
GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Tuesday, 12 September 2017 from 7.00pm - 7.08pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Cameron Beart (Chairman), Tina Booth, Roger Clark, Paul Fleming, June Garrad, Lesley Ingham (Vice-Chairman), Ben Stokes and Anita Walker.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mohammad Bauluck, Della Fackrell, Robin Harris and Jo Millard.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Alan Horton and James Hunt.

APOLOGY: Councillor Prescott.

213 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman ensured that those present were aware of the evacuation procedure.

214 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 October 2016 (Minutes Nos. 965 – 969) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Licensing Sub-Committee meetings held on 30 September 2016 (Minute Nos. 905 – 911 and 912 – 918), 31 October 2016 (Minute Nos. 974 – 978 and 979 – 983), 20 April 2017 (Minutes Nos. 1296 – 1299) and 24 July 2017 (Minutes Nos. 118 – 122, 123 – 127, 128 – 133 and 134 - 139) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

215 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

216 PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman advised that no requests to register to speak had been received.

217 REVISED TAXI FEES AND CHARGES

The Cabinet Member for Safer Families and Communities introduced the report which set out the review of Taxi Fees and Charges and the consultation process undertaken. He stressed that the charges proposed should reflect the actual costs incurred in providing the service and referred to paragraph 2.8 on page 2 of the report which highlighted the importance of running a professional and thorough service to ensure the safety and integrity of Swale taxis.

The Resilience and Licensing Manager added that some modifications had been made to the original proposals as a result of the consultation undertaken.

In response to a question from a Member, the Resilience and Licensing Manager advised that Swale Borough Council had the 78th highest fees and charges for taxi fees tariff out of 300 Councils nationally.

The Chairman reminded Members that the fees set were the maximum amount that could be charged.

The proposals were put to the vote and agreed.

Resolved:

- (1) That the modified proposed fees and charges detailed in the report in paragraph 3 and Appendix II, be agreed with effect from 18 September 2017.***
- (2) That the proposal to review the taxi fare tariff be agreed.***

Chairman

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