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LICENSING COMMITTEE AGENDA

Membership: Councillor Wilson (Chairman)

Councillors Edwards, Francis, Farrow, Galloway, Gibb-Gray, Kerrin, Pierce Jones, Ponsonby, Sceal, Shimbart, Smith K (Vice-Chairman), Tarrant and Wade

Meeting: Licensing Committee

Date: Wednesday 14 January 2015

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: Hollybank Room, Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road,
Havant, Hants PO9 2AX

The business to be transacted is set out below:

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6 January 2015

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PART 1 (Items open for public attendance)

1 Apologies

To receive and record apologies for absence.

2 Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 12 November 2014.

3 Matters Arising

To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

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4 Exclusion of the Press and Public

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in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Item 7	Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence (Paragraphs 1 to 3)
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Paragraph 1	Information relating to any individual
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Paragraph 2	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
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Paragraph 3	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
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5 Declarations of Interests

To receive and record any declarations of interests from members present in respect of any of the various matters on the agenda for this meeting.

6 Chairman's Report

PART 2 (Confidential Items)

7 Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence

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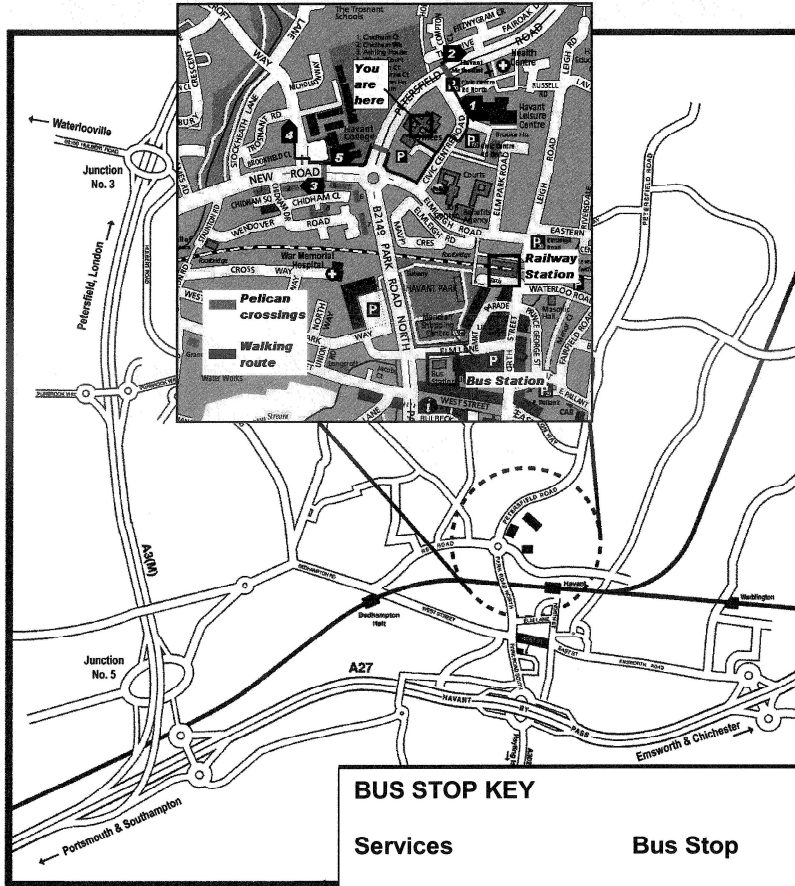
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At a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 12 November 2014

Present

Councillor Wilson (Chairman)

Councillors Edwards, Francis, Gibb-Gray, Kerrin, Ponsonby, Sceal, Shimbart, Smith K (Vice-Chairman), Tarrant and Wade

17 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Farrow and Pierce Jones.

18 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 24 September 2014 be approved as a correct record.

19 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

20 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests from any of the members present.

21 Chairman's Report

The Chairman informed the Committee that the appeal against the decision of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 16 July 2014 had been scheduled for January 2015.

Members were also updated on a recent newspaper article regarding a local taxi operator.

