

Minutes of a meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES LICENSING COMMITTEE on Monday 23 January 2017

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Committee members:

Councillor Clarkson (Chair)	Councillor Cook (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Anwar	Councillor Brandt
Councillor Coulter	Councillor Wade

Officers:

Richard Adams, Community Safety & Resilience Manager
Jill Cramer, Licensing Officer
Lesley Rennie, Business Regulation Team Manager
Daniel Smith, Lawyer
Jennifer Thompson, Committee and Members Services Officer

Apologies:

Councillor Azad arrived at the end of the meeting due to transport problems.

14. Declarations of Interest

None.

15. Licence Fees and Charges for the 2017/18 financial year: Commercial Events, Hackney Carriage and Private Hire, Road Closure Orders, Scrap Metal Dealers, Sex Establishments and Street Parties

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Community Services seeking agreement of the licence fees for commercial events, hackney carriage and private hire, road closure orders, scrap metal dealers, sex establishments and street parties for 2017/18 where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

The Community Safety & Resilience Manager confirmed that where there were fee increases these were in line with inflation.

The Committee resolved to:

1. agree the licence fees and charges for 2017/18 as set out in the Appendix; and
2. recommend them to Council.

16. Licence Fees and Charges for 2017/18: Miscellaneous activities

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services seeking agreement of the licence fees for miscellaneous activities for 2017/18 where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

The Committee resolved to:

1. agree the licence fees and charges for 2017/18 as set out in the Appendix; and
2. recommend them to Council.

17. Update on Taxi Licensing Activity: August - December 2016

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Community Services setting out the progress made by the Taxi Licensing Function during August to December 2016.

The Licensing Officer said the time period and all figures in the report covered August to December. A corrected version of the report is published with these minutes.

In answer to questions, officers reported that there were discussions with neighbouring authorities as to how best to use the powers available to control the number of vehicles working primarily in the city while holding licences from other authorities.

Councillor Clarkson asked if officers could carry out more test purchase operations on vehicles plying for hire.

The Committee noted the report and the work carried out by officers.

18. Minutes

The Committee resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2016 as a true and accurate record.

19. Dates of Future Meetings

The Committee noted that meetings are scheduled at 5.15pm on:

16 May 2017
20 September 2017
24 January 2017
16 May 2018

The meeting started at 5.15 pm and ended at 5.25 pm