

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 9th May, 2017

Present: Cllr Mrs J A Anderson (Chairman), Cllr Mrs P A Bates (Vice-Chairman), Cllr O C Baldock, Cllr Mrs S M Barker, Cllr M C Base, Cllr Mrs B A Brown, Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr B T M Elks, Cllr Mrs F A Kemp, Cllr H S Rogers, Cllr A K Sullivan and Cllr F G Tombolis

Councillors N J Heslop and D Keers were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S M King

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LA 17/27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

LA 17/28 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 14 March 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LA 17/29 MINUTES OF PANEL

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Appeals Committee sitting as a Panel held on 16 March and 26 April 2017 be received and noted.

DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3, PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION

LA 17/30 OBJECTION TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES SET ON 14 MARCH 2017

The report of the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer set out details of objections received to the proposed increase of Hackney Carriage Fares agreed at the meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 14 March 2017 (Minute LA 17/6 refers). The Committee noted that the petition received from 84 Hackney Carriage Proprietors, set out at Annex 3 to the report, contained personal information which could only be considered in private.

The report set out details of the increase in flag fare proposed by the objectors together with an assessment of the impact this would have on yardage and cost. A number of Members expressed concern that the objectors had not understood the consequences of their proposal or the impact this may have on taxi users. The Director of Central Services advised that consultation with drivers on the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy was ongoing and would be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the increase in maximum fares, as agreed on 14 March 2017, be approved with effect from 19 May 2017.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

LA 17/31 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman moved, it was seconded and

RESOLVED: That as public discussion would disclose exempt information, the following matters be considered in private.

PART 2 - PRIVATE

LA 17/32 OBJECTION TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES SET ON 14 MARCH 2017 - ANNEX 3

(Reason: LGA 1972 Sch 12A Paragraph 1 – Information relating to an individual)

Annex 3 to the report of the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer contained details of the petition received in objection to the proposed increase in Hackney Carriage Fares (Minute LA 17/30 refers).

RESOLVED: That Annex 3 to the report of the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer be received and noted.

The meeting ended at 7.52 pm