

Minutes of the meeting of the **Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee** held on 5 August 2002 when there were present:-

Cllr P F A Webster (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs R Brown  
Cllr T Livings

### **VISITING MEMBERS**

Councillors T Cutmore, J E Grey and A J Humphries.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C R Morgan

### **SUBSTITUTES**

Cllr Mrs M A Weir

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

R Crofts	Corporate Director (Finance & External Services)
S Clarkson	Head of Revenue and Housing Management
A Wyatt	Committee Administrator

## **4 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 July 2002 were approved as a correct record.

Issues arising from the Minutes were discussed at the end of the Meeting.

## **5 2002/2003 TARIFF REVIEW**

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management which considered changes to the existing fare tariff for 2002/2003 for Hackney Carriages in line with those recommendations made at the previous Meeting of this Sub-Committee.

### Retail Price Indices

The Sub-Committee wished it noted that for this and future tariff reviews, the 'All Items Index' would be used to determine the percentage increase for Hackney Carriage fares. In this instance, the increase would be 1.76%, rounded up to the nearest whole number, with an additional 1%. This would result in a 3% rise in Hackney Carriage fares.

### Tariffs

Noting that taxi meters worked on a combination of time and distance travelled, Members considered that the existing monetary values for the taxi meters should remain the same, however, that the yardage travelled should be reduced by 3%, thus giving the 3% rise which would come into effect from 1 October 2002. (Subject to advertisement)

### Extra Charges

Members agreed the following extra charges could be taken forward without discussion

- for all items carried in the luggage compartment 30p
- for animals carried (except assistance dogs) 110p
- for each passenger carried in excess of one 30p
- despoilment charge (up to maximum) £75

Members considered that pre-booking should not attract an additional charge as this was in fact an aid to the circuit in terms of pre-planning.

In terms of extra charging for hirings on Sunday evenings and Bank Holidays, Members considered that the bullet point should be amended to read:-

- for hirings began between 10.30pm and 6.00am, also on Sundays and Bank Holidays between 6.00am and midnight (except during Christmas and New Year period) 110p.

It was agreed however, that hirings over the Christmas period should attract double fare and extras from 9:00pm, as stated in the report.

**6 ISSUES ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 17 JULY**Taxi Ranks

Members were advised by the Head of Revenue and Housing Management of proposals to change Taxi Ranks within Rayleigh, Rochford and Hockley. It was agreed that a report should be brought back before the Sub-Committee giving outline plans for the proposals, including disabled parking spaces lost and ordinary parking spaces lost to taxi ranks, as a result of the proposals.

Plates and Licensing Drivers

It was noted that the Head of Revenue and Housing Management was working up a model set of conditions and that responses had been received from the consultation exercise on the matter. He undertook to provide copies of all responses received in the form of a portfolio and it was agreed that this would be subject to discussion and a report at a future meeting.

**7 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

It was noted that the next Meetings would take place on 19 August 2002 at 10.00am and a subsequent and final Meeting would take place on 27 August 2002 also at 10.00am.

The meeting commenced at 10:00am and closed at 10:25am

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_