

TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE - 19 March 2003

Minutes of the meeting of the **Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee** held on **19 March 2003** when there were present:-

Cllr P F A Webster (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs R Brown
Cllr T Livings

Cllr C R Morgan

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Clarkson - Head of Revenue and Housing Management
A Bugeja - Head of Legal Services
J Bostock - Principal Committee Administrator

18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2003 were approved as a correct record signed by the Chairman.

19 DETERMINATION OF THE APPEAL

The Head of Legal Services reported verbally on the outcome of the hearing of the appeal against the setting of the 2002/03 Taxi Tariff. The District Judge had dismissed the appeal, ruling that Magistrates had no authority to review the setting of the tariff which is properly a function for the Local Authority to determine. In dismissing the appeal he awarded the Council its Legal Costs in full.

Responding to Member questions, the Head Revenue and Housing Management advised on the current position with regard to the filling of vacancies within the Council Taxi Licensing Section. It was noted that the section should be fully operational by May. The Head of Service confirmed that he would be commencing consultation with representative organisations on the identification of a date in July at which the Sub-Committee could give consideration to new tariffs.

RECOMMENDED to the Environmental Services Committee that the current suspension of the 2002/03 Hackney Carriage Tariff be lifted at midnight on 31 May 2003. (HRHM)

The meeting commenced at 2.30 and closed at 2.35pm

Chairman

Date