

LICENSING BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2022 at 10.00 am in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Sam Bambridge (Chair); Councillors Rogers, Ara, Dexter, Huxley, M Saunders, Scobie, Shrubbs, Wing and Wright

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Dennis and Potts.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Scobie proposed, Councillor Saunders seconded and members agreed that the minutes be approved as a correct record of the meeting held on 6 January 2022.

4. HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES TARIFFS IN THANET

Ms Brock, Technical Support Team Manager, introduced the item, noting that a request had been received from a driver to increase the tariffs that had not been increased since 2015.

Following the debate:

1. It was proposed by Councillor Wing, seconded by Councillor Huxley and agreed that the tariff be increased by 15% (rounded up to the nearest round figure), and that the tariff would be reviewed each year.
2. It was proposed by Councillor Shrubbs, seconded by Councillor Wing and agreed that the contamination fee would be increased to £100.
3. It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Shrubbs and agreed that the extra charges for additional passengers, shopping bags, prams/pushchairs etc. would be increased to 25p.

5. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was proposed by Councillor Scobie, seconded by Councillor Wing and Members agreed:

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for agenda items six and seven as they contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

6. LICENCE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

Ms Phillips, Principal Litigation Solicitor made the introductory remarks by advising of the meeting procedure for the discussion of this item.

Ms Malyn, Licensing Officer, presented the report.

The Licence Holder addressed the Board.

The Licensing Officer asked questions of the Licence Holder.

Members asked questions of the Licence Holder.

Following the debate, Members of the Board agreed the following:

'Upon considering the application for a Licence to Drive Private Hire Vehicles for one year from Mr Sharratt, further to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, and having heard representations made to the Board by;

1. The Licensing Officer - Ms Malyn
2. The applicant - Mr Sharratt

It was the decision of the Licensing Board to grant the application for a Licence to Drive Private Hire Vehicles for one year from Mr Sharratt.'

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Following the debate, Members of the Board agreed the following:

'Upon considering the application for a Licence to Drive Private Hire Vehicles for one year from Mr Hill, further to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, and having heard representations made to the Board by;

1. The Licensing Officer - Ms Malyn
2. The applicant - Mr Hill

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Meeting concluded : 11.00 am