



Minutes

Name of meeting	LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
Date and time	MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2011 COMMENCING AT 4.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Susan Scoccia (Chairman), Paul Fuller, Colin Richards, Arthur Taylor, Ian Ward, Jerry White
Officers Present	Julie Martin, Justin Thorne, Kevin Winchcombe
Apologies	Cllrs Jonathan Bacon, Heather Humby, Margaret Webster, David Williams

1. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [28 March 2011](#) be confirmed.

2. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor Susan Scoccia declared a personal interest in Minute 3, as she used a taxi firm on a regular basis.

3. **Report of the Head of Community Safety Service**

[Determination of the Table of Fares in respect of Hackney Carriages](#)

Members were reminded that at a meeting of the committee held in November 2008, it was decided that a fare review should be carried out annually.

The Committee was told that contact had been made with all hackney carriage and private hire proprietors and their opinion sought on the current table of fares. A petition, signed by a mixture of 58 proprietors and drivers was received. The petition stated that the use of the AA figures was inappropriate as they only related to private motorists. A full response detailing the calculation process and the figures used was provided to all proprietors, who were asked to ensure that all their drivers had sight of the information.

A separate response was also received which indicated that the cost of fuel on the island was more expensive than the mainland and the AA figures provided the average repair and servicing costs for a new vehicle, he suggested that an additional amount be added to cover the costs incurred by older high mileage

vehicles. It was also suggested that an independent accountant be employed to view and advise the best way of calculating the table of fares.

To date there had been no public consultation, but if the committee decided that the table of fares should be amended, a public consultation would be carried out in accordance with the Act.

RESOLVED

- (i) THAT the use of the AA figures to calculate the table of fares be continued.
- (ii) THAT no changes be made to the existing table of fares.

CHAIRMAN