

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 14 JUNE 2022

Present: Councillor D Bagshaw, Chair

Councillors: D Grindell (Vice-Chair)
T A Cullen
R D MacRae
S Paterson
D D Pringle
P D Simpson
C M Tideswell
I L Tyler

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Cubley and R I Jackson

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2022 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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

The Committee considered a proposal to increase hackney carriage fares from 1 July 2022. The last increase was 1 May 2019 and the matter had been raised by Members of the Taxi trade. A consultation to the drivers had been carried out with the preferred option of D being most favoured.

A proposed increase would be subject to public consultation under Section 65(2) of the Local Governments (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and require publishing in a local newspaper.

Councillors S Paterson and C Tideswell abstained from voting as not received training on licensing.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The proposed options were considered and Option D was the preferred option.**
- 2. To advertise any proposed increase in hackney carriage fare rates.**

4 CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE

Members considered the proposed Department for Transport Best Practice Guidance and formulated a response to the consultation on the content of the report.

The Department of Transport issued Best Practice Guidance to assist Local Authorities that had responsibility for the regulation of the taxi and private hire vehicles. The guidance had been updated and consultation had commenced.

Councillor S Paterson left the meeting before voting commenced. Councillor C Tideswell abstained from voting as not received training.

RESOLVED that a response to the Department of Transport Best Practice Guide be approved and submitted.