



LICENSING COMMITTEE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Thursday, 26th October, 2017 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT

MEMBERS

Councillors A Royle (Chair), B Brindle, F Cant, I Carmichael, S Chaudhary, J Cunningham, D Fleming, M Ishtiaq, A Kelly, E Monk and C White

OFFICERS

Emma Barker	– Principal Legal Officer - Litigation & Regulation
Imelda Grady	– Democracy Officer
Peter Henderson	– Principal Licensing Officer

6. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Sobia Malik.

7. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8. Additional Items of Business

In accordance with the provisions of Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Chair decided that the following item should be considered as item 8 on the agenda, the reason being to keep the Committee up to date with policy.

Item 8 – Minor amendment to Taxi Licensing Convictions Policy.

9. Taxi Licensing Fees 2018

Members considered the level of taxi licence fees to be effective from January 2018.

Legislation permits the Council to recover the cost of providing the taxi licence service through fees charged for driver, vehicle and operator licences but the fees cannot generate a profit for the Council.

The review of fees in 2017 showed that they were still in line with expenditure and that there was no need to vary the fees at this time.

Members noted that the taxi reserve generated by the private hire drivers' fees would continue to be used to provide a discount per private hire driver until December 2018 when it was anticipated the reserve will have been fully refunded.

It was agreed:

That the taxi licence fees for 2018 be maintained at the current level for the following licences:

Private Hire Driver, Hackney Carriage Driver, Private Hire Vehicle, Hackney Carriage Vehicle and Private Hire Operator.

10. Additional report for information - amendment to taxi licensing convictions policy

Members received for information a report which detailed a minor amendment to paragraph 2 of the Council's Taxi Licensing Convictions Policy which had been made by the Head of Governance Law Property and Regulation using delegated powers.

It was agreed:

That the minor amendment to paragraph 2 of the Council's Taxi Licensing Convictions Policy be noted.