
TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members to consider the appended Minutes of the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee meeting held on 19 March 2003.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee met to consider the outcome of the hearing before a District Judge on 18 March 2003. The Minutes of that meeting are appended for Members' consideration.
- 2.2 The Corporate Director (Law, Planning & Administration) is concerned that there should be no unreasonable delay in returning to the tariff agreed by Council. He has therefore suggested a slight amendment to the recommendation from the Sub-Committee to include the words "as soon as possible but not later than" in place of the word "at".

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the current suspension of the 2002/03 Hackney Carriage Tariff be lifted as soon as possible but not later than midnight on 31 May 2003.
(HRHM)

Steve Clarkson

Head of Revenue and Housing Management

Background Papers:

None.

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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 June or
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