

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, 5 November 2019 at 7pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Butler (Chairman), Clarke, Collings, Delaney, Farmer, Kennett, Tomlinson, Wildsmith, Wright

In attendance: Kinnell (7.22pm), Forster (7.26pm)

Officers:

Robert Draper	Shared Licensing Manager
Sophy Brough	Interim Licensing Team Leader
Debbie Berry	Basingstoke Shared Legal Services
Sabrina Cranny	Committee Services

12 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies.

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

16 TAXI POLICY ADOPTION

Licensing Committee's approval to the proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy (Taxi Policy) was sought.

Members considered:

- That there were no foreseeable plans to outsource knowledge testing.
- That the tariff charges were similar to other areas.
- That the tariff charges should be available within the vehicle and that internal signage would make this clear to passengers.
- That vehicles should be more environmentally friendly although this will restrict the fleet.

- That all licensed vehicles would require a compliance test rather than just a MoT and 'Tick Test' with effect from 1 July 2020. Such testing facilities would be based within the district boundary.
- The use of GPS based fare calculations systems in Hackney Carriages in the place of a Taximeter.

That the following changes be made to the Taxi Policy:

- Page 13 – Agree to options 1 and 5 and specifically CO₂ emissions of under 50g/km
- Page 15 under Signage and advertising – The roof sign should have minimum measurements
- Ensure no device obstructs the windscreen as part of the compliance test
- Page 36 under Lost property - Lost property facilities would be available at HDC
- Page 39 under Equipment - five hi-vis sashes would be carried within the vehicle

RECOMMENDATION to Council

That the revised Taxi Policy be adopted.

17 GAMBLING POLICY FOR CONSULTATION

Licensing Committee considered the revised 'Joint' Gambling Statement of Principles.

DECISION

That the Gambling Policy go out to consultation.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.