

## Minutes of Licensing Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 19 September 2017, starting at 6.30pm  
Present: Councillor J Alcock (Chairman)

Councillors:

A Brown	J Holgate
S Brunskill	S Hore
M Fenton	G Mirfin
G Geldard	R Newmark
L Graves	G Scott
R Hargreaves	
S Hind	

In attendance: Solicitor.

### 274 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors P Elms and A Knox.

### 275 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Committee received the minutes for the Licensing Sub-Committee meetings held on 19 June 2017 and 4 August 2017.

### 276 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest.

### 277 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

### 278 REVIEW OF HACKNEY FARES

The Chief Executive submitted a report seeking Committee's views about whether Hackney Carriage fares should be reviewed. The fares had not been altered since being set by Committee on 10 August 2006, and had last been reviewed in 2009. By Minute 78 on the 13 June 2017, Committee had authorised the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to consult licence holders and other relevant persons upon the proposal to review fares if necessary.

A letter had been circulated to all Hackney Carriage licence holders on 21 June 2017, consulting them on the proposal to review fares. No responses

have been received to this letter. Further, no request had been received from any party for a review of the fares.

In view of the lack of response to the consultation and there having been no request for review, the Chief Executive proposed that fares remain as set on 10 August 2006, and consider review every 3 years in the future.

RESOLVED: That

1. the Hackney Carriage fares remain as set on 10 August 2006;
2. there be consideration of a review of Hackney Carriage fares every 3 years.

#### 279 TRAINING ON LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing Committee of training with regard to Licensing Sub-Committees, to be provided at this meeting and at the meeting of the Committee due to be held in November 2017.

Committee then received a video presentation by Philip Kolvin QC, giving guidance on recommended decision-making procedures for Licensing Sub-Committees, and principles of good decision-making. The question of appeals was also addressed, with the importance of properly considered and well drafted reasons in support of decisions being emphasised.

The presentation was supported by a hand-out, which also updated Members on the Licensing regime under the Licensing Act 2003, and the deregulation of music from certain licencing controls since April 2015.

#### 280 NOTES OF SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP DATED 20 JULY 2017

Committee received the notes of the meeting of the Ribble Valley Safety Advisory Group dated 20 July 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.22pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Diane Rice (414418).