

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETINGS OF THE FULL COUNCIL

Question asked at meeting	Response Given at Meeting	Further Response
<p><i>Councillor Jaggard to the Cabinet Member for Public Protection</i></p> <p>The Council's Licensing Department, a service that should be self-funding has been running at a loss for years due to the low fees and charges. Over the last 3 years, the deficits stands at approximately £114,000 which is projected to rise substantially in the future. Does the Cabinet Member feel that this is a satisfactory state of affairs for residents to be subsidizing taxi drivers and when does she plan the service to become self-funding, which year will this happen? Other small businesses in Crawley are not subsidised so what is the criteria that is determined which businesses are to be worthy of a Council subsidy?</p>	<p><i>Councillor Yasmin Khan, Cabinet Member for Public Protection</i></p> <p>I'm afraid I don't have the information at the moment, but I will come back to you.</p>	<p>This question relates to a recent decision taken by the Licensing Committee in relation to Fees and Charges in 2023 for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire taxis. This decision was taken by a properly constituted meeting of the Licensing Committee. It would be inappropriate for me to offer any further comment. Moving forward it is our intention that the service is fully self-funding, and new proposals will be brought to the Licensing Committee in future Council years for their consideration.</p>