22 Proposed Hackney Carriage Fare Increase

The Committee considered a report from the Licensing Officer requesting consideration of a potential increase in Hackney Carriage fares.

The Committee was advised that all hackney carriage proprietors had been consulted on the proposed alteration to the hackney carriage fare structure and the majority of those who had responded had indicated support for an increase in fares.

The Committee noted that there had not been a fare increase for six years whilst other charges, such as licence fees and fuel costs had increased steadily over the same period. Members also expressed concern over the fee charged

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for use of the hackney carriage rank outside Havant Railway Station and suggested a letter be sent to Network Rail requesting support for hackney carriage proprietors.

RECOMMENDED to Council that

- (1) The following increases be advertised:
 - i) No increase in the 'flag drop' but change the mileage 'for the first 171 metres or part thereof' to 'first 154 metres' and 'For each succeeding 210 metres' to '189 metres'.
 - ii) The waiting time be increased from 20 pence for each period of 60 seconds to 25 pence;
- (2) Any objections to the above proposals following the advertisement be considered by the Licensing Committee; and
- (3) If there are no objections then the increase be implemented 28 days from the date the proposed fare increases were first advertised.

23 Taxi Licensing Fees

The Committee received a report from the Licensing Officer setting out proposed charges for Taxi and Private Hire Licensing for the financial year 2015/2016.

Due to the importance of ensuring the fees were legally robust and set using a transparent methodology it was intended that fees would be reviewed annually through an assessment of relevant costs. It was confirmed that the proposed fees sought to fully recover all relevant costs to the Council apart from the following two exceptions:

- 1) The proposed Hackney Carriage licence fee was £20 less than could be charged following the assessment of costs in order to avoid a significant increase during 2015/16; and
- 2) The knowledge test fee was £5 less than could be charged given the assessment of costs in order to avoid a significant increase during 2015/16.

RECOMMENDED to Council that

- (1) The variations to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licence fees as set out in the appendix to these minutes be advertised; and
- (2) If no objections to the proposed variations are received they be implemented on 1 April 2015.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 5.29 pm

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Licensing Committee	Approved Prices 2014/2015	Proposed Prices 2015/2016	Comments
<u>HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PHV PRICES</u>	£ p	£ p	
1. <u>Hackney Carriage Licence</u> (including plate)	209.00	219.00	The Hackney Carriage licence is currently being charged at £30 under the cost of producing the licence and associated administration costs. Instead of implementing a £30 rise in the fee charges, a £10 charge has been recommended and will be considered at the next finance review.
2. <u>Private Hire Vehicle Licence</u> (including plate)	165.00	162.00	
3. <u>Vehicle Mechanical Inspections</u>			1 and 2 exclude vehicle mechanical inspection element. A maximum statutory fee of £25 applies in respect of prices 1, 2, and 4 but the maximum may be increased by following the procedure laid down by statute HBC is capped to issue 40 Hackney Carriage licences only and all require a meter test on initial application and when the hackney fare changes.
Pre application inspection	89.00	89.00	
Inspection on application (incl. first re-inspection)	89.00	89.00	
Second and subsequent re-inspection	48.00	48.00	
Failure to keep appointment	42.00	42.00	
Special vehicles and limousines (1½ hour test)	134.00	134.00	
4. <u>Operators Licence</u>			Fee for each additional address from which the licensee operates
Initial application and annual renewal	184.00	167.00	
For each additional operator address	184.00	167.00	

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<p>5. <u>Drivers Licence (Joint Hackney and PHV)</u> Initial Application Annual renewal</p> <p>6. <u>Knowledge Test</u> Initial Re-test</p>	<p>£ p</p> <p>125.00 61.00</p> <p>33.00 23.00</p>	<p>£ p</p> <p>95.00 72.00</p> <p>40.00 40.00</p>	<p>Driver's Licence prices include the costs of Drivers Identification Cards and medical reports. Any application after the expiry date of an existing Driver's Licence will be charged at the initial application fee.</p>

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