

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGULATORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2016

PRESENT: Nick Ridley – Chairman

Tom Burrows
Tina Campbell
Sue Carpendale
Siân Dawson
Kathryn Grandon

Richard Kemp
Margaret Maybury
Alastair McCraw
Ray Smith

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the following meetings be confirmed and signed as correct records:-

Regulatory Committee

18 July 2014

Regulatory Sub-Committee

14 August 2015

23 September 2015

3 PETITIONS

None received.

4 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received.

5 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

6 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING – FEE SCHEME REVISION

The Corporate Manager – Licensing submitted a report ([Paper R98](#)) referring to fee setting for Hackney Carriage & Private Hire licensing functions pursuant to the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. It was proposed that following a recent cost and activity review of the taxi and private hire licensing functions, and subject to a prescribed notice period and stakeholder consultation, the local licensing fee scheme be revised and updated in accordance with the fee table attached as Appendix A to Paper R98.

During the ensuing discussion, The Corporate Manager – Licensing advised Members that the fee levels for taxi and private hire licences in the Babergh district have not increased since 2010 and that the proposed new fees are broadly consistent with other similar local authorities. It was also noted that the results of the consultation will be reported back to the Regulatory Committee in April.

RESOLVED

That the Committee approve a proposed revised fee scheme attached as Appendix A to Paper R98 and instruct the Corporate Manager – Licensing to proceed with a suitable period of consultation with stakeholders and interested parties and give notice of the proposed changes in accordance with statutory requirements.

7 HADLEIGH MARKET LICENSING SCHEME – APPEAL PROCEDURES AND FEES

The Corporate Manager – Licensing submitted a report ([Paper R99](#)) referring to procedures for appeals (disciplinary or dispute) and fee setting in relation to the management and administration of Hadleigh Market, which is under the control of Babergh District Council.

The Corporate Manager – Licensing and the Economic Development Officer advised Members that although the existing market is a very small scale operation, it is hoped to develop this in the future.

During the discussion, Members queried the flexibility of some of the wording contained in the hearing procedure (Appendix A) and it was agreed that if approved this would be subject to any necessary minor amendments.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Committee approve a hearing procedure, attached as Appendix A to Paper R99 (subject to any necessary minor amendments), for appeals relating to matters of discipline or dispute in connection with the operation of the Hadleigh Market scheme, and further resolve that the hearing procedure will take immediate effect in line with the wider regulation scheme revision.**
- (2) That the Committee approve a fee scheme, attached as Appendix B to Paper R99, and further resolve that the fee scheme will take immediate effect in line with the wider regulation scheme revision and be reviewed at least once in every three year period.**
- (3) That the Constitution of the Council be updated to reflect the decisions of this Committee taken in 2.1 and 2.2. above.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.30 a.m.

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Chairman