

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 29th March, 2022

Present: Cllr C Brown (Chairman), Cllr Mrs F A Kemp (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs J A Anderson, Cllr Mrs P A Bates, Cllr A E Clark, Cllr D W King, Cllr Mrs A S Oakley and Cllr H S Rogers.

(Note: As Councillor M Taylor was unable to attend in person and participated via MS Teams, he was unable to vote on any matters).

Councillors M D Boughton, D Harman and D Keers participated via MS Teams and joined the discussion when invited to do so by the Chairman in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F G Tombolis and C J Williams.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LA 22/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

LA 22/15 HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES DISCUSSION

The report of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive provided a background to the request by Members for an additional meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee to discuss the current fuel increases and to consider the current fare chart levels that were agreed on the 26 January 2022.

During discussion, concern was raised regarding the increasing price of fuel and market volatility and the subsequent impact on the taxi trade. Consideration was given to the implications of a further increase in fares to service users, particularly following the increase in the cost of living.

RESOLVED: That the flag be increased to £4.00 and that the flag charge be reviewed at subsequent meetings if the price of fuel fluctuated to either below £1.50 per litre or above £1.90 per litre.

LA 22/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm