

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING (REGULATORY) COMMITTEE

19 APRIL 2011 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: MR K NICHOLS - CHAIRMAN

Mr JC Bown, Mr DM Gould, Mr P Hall, Mr K Nichols, Mrs S Sprason and Mr BE Sutton.

Officers in attendance: Mr Mark Brymer, Miss R Owen and Mr M Rice.

Tony Merrick of the Taxi Association was also in attendance.

577 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mrs Francks, Mr Morrell and Mr O'Shea.

578 MINUTES (LR5)

On the motion of Mr Bown seconded by Mr Sutton, it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

579 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

580 TRADE REQUEST FOR VARIATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES (LR6)

The Committee considered a request by the Hinckley Area Taxi Association for an increase in the table of fares for hackney carriages and Members were reminded that there had not been an increase since 2007 but rising fuel prices and insurance premiums had led to the need to review this.

Some Members expressed concern that the recommended increase was too large and was not justified. With regard to concern about long journeys, it was reported that these were often discounted or set fee.

It was moved by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mrs Sprason and

RESOLVED –

- (i) the tariffs shown in appendix A to the report be supported;
- (ii) the Principal Licensing Officer be authorised to take the necessary steps to implement the revised tariff with effect from 2 June 2011, subject to there being no objections to the proposal; and
- (iii) any objections received be referred to a future meeting of the Licensing (Regulatory) Committee.

(The meeting closed at 6.58pm)