

Minutes of a meeting of the COUNCIL held on Tuesday, 14th June, 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE

R.Basch, J.Beckerman, H.Beckett, D.Bell, M.Birleson,  
J.Boulton, S.Boulton, H.Bower, L.Brandon, H.Bromley,  
A.Chesterman, L.Chesterman, M.Cook, M.Cowan,  
J.Cragg, J.Dean, I.Dean, J.Fitzpatrick, B.Fitzsimon,  
C.Gillett, G.Hayes, M.Holloway, K.Holman, S.Johnston,  
T.Kingsbury, M.Larkins, S.Markiewicz, G.Michaelides,  
H.Morgan, N.Pace, M.Perkins, H.Quenet, S.Roberts,  
B.Sarson, P.Shah, M.Spinks, N.Taylor, K.Thorpe,  
R.Trigg, J.Weston, P.Zukowskyj

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Chief Executive (M.Saminaden)  
Director (Finance and Operations) (P.Kettle)  
Director (Governance) (R.Baldock)  
Head of Law and Administration (M.Martinus)  
Governance Services Manager (G.R.Seal)  
Principal Litigation Officer (P.Stimson)  
Hackney Carriage Officer (J.Vaughan)  
Governance Service Officer (S.Hulks)  
Senior Communications Officer (L.Bertram)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T.Bailey, D.Bennett, J.Broach and F.Thomson.

Report of the Director (Governance) asking the Council to consider and set fees for hackney carriage and private hire licences and to agree a date when these fees would come into effect.

The recommendation from the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee was to increase the fees by 20% once the statutory process of advertising had taken place. These fees had not been increased since June 2006. Officers outlined that this increase might result in a small surplus of around £10,000 on the account, but this was considered the most prudent approach in budgeting terms as it was important to ensure that the ring fenced account did not fall into a deficit position for the future.

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A revised table had been circulated to all Members of the Council setting out the proposed new fees.

It was moved by Councillor R.Trigg, seconded by Councillor J.Dean and

RESOLVED:  
(27 voting for and 14 against)

- (1) That the decision of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to start the process for revising fees be ratified.
- (2) That the schedule of fees to be charged for the licences and activities as attached to these Minutes be agreed.
- (3) That these fees come into effect on 27 June 2016.
- (4) That Officers commence the process of revising hackney carriage fares in accordance with the relevant statutory process.

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Meeting ended at 7.30 pm  
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## SCHEDULE OF CURRENT FEES AND PROPOSED NEW FEES

Licence/ activity	Duration	Existing fee	Proposed new fee as advertised <sup>1</sup>
Hackney carriage driver licence	1 year	125	150
Hackney carriage vehicle licence	1 year	242	290
Private hire vehicle licence	1 year	242	290
Private hire driver licence	1 year	125	150
Private hire operator licence	1 year	275	330
Private hire operator licence	3 year	Not previously available	762
Private hire operator licence	5 year	Not previously available	1194
CRB check		44	50
Knowledge test (per attempt)		35	60
Replacement plate		20	20
Replacement bracket		10	15
Replacement driver's badge		10	15
Extra copy/duplicate of licence		5	5
DVLA		10	10
Vehicle transfers		50	100

<sup>1</sup> Note the 20% increase applies to the statutory licence fees