

Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee – 23 January 2006

Minutes of the reconvened meeting of the **Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee** held on **23 January 2006** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr P F A Webster

Cllr R A Amner
Cllr T Livings

Cllr P R Robinson

OFFICERS PRESENT

J Crawford - Transportation Manager
J Read - Hackney Carriage Officer
J Bostock - Principal Committee Administrator

ALSO PRESENT

M Chaplin - Rochford Hackney Carriage Drivers' Association
M Street & D Wilsher - Association of Circuit Company Owners in the
Rochford District.

45 HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE INCREASE – FURTHER CONSIDERATION

The Sub-Committee had reconvened to determine final recommendations on the hackney carriage fare tariff following a verbal proposal from the trade that an increase of 8% be introduced over a 2-year period (March 2006 to March 2008).

The Sub-Committee was unanimous in feeling that, having particular regard to the likely impact on the customer of an increase this March, it would remain reasonable to recommend an increase representing an average of 6½% over a period of eighteen months. It was felt that the observations made at the adjourned meeting continued to be appropriate and that, given the variables associated with introducing an average increase, it could be seen as acceptable if the final increase averaged to between 6.5 and 6.75%.

Mr M Chaplin indicated that the trade would wish further time to consider whether to accept or reject the 6½% proposal and would re-contact the Council.

The meeting reconvened at 10.15pm and closed at 10.30pm.

Chairman

Date