

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER**

**MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013 (10.30AM)**

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**Present:**

Councillors: P B Harrison (Chairman), J A Hart (Vice-Chairman), R Bishop, N J Desmond, P Dyke, J Greener, P V Hayward, V Higgs, M B Kelly, N Knowles, M Price and G C Yarranton.

**Observers:**

There were no members present as observers.

**LIC.1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: E Davies, D R Sheppard and N J Thomas.

**LIC.2 Appointment of Substitutes**

No substitutes were appointed.

**LIC.3 Declaration of Interests**

No declarations of interest were made.

**LIC.4 Minutes**

**Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**LIC.5 Application for an Increase in the Current Taxi Fare Tariff**

A report was considered from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council which asked the Committee to consider giving approval to undertake a 4 week consultation with the Wyre Forest Taxi Trade, to measure the level of support for a request from the Bewdley Taxi Association for an increase to the current Taxi Fare Tariff.

The Licensing Manager (WRS) led Members through the report and advised the current Wyre Forest Taxi Fare Tariff had been in place since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012. A copy of the current table of fares was circulated to Members at the meeting.

Members were advised 5 options had been put forward by the Bewdley Taxi Association for consideration. If approved, the consultation would commence on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013 with all Wyre Forest licensed Hackney Carriage drivers.

## **Agenda Item No. 4**

Members requested a copy of the national fare table, as shown in the private hire newspaper, and this would be circulated to all Members of the Committee.

### **Decision:**

- **Approval be given to the undertaking of a 4 week consultation with the Wyre Forest Taxi Trade, with a main outcome of establishing the level of support for the requested Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff increase.**
- **The Democratic Services Officer to circulate a copy of the national fare table to all Members of the Committee.**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.46am.