

Crawley Borough Council

Minutes of Licensing Committee 11 September 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor R S Fiveash (Chair)
Councillor M L Ayling (Vice-Chair)

Councillors N J Boxall, B J Burgess, K L Jaggard, M G Jones,
K McCarthy, C J Mullins, D M Peck, C Portal Castro,
B J Quinn, R Sharma, J Stanley and J Tarrant.

Officers Present:

Tony Baldock	Environmental Health Manager
Roger Brownings	Democratic Services Officer
Kevin Carr	Legal Services Manager
Bill Nailen	Licensing Officer

Apology for Absence:

Councillor T G Belben,

7. Members' Disclosure of Interests

The following disclosures of interests were made by Members:-

Member	Minute Number	Subject	Type and Nature of Disclosure
Councillor N J Boxall	Minute 9	Hackney Carriage Fares 2017 - 2018.	Personal Interest - his former employer is an accountancy firm used by a number of the hackney carriage and mini cab drivers and firms.

8. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 June 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9. Hackney Carriage Fares 2017 - 2018

The Committee considered report PES/255 of the Head of Economic and Environmental Services which considered proposals for a requested increase to the Hackney Carriage table of fares for the year 2017-2018. The increase had been requested by the Executive of the Crawley Hackney Carriage Association further to its consultation of its members.

It was confirmed that the last variation to the Hackney Carriage fares table had taken effect on 3 February 2014. The proposed changes were designed to ensure that the trade received a limited increase when undertaking short journeys (with an intended reduction to the initial “flag drop” and the absence of any increase in the current running mile) whilst also helping to offset rising inflation. The proposals were set out in detail in Appendix B to the report.

With Members seeking and receiving clarification on a number of issues arising, and discussing such issues as fare comparisons with those of the Private Hire, the Committee indicated its support for the report’s proposals.

RESOLVED

- (1) That it is confirmed that the Committee has considered the proposal to vary the table of fares put forward by the Executive of the Crawley Hackney Carriage Association as set out in Appendix B to report PES/255.
- (2) That the existing table of fares be varied (as proposed above), and that the Head of Economic and Environmental Services, or an officer acting on his behalf, be authorised to publish a public notice of the variation and the period within which objections can be made (the expiry date of the period to be set by the Head of Economic and Environmental Services but to be no later than 19th November 2017) in accordance with section 65 of the *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976*.
- (3) That it is noted that should any objections be made following the publishing of the notice which are not subsequently withdrawn, the Committee will be required to meet again and consider those objections. If no objections are received, the variation to the existing table of fares will take effect on the day following the expiry of the objection period.

10. Closure of Meeting

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm.

R S FIVEASH
Chair