

Minutes

Name of meeting	LICENSING COMMITTEE
Date and time	MONDAY, 22 DECEMBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 3PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Colin Richards (Chairman), Reg Barry, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, John Hobart, Daryll Pitcher, Steve Stubbings
Also Present (non-voting)	Cllr Charles Chapman
Officers Present	Jon Baker, Kayleigh Bowers, Amanda Gregory, Justin Thorne
Apologies	Cllr John Howe

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RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [30 June 2014](#) be confirmed.

8. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

9. **Determination of the table of fares in respect of Hackney Carriages**

The Committee was advised that since the publication of the paper, the cost of fuel had decreased in price to £1.59 as opposed to £1.62 as specified in the report.

Members raised concerns surrounding whether members of the public would be aware of the tariff used by taxi drivers, and whether it would change during a journey which occurred between different tariff timescales. The Committee was advised that taxi drivers would select the appropriate tariff prior to the commencement of the journey, and that all tariffs were clearly displayed within taxis. Members were told that tariff rates changed automatically depending on the time, as they were calibrated in all taxis.

Concerns were raised regarding potential manipulation of tariff rates within specific areas on the Island. Members asked whether there was any evidence

to support that and were advised that any issues or complaints would be investigated as an enforcement issue by Licensing Officers.

There was a query relating to the necessity for the ten percent charge currently in place on credit card transactions. It was noted that the charge had been agreed at a previous meeting of the Licensing Committee following consultation and representations with taxi firms.

RESOLVED :

THAT no changes be made to the existing table of fares.

CHAIRMAN