

Medway Council
Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee
Tuesday, 14 December 2021
6.30pm to 6.37pm

Record of the meeting

Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next meeting of this committee

Present: Councillors: Mrs Diane Chambers (Chairman), Fearn (Vice-Chairman), Sylvia Griffin, Kemp, McDonald and Prenter

In Attendance: Mandy Francis, Licensing Manager
Vicky Nutley, Assistant Head of Legal Services
Stephen Platt, Democratic Services Officer

547 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mahil.

548 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

549 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other significant interests (OSIs)

There were none.

Other interests

There were none.

550 Review of the Hackney Carriage Tariff

Discussion:

The Committee considered a report seeking approval to consult the taxi trade on whether or not the Hackney Carriage tariff should be reviewed.

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The Licensing Manager reported that a request for an increase in tariffs had been received from an individual driver. In the past, requests had been received from the Medway Licensed Taxi Drivers Association (MLTDA) although it had not done so since 2014. The Committee's approval was therefore sought to poll the taxi trade on whether the tariff should be reviewed. The results of the poll would be reported back to the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Manager also sought approval to engage with the trade on the drafting of a policy for the future review of the Hackney Carriage tariffs, which would include the frequency and methodology of the reviews.

Clarification was sought on the costs involved in changing the meters and the Licensing Manager confirmed that meter agents would be consulted on whether meters could accommodate any suggested change in tariff. The cost of changing the meters would be met by the trade.

Decision:

The Sub-Committee:

- a) approved the request to poll the taxi trade with the results being reported back to a future meeting; and
- b) approved the request to engage with the trade on drafting a policy for the review of the Hackney Carriage tariffs.

Chairman

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