

At a meeting of the Licensing Committee held in Top Floor South, Allerdale House, Workington on Friday 10 June 2022 at 2.30 pm

Members

Councillor Peter Kendall (Chair)
Councillor John Crouch
Councillor Jimmy Grisdale
Councillor Colin Sharpe

Councillor Peter Gaston
Councillor Hilary Harrington
Councillor Alan Smith

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Herbert Briggs, Councillor Allan Daniels, Councillor Patrick Gorrill, Councillor Malcolm Grainger, Councillor Adrian Kirkbride, Councillor William Pegram, Councillor Paul Scott and Councillor Alan Tyson

Staff Present

G Collinson, D Fletcher, L Jardine and J Morgan

38. Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were signed as a correct record;

Licensing Committee on 31 January 2022;

Licensing Panel on 22 March 2022;

Licensing Regulatory Panel on 14 January, 11 February and 28 February 2022.

39. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

40. Questions

None received.

41. Hackney Carriage Vehicles - Review of Table of Fares

The Senior Specialist – Licensing and Compliance submitted a report asking members to consider a review of the Table of Fares charged by a hackney carriage.

The table of fares review was usually carried out annually however it was noted that no review had taken place in 2019, 2020 or 2021 and the fares had remained as was in 2018.

For this year a consultation exercise had been carried out with the hackney carriage trade between 19 April and 13 May 2022. From the consultation 13 responses had been received which members considered during the decision-making process.

In light of the current economic picture in the UK with rising fuel prices, inflation and cost of living members had a full and frank debate on the impact on the hackney carriage trade.

Questions and discussion also ensued between members and representatives of the taxi trade who attended the meeting.

Members debated potential increases in the fares but also the rewording of several of the different tariffs.

Councillor A Smith moved that the fares be increased by 10%, rounded if appropriate, and to amend the wording of tariffs 2 and 3 as follows:
Tariff 2 – to bring forward the hire time to 11pm from midnight, and
Tariff 3 – to extend the hire time from 4am to 6am.

Councillor A Smith also proposed that the committee review the fares in 6 months' time.

The motion was seconded by Councillor J Crouch.

A vote was taken, 7 voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Recommended

That Executive be requested to agree that –

1. The fares be increased by 10%, rounded if appropriate, and to amend the wording of tariffs 2 and 3 as follows:
Tariff 2 – to bring forward the hire time to 11pm from midnight, and Tariff 3 – to extend the hire time from 4am to 6am;
2. The table of fares be reviewed again in 6 months' time.

The meeting closed at 3.15 pm