

**LICENSING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE**

**30 July 2003**

Attendance:

Councillors:

Carter (Chairman) (P)

Baxter (P)  
Bennetts (P)  
Coates (P)  
Evans (P)  
Hammerton (P)

Johnston (P)  
Mather (P)  
Mitchell (P)  
Pines (P)  
Sutton (P)

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341. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meetings of the Committee held on 4 June and 2 July 2003 (numbered 91 - 96 and 165 respectively) be approved and adopted.

342. **REVIEW OF FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES**  
(Report LR82 refers)

The Licensing and Registration Officer advised that it was recommended that should the Committee decide to vary Hackney fares, they be varied as detailed in Proposal 1 (as contained in Appendix 4 to the above report).

Mr C Smith, representing the Winchester Owners and Drivers Taxi Association, outlined reasons why he believed the levels of fares should be raised, including the increased cost of insurance. He also reported that, at present, approximately three quarters of drivers worked late evenings at the weekend. He believed that a reduction of the late night supplement fee would result in drivers being reluctant to work such hours.

Mr B Hussey, also representing the Winchester Owners and Drivers Taxi Association, also believed that the fares should be increased to help recover costs such as vehicle repairs, servicing and increased insurance costs.

Members discussed the possibility of amending the start time of the late night supplement from 11pm to 12 midnight. However, it was agreed that more research and consultation would be required and therefore the matter should not be considered further at this time.

Following discussion, Members resolved that there should be a variation of the fares for Hackney carriages.

## RESOLVED:

1. That subject to the statutory requirements for advertising and dealing with objections, fares which may be charged by Hackney Carriages in the area of Winchester City Council be varied as follows to come into effect from 1 September 2003 (Proposal 1, which produces a fare of £3.15 for the first mile and £1.45 for each subsequent mile, as detailed in Appendix 4):-

(a) Distance

For the first 480 yards (439 metres) or part thereof, £ 2.00.

For each succeeding 120 yards (110 metres) or part thereof, 10p.

(b) Waiting Time

For each period of 1 minute, 20p

(c) Extra Charges

For each hiring which commences between 11pm and 6am or at any time on bank holidays and public holidays, or after 6.30pm on Christmas Eve, 50% of the above rate of fare.

For each hiring on Christmas Day or, at any time until 6.00am on Boxing Day, 100% of the above rate of fare.

Fouling charge, £40.00.

343. **ELECTORAL REVIEW – BOARHUNT PARISH**  
(Report LR83 refers)

## RESOLVED:

That an electoral review be undertaken of Boarhunt Parish Council indicating that the preliminary view is that the City Council is minded to make an Order to increase the size of the Parish Council from 5 to 6 Members with effect from the next scheduled Parish election in 2004.

344. **LICENSING ACT 2003 – IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**  
(Report LR81 refers)

The Chairman advised that a list of current licences for the south east part of the District had been supplied. The Licensing and Regulation Officer advised that the Magistrates Court for the north west part of the District was looking to provide similar information.

In answer to questions, the City Secretary and Solicitor advised that the Licensing Policy would be approved through this Committee and possibly Council, depending on the Scheme of Delegation. He continued that it would be for Council to decide if the Policy should be included in the list of significant documents contained within the Constitution.

RESOLVED:

1. That the implementation plan set out in the report be approved.
2. That training for Members in respect of the new arrangements be arranged as set out in the Implementation Plan.

345. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt information' as defined by Section 100I and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

<u>Minute Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description of Exempt Information</u>
346	Licensing Act 2003 - Staffing Issues - City Secretary and Solicitor's Department	) Information relating to a particular employee, former employee or applicant to become an employee of, or a particular office holder, former office-holder or applicant to become and office-holder under, the authority (Para 1 Schedule 12A refers). ) ) Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a minister of the crown and employees of, or office-holders under the authority (Para 11 to Schedule 12A refers).

346. **LICENSING ACT 2003 – STAFFING ISSUES – CITY SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT**

(Report LR84 refers)

The City Secretary and Solicitor advised that some funding to assist in administering the increased workload might be available from Central Government although the amount was unclear at that time.

It was noted, as detailed in the above report, that there would be a significant increase in the workload of the Licensing Section, and for that reason the following was agreed.

RESOLVED:

That in order to meet the tight programme imposed by the Government for implementation, the Chief Executive is requested to approve the following under his emergency powers, in consultation with the Chairman of the Personnel Committee and the Mayor.

- (a) the creation of a permanent additional post of Assistant Licensing and Registration Officer (Scale 4) and
- (b) the creation of a temporary post (12 months) of Clerical/Administrative Assistant (Scale 3).

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded at 8.40pm

Chairman