

REGULATORY PANEL

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 2.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Ms Franklin (Vice-Chairman), Councillors Bowman S, Cape, Layden, Mrs Parsons, Scarborough, Shepherd, Mrs Stevenson, Stothard (as substitute for Councillor Bell) and Mrs Warwick.

OFFICERS: Assistant Solicitor
Licensing Officers x2

RP.28/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Bell and Councillor Morton

RP.29/15 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

RP.30/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings held on 27 May 2015 and 1 July 2015 be agreed as a correct record of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.

RP.31/15 HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES REVIEW

The Licensing Officer submitted the annual Hackney Carriage Fares Review (GD.62/15).

The report outlined the history of the annual review and the relevant legislation. He explained that the Council's Financial Services had produced the changes in the RPI to the identified criteria for transport costs since the last increase. The changes had been multiplied by the 'weighting' agreed with the taxi associations previously and an overall decrease of -0.30% in transport costs had been identified. The two main costs were fuel and labour and although fuel prices had continued to fall, wages had increased for a second year. Inflation overall had risen by 1%.

In view of the decrease in transport related inflation (-0.30%) it was recommended that there be no increase to the 2015/2016 tariff.

The Chairman informed the Panel that the Taxi Association had agreed that there be no increase.

RESOLVED – That the Hackney Carriage tariff for 2015/2016 remain unchanged.

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(The meeting ended at 2.02pm)