

# LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 12 MARCH 2019

Present: Councillor D A Burnett BEM, Chair

Councillors: E H Atherton  
D Bagshaw  
T A Cullen  
E Cubley  
R D MacRae  
J C Patrick  
M E Plackett  
K E Rigby  
P D Simpson  
A W G A Stockwell

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W J Longdon and M Radulovic MBE.

28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

29 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 28 January 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

30 PROPOSAL FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES INCREASE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

The Committee considered the proposal for Hackney Carriage fare increase. It was noted that there was a 37% response rate to the consultation, of which 28% indicated option 2 to be the preferred option. Option 2 was a £0.50 increase on first 880 yards only.

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1) **Option 2 be implemented and;**
- 2) **Advertise the proposed increase in hackney carriage fare rates as detailed in the report.**

31 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP ON TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING

The Committee were advised of the Government's response to the report of the Task and Finish Group on Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing.

32 CONSULTATION ON STATUTORY GUIDANCE TO LICENSING AUTHORITIES TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING: PROTECTING USERS

The Committee were advised of the consultation conducted by Department for Transport seeking views on proposed recommendations contained in draft statutory guidance to taxi and private hire vehicle licensing authorities on how their licensing powers can be exercised in order to safeguard children and vulnerable adults and to propose a response from Broxtowe Borough.

**RESOLVED to submit a response as detailed in the appendix.**

33 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND VEHICLE LICENSING POLICY AMENDMENT

The Committee considered the proposed amendments to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.

Currently drivers and Private Hire Vehicle operators are required to undertake a safeguarding course as part of the application process. Following discussions with the Nottinghamshire Authorities Licensing Group, it is proposed to include a requirement to undertake a 3 yearly refresher programme.

It is also proposed to clarify the specification for hackney carriage meters to ensure that the correct meters are requested and installed on licensed hackney carriage vehicles.

**RESOLVED that the proposed changes to the policy be adopted.**