

LICENSING AND HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a **MEETING** of the **LICENSING AND HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **27TH JANUARY 2004**

PRESENT: Cllr. Goddard (Chairman);
Cllr. Weller (Vice-Chairman);
Cllrs. Elliff, Feacey, Hubert, Link, Maltby, Mrs Martin, Wallace

In accordance with Procedure Rule 1.2 (iii) Councillors Elliff and Hubert attended as Substitute Members for Councillors Enock and Allcock respectively.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Allcock, Enock

ALSO PRESENT: Head of Environmental Services, Solicitor – Head of Environmental and Corporate, Divisional Environmental Health Officer (Commercial), Licensing Officer, Member Services Officer

389 MINUTES

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on the 18th September 2003 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

390 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Interest	Minute No.
Feacey	Code of Conduct – Personal but not Prejudicial – sold goods to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade	391/392
Link	Code of Conduct – Personal but not Prejudicial – carried out intermittent repairs for the Private Hire Trade	391

391 REVIEW OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER, VEHICLE AND OPERATORS FEES

The report set out the budgetary projections for the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Service for the financial year 2004/2005 and recommended proposed fees for the year to ensure that the Authority recovered the costs associated with the service provision without creating revenue. The Review took into consideration the move from the three year Licences to the annual Driver Licences and the associated costs and the Divisional Environmental Health Officer (Commercial) confirmed that the fee level would be closely monitored.

Members were pleased to note that the Consultation Forum with the Trade had provided an opportunity to discuss the proposals and there had been no adverse responses to the consultation letter confirming the proposed fees.

Resolved:

That for the purpose of issuing a public notice in the local Press the increase in the fees structure as detailed in the table below be approved:

Fee	2003/2004 £	Payable	2004/2005 £	Payable
Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence	29.00/43.00	for 3 years	25.00	for 1 year
Second Drivers Licence held (Joint Drivers Licences)	24.00		25.00	
Hackney Carriage Knowledge Test and Re-test	24.00/16.00		25.00	
Replacement badge	11.00		12.00	
Vehicle Licence – New or Renewal (including vehicle plate)	375.00	for 1 year	375.00	for 1 year
Vehicle Plates or Brackets	13.00		14.00	
Internal Vehicle Plate	9.00		10.00	
Transfer of Vehicle Licence (including vehicle plate)	34.00		35.00	
Vehicle Inspection – Re-test fee	22.00		23.00	
Vehicle Inspection – Missed appointment	33.00		34.00	
Private Hire Operators Licence – New or Renewal	101.00	for 5 years	104.00	for 5 years
Replacement Licence	10.00		11.00	
Transfer of any Licence (without plate or badge)	24.00		25.00	
Fee for Returned (Bounced) cheques	10.00		11.00	

Recommended:

That subject to no objections being received as the result of the Public Notice the increase in the fee structure be introduced on 1st April 2004 with any objections being reported to the Committee and if necessary the introduction date suitably modified.

392 REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE SCALE

The report set out the review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Scale and outlined the consultation with the Trade on this issue. It recommended that no change be made to the current scale for 2004/2005 which had been appended to the report.

Recommended:

That the Hackney Carriage fare scale be maintained at the current level for 2004/2005.