

PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 15 JULY 2008

PRESENT:- Councillor Andrew Bennett in the Chair; Councillors John Ballman, Michael Bray, Fay Howard, Eric Shaw, Vera Tomlinson and David Wren.

7. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

8. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2008, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

9. Public Question Time

No public questions were received during the meeting.

10. Hackney Carriage Fares - Consideration of Objections

The Sub-Committee considered (a) a report of the Group Director, Environment and Regeneration setting out objections received to the proposed Hackney Carriage Fare increase advertised following its consideration on 22nd May 2008, and (b) the views of Messrs. John Doyle, Darren Cooper, Sajid Hussain and James Scanlin (Taxi Drivers).

Resolved – That the revised fare scale set out in Appendix C to the report be approved and implemented from 1st September 2008.

11. Matrix to Increase Hackney Carriage Fares Annually

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Group Director, Environment and Regeneration setting out proposals to increase Hackney Carriage Fares annually through an agreed fare matrix.

Resolved – That approval be given to the annual increase of Hackney Carriage Fares based upon the fare matrix set out within the report of the Group Director, Environment and Regeneration.

12. Tinted Windows on Licensed Vehicles

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Group Director, Environment and Regeneration seeking approval to amend the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licence conditions.

Resolved – That an addition licensing condition requiring all vehicles licensed by this authority for the carrying of passengers to have windows allowing at least 75% light transmission through the windscreen and 70% light transmission through all other windows be approved.