

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
COMMITTEE,
HELD ON MONDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 2022 AT 7.30 PM
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM - TOWN HALL, STATION ROAD, CLACTON-ON-SEA,
CO15 1SE**

Present:	Councillors Winfield (Chairman), Casey, Clifton, Coley, Davis and J Henderson
In Attendance:	Linda Trembath (Senior Solicitor (Litigation and Governance) & Deputy Monitoring Officer), Michael Cook (Licensing Manager), Keith Durran (Committee Services Officer), Emma King (Licensing Officer) and Matt Cattermole (Communications Assistant)

109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors V. Guglielmi, McWilliams and Skeels.

110. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Thursday 14 October 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

111. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

112. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 38

There were none.

113. MISCELLANEOUS LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee received and noted, for information only, the minutes of the meeting of the Miscellaneous Licensing Sub-Committee held on 26 November 2021.

114. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PARTNERSHIPS - A.1 - LICENSING ACT 2003, APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

The Committee **NOTED** the contents of a report (A.1) on the number of applications approved under delegated powers as at 17 January 2022.

115. REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PARTNERSHIPS - A.2 - HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

The Committee recalled that, at its meeting held on 14 October 2021 (Minute 105 referred) it had considered a request from the Tendring Taximeter Forum to grant an increase to the table of fares.

After due consideration of that request the Committee had decided to pass the following resolutions:-

- a) *“The Committee is minded to grant the Tendring Taximeter Forum’s request for an increase in the Hackney Carriage Fare Scale;*
- b) *Public Notice to be given of the intention of the Council to increase and amend the Hackney Carriage Fare Scale operative within the District in accordance with the request made by the Tendring Taximeter Forum;*
- c) *That any representations received in response to the said public notice be considered at the next meeting of the Committee; and*
- d) *That if no representations are received to the said public notice, or if all representations that are received are in favour of the fare increase, the Licensing Manager in consultation with the Chairman (or failing him the Vice-Chairman) of the Committee be authorised to implement the new Hackney Carriage Fare Scale within the District with effect from 28 days following the end of the public consultation period”.*

It was reported that five representations had been received as a result of the public notice having been placed in the local press and letters being sent to all licensed drivers within the District.

After duly considering the representations received and an in-depth discussion the Committee **RESOLVED** that:

- a) an increase to the table of fares operative within the District, as set out in Appendix A to item A.2 of the Report of the Assistant Director (Partnerships) be approved and brought into operation with effect from 28 days following the decision of this Committee.
- b) the Licensing Manager be authorised to proceed with the public notice of the intention of the Council to increase and amend the Hackney Carriage Fare Scale operative within the District in accordance with the request made and now approved.

116. REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PARTNERSHIPS - A.3 - REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S DRAFT STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY AFTER PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Further to Minute 106 (14.10.21) the Committee considered the responses received from the public consultation that had taken place for the review of the Council’s Statement of Gambling Policy.

Members were aware that the Council was required to review and renew its Statement of Gambling Policy every three years in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005. The review and renewal of the policy was subject to public consultation and must be adopted by Full Council on recommendation from the Licensing and Registration Committee and Cabinet.

After due consideration of the consultation responses received and a short discussion the Committee **RESOLVED** that it:

- a) notes the outcome of the public consultation;
- b) agrees the final draft Statement of Gambling Policy, as set out in Appendix A to item A.3 of the Report of the Assistant Director (Partnerships) and incorporating the minor amendments thought necessary after consideration of the consultation responses received; and
- c) agrees that the final draft Statement of Gambling Policy be submitted to the next available Cabinet meeting for its consideration and recommendation onto Full Council for formal adoption.

117. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Schedule 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business to be considered below on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

118. MISCELLANEOUS LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE - EXEMPT MINUTES

The Committee formally received and noted, for its information only, the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Miscellaneous Licensing Sub-Committee held on 26 November 2021.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.06 pm

Chairman