



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON 23rd JUNE 2022**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B Price (Chair), Councillors T Clements (Vice-Chair), S Doyle, R Kingstone and J Oates

The following officers were present: Anna Miller (Assistant Director – Growth & Regeneration), Wendy Smith (Head of Environmental Health) and Tracey Pointon (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager)

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's M Bailey, D Cook, C Cooke, A Cooper, M Greatorex, S Smith, P Thurgood, J Wade, J Wadrup

### **2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

Councillor Tina Clements was elected as Vice Chair

*(Moved by Councillor B Price and seconded by Councillor J Oates)*

### **3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillor B Price and seconded by Councillor T Clements)*

### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **5 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES - GAMBLING POLICY**

Report of the Assistant Director Growth and Regeneration to approve the Gambling Statement of Principles and agree to its consultation.

The committee noted the issuing of the new Gambling Policy and Statement of Principles 2022 – 2025 for consultation; and noted that the consultation response would be brought back to committee for consideration later in the

year.

## 6 HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE INCREASE

Report of the Assistant Director Growth & Regeneration to consider an application from Tamworth Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Association for an increase in the prescribed Hackney Carriage fare rate.

There was a change to the original recommendations in the report

RESOLVED: That the Committee

1. considered the request received from the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Association in relation to the increase to the current Hackney Carriage fare rates, (attached at Appendix 3) be considered, approved and implemented or amended by the committee.
2. recommended to Cabinet to approve the issuing of Notice of the intention to increase hackney carriage fares by advertising in local press for a consultation period of 14 days.
3. recommended to Cabinet that if no objections are received, the Assistant Director Growth & Regeneration be authorised to bring the new fare structure into force on a day deemed suitable to re-calibrate taximeters ; and
4. Agreed that in the event of objections being received Cabinet delegate authority to the Assistant Director Growth and Regeneration and the Chair of the Licensing Committee to consider any objections.

*(Moved by Councillor S Doyle and seconded by Councillor R Kingstone)*

## 7 DELEGATED POWERS FOR URGENT REVOCATIONS OR SUSPENSIONS TO TAXI LICENCES

Report of the Assistant Director for Growth and Regeneration to approve that the proposal is made to full Council that Council delegates the power for urgent suspensions and revocations as set out in this report in order to ensure public safety.

RESOLVED: That the Committee

1. recommends to full Council that full Council delegates to Assistant Director Growth and Regeneration (or Head of

Environmental Health) in consultation with the Chair (or vice chair) the delegation to immediately suspend or revoke a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire vehicle drivers licence where it is considered necessary in the interest of public safety and:

2. recommends to full Council that a 'fast track' procedure be adopted to re-licence those drivers who have had their licence revoked but have subsequently been found to be fit and proper.

*(Moved by Councillor R Kingstone and seconded by Councillor T Clements)*

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Chair

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