

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

26 MARCH 2015

PRESENT

Councillor C. Candish (in the Chair).

Councillors B. Sharp (Vice-Chairman), D. Bunting, M. Freeman, D. Jarman, P. Lally, M. Sephton and J. Smith.

In attendance

D. Goldstein	- Solicitor
J. Boyle	- Licensing Team Leader
N. Owen	- Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

Also Present

Councillor P. Gratrix (Substitute for Councillor A. Duffield).

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A. Duffield.

29. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Public Protection Sub-Committee meeting held on 19th February 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

30. OBJECTIONS TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE FEES FOR 2015-2016

The Head of Public Protection submitted a report informing Members of objections to the proposed increase in Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licence fees.

Representations were made by several members of the taxi trade and G. Hamilton and T. Nicholson from Kier answered questions from the trade and Sub-Committee Members.

Queries were raised regarding information received when the last two year's accounts were asked for. The Chairman agreed to ascertain with the Finance department, whether the figures could be broken down further and to explore the possibility of a mapping process.

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RESOLVED –

- (1) That the licence fees be approved as published in the local press with the exception of the following modifications:-

Vehicle Tests

None Attendance/Late Penalty	£26.50
Meter Test	£12.50
Window Tint Test	£12.50

- (2) That the licence fees become effective from 1st May 2015.

31. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE TESTING PROCEDURES

The Head of Public Protection submitted a report informing Members of a review of the current testing procedures undertaken by Kier at the Council's Higher Road Depot and requesting Members to approve or modify the following:- Compliance Test Standards, Sanctions for failure to maintain vehicle, Inspection Items and Retest Policy and Age test to follow compliance test.

Councillor Freeman requested that Appendix C be kept under review.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the proposals outlined in the report be approved.
- (2) That the procedures become effective from 1st May 2015.

The meeting commenced at 6.35 pm and finished at 8.48 pm