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The Chair and Members of Appeals
and Regulatory Committee

21 November 2018

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the APPEALS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE to be held on WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2018 at 10.00 am in Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Chesterfield, S40 1LP, the agenda for which is set out below.

AGENDA

Part 1 (Public Information)

1. Declarations of Members' and Officers' Interests relating to items on the agenda
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes (Pages 3 - 4)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Appeals and Regulatory Committee held on 24 October, 2018.

4. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (A000) (Pages 5 - 8)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Local Government and Regulatory Law Manager and Monitoring Officer

APPEALS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 24th October, 2018

Present:-

Councillor Bellamy (Chair)

Councillors A Murphy
Bingham
Derbyshire
Hill

Councillors P Innes
T Murphy
Niblock

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

**130 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS
RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

131 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miles and Rayner.

132 MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the meetings of the Appeals and Regulatory Committee held on 26 September and 10 October, 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

133 REVIEW OF LICENCE AND REGISTRATION FEES 2019/20

The Licensing Manager presented a report seeking approval of revised licence and registration fees in respect of private hire and hackney carriage licensing and scrap metal collectors and sites licensing for 2019/20.

A 3% increase was suggested for all fees and charges in line with Council policy in order to maintain the current cost neutral position. The fees and

charges had not been increased since 2016/17. A summary of the current and the proposed fees and charges was included at Appendix A to the report. A comparison of fees charged by other Derbyshire authorities was distributed at the meeting.

It was noted that there would be consultation on the proposed fees and charges with trade representatives on the Taxi Consultative Committee and via a public advertisement.

*** RESOLVED –**

That the proposed 3% increase in fees and charges in respect of private hire and hackney carriage licensing and scrap metal collectors and sites licensing for 2019/20 as detailed in the report be approved with effect from 1 April, 2019, subject to the outcome of consultation.

134 PROGRAMME OF STREET COLLECTIONS 2019

The Licensing Officer presented a report to determine the programme of street collections for 2019, including a provisional programme of collections, details of collections held by applicants in previous years and a brief summary of the nature of each charity.

*** RESOLVED –**

That the programme of street collections for 2019 be determined as follows:

Saturday 9 March	Marie Curie
Saturday 8 June	Royal National Lifeboat Institution
Saturday 6 July	Royal National Lifeboat Institution
Friday 25 October – Sunday 10 November	Poppy Appeal

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Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (A000)

Meeting: Appeals and Regulatory Committee

Date: 28 November 2018

Cabinet portfolio: Health and Wellbeing

Report by: Licensing Manager

For publication

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To propose amendments to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The policy amendments are approved.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The amendments will enhance public safety.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 On 10 October 2018 the committee approved a series of amendments to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy for consultation, that period of consultation ended on Friday 16 November 2018.

4.2 The amendments are:

- Adoption of the NAFN database of refusals and revocations;
- When considering previous convictions in section 4, appendix 1, the period of consideration will commence from the completion of any sentence imposed, not the date of conviction;
- Knowledge tests to be administered by a computerised system when appropriate;
- Applicants for a taxi drivers licence to pay an initial fee to cover the process up to the point their application is determined, the fee to be non-returnable;
- Drivers of private hire vehicles to notify the council of which operator they are working for before they drive the vehicle;
- The code of conduct is amended with regard to the wording of the dress code; and
- The requirement for a financial reference is replaced by a self-declaration.

4.3 The consultation involved discussion at the Taxi Consultative Committee meeting, a letter to all licence holders and operators and information provided to customers at the licensing service counter.

4.4 The only response received was support for the amendments from the taxi consultative committee.

5.0 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 A full equalities impact assessment has not been completed but the amendments will have a positive impact on equalities.

6.0 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 A full risk management assessment has not been completed but these measures will all enhance public safety.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The policy amendments are approved for implementation from Monday 2 December 2018.

More information about this report is available from Trevor Durham
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