

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

14TH APRIL 2014 (10.30AM)

Present:

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

Observers:

There were no members present as observers.

LIC. 24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J W Parish.

LIC. 25 Appointment of Substitutes

No substitutes were appointed.

LIC.26 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

LIC.27 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.28 Hackney Carriage Fare Increase Request

The Committee received a report from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council that asked Members to consider a report from the Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers Association for an increase to the current Wyre Forest Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff.

The Senior Licensing Practitioner (WRS) drew Members attention to the following amendments on page 13 of the report:

- The proposed table of fares for hackney carriage with effect from 1st June 2013 should read 1st June 2014.
- The figures listed in the table of fares for Tariff 2 (£4.05), should read £4.50.
- The figures listed in the table of fares for Tariff 3 (£5.40), should read £6.00.

The Senior Licensing Practitioner (WRS) led Members through the report and

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advised that consultation had taken place with the taxi trade to ascertain the preferred increase option.

Members were reminded any change in fares agreed by the Council would be subject to a 14 day public consultation period.

A representation from Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers' Association, Mr M Alton, addressed the Committee and asked Members to support the proposed increase as the fares had remained the same since June 2012.

The Committee discussed the proposal and upon a show of hands it was agreed to increase the fare tariff.

Agreed:

To increase the current Wyre Forest Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff in line with the proposals put forward by the Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers Association as follows:

- **Increase the initial flag fare from £2.70 to £3.00 for the 1st ½ mile for Tariff 1, from £4.05 to £4.50 for the 1st ½ mile for Tariff 2 and £5.40 to £6.00 for the 1st ½ mile for Tariff 3 of the Table of Fares for Hackney Carriages (Appendix 2).**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 11.11am.