

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, 14th December, 2021

Present: Cllr C Brown (Chairman), Cllr Mrs F A Kemp (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs P A Bates, Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr D W King, Cllr Mrs R F Lettington, Cllr H S Rogers, Cllr R V Roud and Cllr F G Tombolis

Councillors M D Boughton, A Cope, D Harman, M A J Hood 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 Mrs J A Anderson, A E Clark, M Taylor and C J Williams.

(Note: As Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, A E Clark and M Taylor were unable to attend in person and participated via MS Teams, they were unable to vote on any matters).

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LA 20/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

LA 20/24 REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

The report of the Director for Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive invited Members to consider whether any increase in the maximum Hackney Carriage fares was appropriate. The current maximum fares were attached at Annex 1.

The Head of Licensing, Community Safety and Customer Service highlighted that the last increase was authorised for 19 May 2017. During discussion, Members considered the views of Hackney Carriage Drivers, Dual Drivers and Hackney Carriage Proprietors and following careful consideration agreed the maximum Hackney Carriage fares as set out in the appendix to the minutes.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) an increase in Hackney Carriage Fares be considered; and
- (2) an increase in the maximum Hackney Carriage fares, as set out in the appendix to the minutes, be agreed with effect from 3 January 2022 to allow for the statutory public consultation period.

LA 20/25 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm

Appendix to the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on the 14 December 2021

	Previous Fares	Agreed Fares
FLAG	£3.00 (up to .50 of a mile / FLAG (880 yards)	£3.50 (up to .50 of a mile / FLAG (880 yards)
each subsequent 155 yards	£0.20 (each subsequent 135 yards)	£0.20 (each subsequent 135 yards)
1 Mile	£4.40	£4.90
2 Mile	£7.00	£7.50
Waiting Time (For each period of 20 seconds or part thereof	£0.20 for every 30 seconds	£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 00:00 hours and 06:00 on any day 	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	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	£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	50% of the above rate of fare
Vehicle spoilage charge	£100.00	£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.	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.