

**LICENSING BOARD
16 February 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Andrew Morgan - Chairman; Councillors David Kelsey - Vice Chair, Mark Battistini, Norman Decent, Beverley Dunlop, Susan Phillips, Anne Rey and John Trickett.

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<http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/councildemocratic/CouncilMeetings/CommitteeMeetings/LicensingBoard/2017/02/16/licensingboard16-feb-2017.aspx>

The meeting commenced at 09.48am.

SECTION I - BUSINESS RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL

No items

SECTION II - BUSINESS DECIDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

10. CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of the Board observed a minute's silence in respect of Mr John Tye, a long standing member of the taxi trade in Bournemouth who recently passed away.

11. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bobbie Dove, Pat Oakley and Chris Wakefield.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In the interests of transparency, Councillor Anne Rey declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of the agenda item on the review of hackney carriage fares. Councillor Rey explained that her nephew was a taxi driver in the borough.

13. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

DECISION MADE:

That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 26 January and 2 February 2017 be confirmed as a correct record for signing by the Chairman.

14. PUBLIC ITEMS

There were no public questions.

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The Democratic Services Officer informed the Board that a deputation request was received from Mr Kevin Holmes and Mr Bob Rayner on behalf of the Joint Taxi Trade Association in respect of the agenda item on the review of hackney carriage fares.

The Board agreed to hear the deputation, which is available to view at:

<http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/councildemocratic/CouncilMeetings/CommitteeMeetings/LicensingBoard/2017/02/16/reports/hackney-carriage-fares-deputation-joint-taxi-trade-association.pdf>

DECISION MADE:

That the issues raised in the deputation be considered as part of the agenda item on the review of Hackney Carriage fares.

15. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

The Licensing Team Manager introduced a report on the Taxi Trade's application to review the Hackney Carriage maximum fares and charges. This was normally submitted on an annual basis in February in order for any adjustment approved by the Board to be implemented with effect from 1 April. For 2017/18 the Trade was requesting an overall 2.5% increase and the proposed new tariff as set out at Appendix B of the report.

DECISION MADE:

That the proposed Hackney Carriage maximum fares and charges be approved to come into effect from 1 April 2017.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Board sought clarification on the reasoning behind an increase to the soiling charge from £50 to £75 within the proposals. Mr Holmes acknowledged that the cleaning costs remained the same but explained that the increase to the soiling charge was to help cover the costs from the loss of business following an incident.

The Board agreed that the proposed maximum fares and charges were proportional and appropriate to the increases in motoring and insurance costs shown within the report.

The meeting finished at 10.10am

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