

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

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REGULATORY AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **24 OCTOBER 2011** at

Loxley House from 10.30 am to 10.45 am

- ✓ Councillor Grocock (Chair)
 - ✓ Councillor Cresswell (Vice-Chair)
 - ✓ Councillor Ali (for minute 14)
 - ✓ Councillor Ibrahim
 - ✓ Councillor Jenkins
 - ✓ Councillor Khan
 - ✓ Councillor Packer
 - ✓ Councillor Parton
 - ✓ Councillor Saghir
 - ✓ Councillor Smith
 - ✓ Councillor Spencer
 - ✓ Councillor Wildgust
- ✓ Indicates present at meeting

Officers in attendance

Mrs A Rawson	- Licensing Manager	- Communities
Mr R Bines	- Solicitor) Resources
Mr M J Parker	- Constitutional Services Officer)

11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cresswell, Khan, Saghir and Wildgust (on other City Council business).

12 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made at this point in the meeting.

On his arrival, Councillor Ali declared a personal prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 - Proposed Hackney Carriage Fares Tariff Increase (minute 14) as a person in possession of a current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Badge issued by the Authority. Councillor Ali withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

13 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 1 August 2011, copies of which were circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

14 PROPOSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES TARIFF INCREASE

Councillor Ali declared a personal prejudicial interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting.

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Community Protection, copies of which had been circulated and the presentation of the report by the Licensing Manager.

The Committee noted that the hackney carriage fare tariff had last been increased in 2009. Balancing the proposed level of increases, the prevalent economic climate for clients and increasing costs for drivers, the increases appeared justified. The Committee recognised that if there were to be any outstanding objections prior to the proposed implementation date, all final decisions in relation to these there should be made by the Director of Community Protection after consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Opposition Spokesperson. The Committee however, determined that it wished to reserve all future decisions on hackney carriage fare increases to itself rather than for these to be exercised under the Councils Scheme of Delegations (delegation No-89).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Director of Community Protection be authorised to advertise the proposals in accordance with Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976;**
- (2) that, subject to there being no outstanding objections, the Hackney Carriage Fare table detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved to take effect from 06.00 hours, Monday, 5 December 2011;**
- (3) that, in the event of outstanding objections being received, all final decisions on the proposed fare increase and its date of implementation be delegated to the Director of Community Protection after consulting the Chair, Vice-Chair and Opposition Spokesperson;**
- (4) that, notwithstanding the provisions of Delegation 89 of the Scheme of Delegations approved by the City Council on 12 September 2011, the determination of changes to the Tariff of Hackney Carriage Fares, be reserved to this Committee or its successor.**

15 REVIEW OF CONDITIONS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES, DRIVERS AND OPERATORS LICENCES AND REQUEST TO REVIEW CURRENT ADVERTISING POLICY FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

RESOLVED that consideration of these items be deferred to enable further consideration to be given to these matters following receipt of a letter from A2Z Licensing regarding the proposed conditions and policy.