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S U M M O N S

MEETING: Licensing Board
DATE: 28 January 2014
TIME: 6.00pm
PLACE: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Gosport
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LINDA EDWARDS
BOROUGH SOLICITOR

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Mayor (Councillor Beavis) (ex officio)
Chairman of P&O Board (Councillor Hook) (ex officio)

Councillor Allen (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Morgan (Vice Chairman)

Councillor Ms Ballard	Councillor Jacobs
Councillor Carter CK	Councillor Murphy
Councillor Dickson	Councillor Scard
Councillor Ms Diffey	Councillor Mrs Searle
Councillor Hazel	Councillor Mrs Wright

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NOTE:

- i. Councillors are requested to note that, if any Councillor who is not a Member of the Board wishes to speak at the Board meeting, then the Borough Solicitor is required to receive not less than 24 hours prior notice in writing or electronically and such notice shall indicate the agenda item or items on which the member wishes to speak.
- ii. Please note that mobile phones should be switched off for the duration of the meeting.

AGENDA

PART A ITEMS

1. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
All Members present are reminded to declare, at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter, any disclosable personal interest in any item(s) being considered at this meeting.
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON 23 JULY 2013 (copy herewith)
4. DEPUTATIONS – STANDING ORDER 3.5
(NOTE: The Board is required to receive a deputation(s) on a matter which is before the meeting of the Board provided that notice of the intended deputation and its object shall have been received by the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Friday 24 January 2014. The total time for deputations in favour and against a proposal shall not exceed 10 minutes).
5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – STANDING ORDER 3.6
(NOTE: The Board is required to allow a total of 15 minutes for questions from Members of the public on matters within the terms of reference of the Board provided that notice of such Question(s) shall have been submitted to the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Friday 24 January 2014).
6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Which the Chairman determines should be considered, by reason of special circumstances, as a matter of urgency
7. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC
To consider the following motion:

That in relation to the following items the public be excluded from the meeting, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all circumstances of the cases, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

PART B ITEMS
FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Item No.	Item	Paragraph no.1 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act	
8.	Application for the grant of a Private Hire Drivers Licence.	Paragraph 1 The report contains personal data which is identified as sensitive material.	PART II Contact Officer Clive Tizard Ext. 5609
9.	Application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence under exceptional circumstances	Paragraph 1 The report contains personal data which is identified as sensitive material.	PART II Contact Officer Clive Tizard Ext. 5609
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A MEETING OF THE LICENSING BOARD

WAS HELD ON 23 JULY 2013

The Mayor (Councillor Beavis) (ex-officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio); Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard (P), Carter CK (P), Dickson, Ms Diffey (P), Hazel (P), Mrs Hook (P); Jacobs (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Scard (P), Mrs Searle (P) and Mrs Wright (P).

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Order 2.3.6, Councillor Mrs Hook had been nominated to replace Councillor Dickson for this meeting.

14. APOLOGIES

An apology for inability to attend the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor Dickson.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

16. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 4 June 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

17. DEPUTATIONS

Mr Andrew Christian requested to make a deputation on item number 6 (Review of Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff). However, he did not attend the meeting.

18. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

19. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TARIFF

Consideration was given to a report of the Community and Customer Services Manager advising the Board of the role of the Licensing Authority in controlling the Hackney Carriage tariff and advising the Board of a potential increase to the Hackney Carriage tariff currently in operation together with related fees.

Members were advised that a tariff formula calculation had been used to identify two model options. Model 1 would see a meter distance reduced from 186 to 184 to achieve an average increase as close to 0.54% as possible, whereby model 2 held fares at the current level.

Members were advised that a consultation exercise had taken place whereby 60 local vehicle license holders had been written to and consulted on the formula findings and invited to indicate their preferred tariff model option.

It was advised that a total of 15 replies had been received and that the replies supporting the increase exceeded the replies opposing the increase. The Board were further advised that 4 replies had opposed the increase. 5 replies asked for an increase of 0.54% to be applied, 3 replies showed no preference and disagreed with both tariff models offered and 2 replies asked for an increase of the flag pull off rate. 1 reply disagreed with both tariff models and commented that an increase in the tariff was

required and an accompanying letter suggests a modest increase all the way through was needed because most jobs were 2 miles or under.

Members were advised that Model 1 (Appendix B) would produce an increase in fare income (0.57%) approximately in accordance with that indicated as appropriate by the Price Indices Formula (0.54%) this increase being achieved by the reduction of meter distances for each 20p increase in charge from 186 metres to 184 metres.

RESOLVED: That the Board agrees an increase to the Hackney Carriage tariff as a maximum table of fares to be achieved through the adoption of Model 1 as set out within Appendix B of the report.

PART II

20. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in relation to the following item the public be excluded from the meeting, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemptions outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

21 APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Community and Customer Services Manager which advised the Board of an application to grant a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

RESOLVED: That the application for a Private Hire Vehicle License be approved.

CHAIRMAN