



Minutes

Name of meeting	LICENSING COMMITTEE
Date and time	MONDAY, 28 JANUARY 2019
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Charles Chapman (Chairman), Michael Beston, Paul Fuller, Steve Hastings, John Howe, John Kilpatrick, Brian Tyndall
Officers Present	Maisy Green, Amanda Gregory, Justin Thorne, Kevin Winchcombe
Non-Voting Members	Cllr Tig Outlaw

1. [Declarations of Interest](#)

There were no declarations received at this stage.

2. [Minutes of this meeting](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Chairman be authorised to sign, as a true record, a copy of the Minutes when they had been produced.

3. [Public Question Time](#)

There were no public questions.

4. [Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods](#)

The Team Manager Licensing and Business Support advised the committee that the fares were reviewed annually for the benefit of the user and the provider. An overview of the report was provided for members.

Members questioned the credit charge surcharge detailed in appendix 1 of the report. It was thought by members that it was illegal and that it should be withdrawn from the table of fares. The Strategic Manager of Legal Services advised the committee that officers would need to review the legislation and confirm accordingly.

Questions were also raised in regard to the price increases detailed in tariff two between the hours of 6am – 8am, and how the proposed fares compared to other authorities. The Team Manager Licensing and Business Support confirmed that feedback from the consultation suggested that not enough taxis were in operation during these hours due to the lack of fare being charged. It

was thought that the slight increase would entice more taxis to operate between said hours. It was also confirmed that at present the Isle of Wight Council was 213th out of 359 local authorities, taking the new fares into consideration would move us to 90th out of 359 based on a 2-mile journey.

Members voted to adjourn the meeting for 20 minutes to enable officers to review and confirm the legislative position in regard to credit card surcharges.

The Strategic Manager of Legal Services confirmed that in 2017 the legislation had been amended, however the previous 2012 regulations had not been repealed. The 2017 regulations significantly limited the ability to levy a surcharge to meet the true direct costs borne by an operator. On that basis it was open to members to propose the removal of the ability to levy a surcharge.

RESOLVED :

THAT the recommendation be approved subject to removal of the credit card surcharge information detailed on the table of fares.

5. **Members' Question Time**

There were no members questions.

CHAIRMAN