

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in a virtual environment on 9th March 2021 at 10.00 am.

Present:

Councillors S McGarry (Vice Chairman), Mrs P L Ackroyd, G Allen, Mrs B Ashcroft, R Faulkner, H Hall, Mrs J Jones, Ms A Legg, C Sylvester, Mrs B Toon and C Wileman.

Officers Present:

Mark Rizk (Head of Service), Angela Wakefield (Solicitor and Monitoring Officer), Margaret Woolley (Licensing and Enforcement Manager), and Monica Henchcliffe (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D F Fletcher and S Gaskin.

46/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

47/21 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business brought forward to the meeting under Rule 12.

48/21 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th January 2021 were approved and signed as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motions	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd		Councillor G Allen
Councillor G Allen		Councillor R Faulkner
Councillor Mrs B Ashcroft		
Councillor H Hall		
Councillor Ms A Legg		
Councillor S McGarry		
Councillor C Sylvester		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor C Wileman		

49/21 **DETERMINATION OF A REQUEST TO CHANGE THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLES OF FARES**

Members were requested to consider a request from a Hackney Carriage Proprietor for an increase in the Hackney Carriage Table of Fares currently in place in the Borough of East Staffordshire. The report circulated with the agenda set out the nature of the request and how the proposed changes compared to other local authority areas.

To help with making the decision a public consultation had been conducted by placing a notice in the Burton Mail and on the East Staffordshire Borough Council website inviting comments. The consultation concluded on 12th February 2021. The Enforcement Manager reported that 7 responses were received by the licensing team and a resume' was circulated with the agenda.

The main changes contained in the proposals were:

1. The waiting times was increased from 20 seconds to 30 seconds but charged at 20p (previous was 10p);
2. For each article of luggage carried outside of the passenger compartment beyond the first, the charge be reduced from 10p to free;
3. Carriage of dogs to be increased from £1 to £2 (with an exception for assistance dogs);
4. For hiring in respect of journeys after midnight on each day throughout the year (irrespective of the number of passengers and to apply to pickups between midnight and 5.00am and all day on Bank Holidays) the charge to be increased from £1 to £2;
5. The cost of valeting after soiling by passengers to be increased from £45 to £50.

It was noted that the effect of the requested changes would increase in fare to £5.90, based on a two mile journey – approximately £3.84 per mile, and would move East Staffordshire into 203 placed on the table.

Resolved:

Members agreed to accept the proposed changes as contained in recommendations 11.2.1 in the report.

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Councillor G Allen		
Councillor Mrs B Ashcroft		
Councillor H Hall		
Councillor Mrs J Jones		
Councillor Ms A Legg		
Councillor S McGarry		
Councillor C Sylvester		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		

Chairman