survey petition and she had then contacted the Licensing Team. The Licensing Officer also clarified that Drivers do not have to charge this but is the maximum that they are allowed to charge. This would also only apply to Hackney Carriages.

Members noted that although responses to the survey had been low, some had been approached by taxi drivers which also supports the belief among the trade that there needs to be an increase in fares.

It was then Proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Bradford and

RESOLVED: with 7 Members for, 1 against and 0 abstentions, that the proposed taxi fare tariff increase be put out for advertisement and if no additional comments are received this take effect.

Chairman