

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, 26th January, 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 R V Roud and Cllr C J Williams

(Note: As Councillors H S Rogers, M Taylor and F G Tombolis were unable to attend in person and participated via MS Teams, they were unable to vote on any matters).

Councillors D Harman, D Keers and Mrs A S Oakley 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.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs R F Lettington.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LA 22/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION (RESPONSIBILITY FOR COUNCIL FUNCTIONS)

LA 22/2 OBJECTION TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES SET ON 16 NOVEMBER 2021

The report of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive invited Members to consider the objections received to the increase in the Hackney Carriage Fares.

Following Members agreement on 16 November 2021 to increase Hackney Carriage Fares, the new proposed Fare increase was advertised for 14 days, commencing on 23 December 2021. During this period, three formal objections to the Fare increase were received as detailed in Annex 2, 3 and 4 to the report.

To assist Members in their consideration, the Head of Licensing provided a revised table of fares which incorporated the key concerns identified in the objections.

RESOLVED: That the amended Hackney Carriage Fare Table, as circulated at the meeting and attached as an Annex to these Minutes, be approved subject to the statutory 14 day consultation period.

LA 22/3 MATTER FOR INFORMATION

The Head of Licensing, Community Safety and Customer Services reported that on the 21 January 2022 an unlicensed riding school had been fined £5,000 following a prosecution brought by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council.

LA 22/4 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm

Annex

	Proposal 2 (Agreed on 26.01.2022)
FLAG	£3.00 (up to .50 of a mile / FLAG (880 yards))
each subsequent 155 yards	£0.20 (each subsequent 125 yards)
1 Mile	£4.60
2 Mile	£7.40
5 Mile	£15.80
10 Mile	£29.80
Waiting Time (For each period of 20 seconds or part thereof)	£0.20 for every 30 seconds
Extra Charges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at any time on a bank or public holiday except Christmas Day between 18:00 and 24:00 hours on Christmas Eve between 18:00 and 24:00 hours on New Year's Eve Easter Sunday 	50% of the above rate of fare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For hiring beginning between 23:30 hours and 06:00 on any day
For hiring beginning at any time on Christmas Day	100% of the above rate of fare
For hiring's on Saturdays & Sundays per fare beginning between 06:00 hours and 24:00 hours.	£0.50 surcharge on each fare
For the carriage of more than four passengers up to the maximum capacity of the carriage	50% of the above rate of fare
Vehicle spoilage charge	£100.00
Congestion charges, tolls and car parking	Congestion charges, tolls and car parking incurred during hiring Any charges(s) detailed above, incurred as a result of a passenger's instruction may be added to the fare.