

LICENSING COMMITTEE

- * Councillor David Elms (Chairman)
- * Councillor Mike Parsons (Vice-Chairman)

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| Councillor Graham Ellwood | * The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Nigel Manning |
| Councillor David Goodwin | * Councillor Marsha Moseley |
| * Councillor Gillian Harwood | * Councillor Dennis Paul |
| * Councillor Christian Holliday | * Councillor Tony Phillips |
| * Councillor Mike Hurdle | * Councillor James Walsh |
| * Councillor Jennifer Jordan | Councillor David Wright |
| * Councillor Nigel Kearse | |

*Present

L31 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Graham Ellwood and David Goodwin.

L32 LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT - DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

L33 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2017 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

L34 FEES AND CHARGES 2017-18 OBJECTIONS

The Committee was informed that despite a proposed reduction to most fees, one objection had been received from the Guildford Hackney Association. Therefore, the advertised fees and charges for 2017-18 could not come into effect until the objection had been considered formally. In addition, the Committee were asked to note that the Private Hire Operators fee had been reduced from that advertised due to the exclusion of some officer time which was not recoverable. After consideration of the objection, the Licensing Committee were asked to approve the revised fees and charges as set out in Appendix 3.

The Committee considered the objection and agreed that as there was no substance to the objection there was no basis for modifying the fees further. The Committee

RESOLVED: that the Taxi and Private Hire Fees and Charges for 2017-18, as set out in Appendix 3 of the report, be approved with effect from 1 April 2017.

L35 GAMBLING POLICY REVIEW - LOCAL AREA PROFILE - APPROVAL FOR CONSULTATION

The Committee noted that the Gambling Act required the Council as licensing authority to prepare and publish a Statement of Principles every three years. The existing Statement of Principles was published in January 2016.

In guidance published by the Gambling Commission it was recommended that Local Authorities produced a local area profile examining the risks associated with gambling in the area.

The Committee therefore considered and approved a draft Local Area Profile for Guildford Borough for consultation. The Committee noted that following consultation, a further report would be presented to the Licensing Committee at its meeting on 27 September 2017 seeking

approval to the draft Local Area Profile for inclusion within the Current Statement of Principles for adoption by Council at its meeting on 10 October 2017. The Committee

RESOLVED: to approve the draft Local Area Profile for public consultation, and instruct officers to carry out the consultation over a 12-week period.

L36 MYSTERY SHOPPER REVIEW

The Committee noted the results of the mystery shopper survey undertaken in November 2016 to monitor the quality and service offered by the taxi and private hire trade in Guildford. The survey concluded that the availability and quality of service provided by private hire vehicles and hackney carriages in Guildford was generally good.

The Committee endorsed the proposal to conduct a further survey in three years' time as part of the commitment to monitor the quality and availability of the service.

L37 UNMET DEMAND SURVEY RESULTS

The Committee considered an update on a hackney carriage unmet demand survey undertaken in November 2016 concerning hackney carriage numbers and availability of wheelchair accessible vehicles.

The survey concluded that there was a low level of unmet demand, through the presence of passenger queues from time to time. However, this was periodic rather than continuous, and was not sufficient to indicate the presence of significant unmet demand. The survey also concluded that there was good availability of accessible vehicles.

The Committee noted the updated and agreed that a further survey be undertaken in three years' time as part of the commitment to the trade and Access Group to monitor the policy on taxi numbers and provision of accessible vehicles.

L38 LICENSING COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted its work programme.

The meeting finished at 7.10 pm

Signed

Chairman

Date