

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Licensing Committee

Date: Thursday, 17th October, 2019

Place: Committee Room 2 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor H McDonald (Chair)
Councillors B Ayling (Vice-Chair), M Borton, K Buck, D Cowan,
A Dear, M Dent, N Folkard, D Garston, S Habermel, K Mitchell,
I Shead and A Thompson

In Attendance: A Penn and T Row

Start/End Time: 2.30 - 3.10 pm

484 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ward.

485 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared at the meeting.

486 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 5th September 2019

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 5th September 2019 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

487 Review of Fares and Charges

Further to Minute 101 of its meeting held on 26 June 2019, the Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that presented the results of the consultation with the Southend Licensed Taxi Drivers Association (SLTDA) for an increase in the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle fares and charges and other associated amendments.

Resolved:-

1. That the changes to the fare and extra charges structure set out at Appendix 1 of the submitted report be duly advertised, implementing the public consultation process.
2. That subject to there being no representations received following statutory advertisement, the Deputy Chief Executive (place) be authorised to approve the revised fare chart set out at Appendix 1 of the submitted report and implement the new charges.
3. That any objections received during the statutory advertisement of the proposals be submitted to the Licensing Committee for consideration.

488 Medical Exemptions and Access for Wheelchair Users

Further to Minute 100 of its meeting held on Wednesday 25th June 2019, the Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that sought approval to adopt the Medical Exemption Criteria for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers and Operators, set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report. The Exemption Criteria details the process for applying for medical exemptions available to taxi and private hire drivers and, with respect to passengers with disabilities under the Equalities Act 2010.

Resolved:-

1. That the Medical Exemption Criteria for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers and Operators as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report, be adopted.
2. That the Council maintains a list of vehicles which have been 'designated' as wheelchair accessible and that the list be published on the Council's website.

Chair: _____