

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

7TH FEBRUARY 2022 (10.30AM)

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**Present:**

Councillors: P Dyke (Chairman), A Coleman (Vice-Chairman), J F Byng, R H Coleman, B S Dawes, C Edginton-White, I Hardiman, K Henderson, F M Oborski MBE, C Rogers, L Whitehouse and P W M Young.

**Observers:**

There were no members present as observers.

**LIC.29 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**LIC.30 Appointment of Substitutes**

No substitutes were appointed.

**LIC.31 Declaration of Interests**

No declarations of interest were made.

**LIC.32 Minutes**

**Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**LIC.33 Hackney Carriage Fare Increase Request**

The Committee Received a report from the Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council to consider a request from a representative of Wyre Forest's hackney carriage drivers, for an increase to the current Wyre Forest hackney carriage fare tariff.

The Technical Officer (Licensing) led Members through the report informing Members that a request had been received on behalf of seventy-five Wyre Forest Licensed hackney carriage drivers. Members had the opportunity to view the request which had been included in the agenda pack.

Councillor P W M Young arrived at this point (10:35am).

The Officer informed Members that the current Wyre Forest taxi table of fares had been unchanged since June 2014 and that the proposed changes

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represented an increase of 17% on the flag fare and the fare for a one-mile journey. This rose slightly to 18% on a journey of two miles. A comparison of how the current and proposed tariffs compared was provided for Members.

The Technical Officer (Licensing) informed Members that any increase agreed would need to be advertised publicly in the local press by means of a notice and a 2-week consultation period would be undertaken. Any objections received would be considered by the Committee before a final decision was made.

Members considered the reasons submitted for the increase before a decision was made.

**DECISION: The Committee approved an increase of the current Wyre Forest Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff in line with the proposal which has been put forward by the representative of the Wyre Forest licensed hackney carriage drivers.**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10:43am.