

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
LICENSING (REGULATORY) COMMITTEE
29 AUGUST 2007 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mrs. S. Francks - CHAIRMAN
Mr. C.G. Joyce - VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. J.G. Bannister, Mr. P.R. Batty, Mr. J.C. Bown, Mr. D.M. Gould, Mr. K. Morrell, Mr. K. Nichols and Mr. B.E. Sutton

Officers in attendance: Mr. A. Bottomley, Mr. Mark Brymer, Mr. S. Payne, Mrs. P.I. Pitt and Mr. T.M. Prowse

165 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Messrs. M.B. Cartwright, P.A.S. Hall, R. Mayne, (for whom Mr. Bannister substituted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3) and L.J.P. O'Shea.

166 MINUTES (LR3)

On the motion of Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Gould, it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2007 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

167 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared at this stage.

168 PROPOSED VARIATION TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES (LR4)

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Tina Duane of the Hinckley and Bosworth Taxi Driver Association and Mrs. Alison Taylor of the Independent Drivers Association, who both attended for this item.

Further to minute number 76 of 21 June 2007 the Principal Licensing Officer indicated that, following the receipt of objections to the proposed increases in tariffs 1, 2 and 3 in the table of fares a meeting had been held between Hinckley Taxi Association and the independent drivers. The outcome of the meeting had resulted in the joint submission of a proposal agreed by all drivers that the flag fall for tariffs 1, 2 and 3 be increased as follows:-

Tariff 1 current - £2	Tariff 1 proposed - £2.40
Tariff 2 current - £3	Tariff 2 proposed - £3.50
Tariff 3 current - £4	Tariff 3 proposed - £4.80

The Principal Licensing Officer indicated that the current running mile figures would remain unchanged. In response to Members' concerns regarding consultation between the Taxi Driver Association and the independent drivers on the variation to fares the Principal Licensing Officer indicated that not all drivers had been able to attend the original meeting at which these proposals had been considered and that it was intended that in future this Authority would co-ordinate any meeting held to consider the variation of fares. The Principal Licensing Officer reiterated that any variations would need to be advertised and any subsequent objections brought back to this Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Bannister it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) the flag fall for tariffs 1, 2 and 3 be increased as set out above (with the current running mile figures remaining unchanged); and
- (ii) subject to there being no objections to these proposals the Principal Licensing Officer be delegated the authority to determine an implementation date for the introduction of the revised fares.

(The meeting closed at 6.54 pm)