



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CABINET**

**THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor J McNeil (Chair)
Councillor J Caldwell
Councillor K McLeod (Substitute)
Councillor J Goodfellow (Substitute)

Council Officials Present:

Mrs K MacNeill, Legal Adviser
Mr I Forrest, Senior Solicitor
Ms D Elworthy, Licensing Officer
Mr R Fruzynski, Licensing Standards Officer

Others Present:

PC H Bowsher, Police Scotland

Clerk:

Mrs F Stewart

Apologies:

Councillor S Currie
Councillor J McMillan

Declarations of Interest:

None

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1. TAXI FARE REVIEW

The Depute Chief Executive, Resources and People Services, had submitted a report to allow the Sub-Committee to consider the revised scale of the fares or other charges proposed by the East Lothian Taxi and Private Hire Association.

Kirstie MacNeill, Legal Adviser, presented the report. She stated that there was a statutory requirement for the Council to review fares at least once every 18 months and that a report had been brought before the January Sub-Committee seeking the views of the local taxi trade association. After consultations with the trade association, proposals had been received; there was no change to Tariff 1, but a change to Tariff 2, amending the hours of operation to 6pm on 24 December until 6am on 27 December and 6pm on 31 December until 6 am on 2 January. If minded to grant the Association's request, the proposals would proceed to the stage of public consultation and a further report would be brought to the Sub-Committee.

The Chair pointed out that taxi companies were not obliged to charge the new Tariff 2 rates, if approved.

Decision

The Sub-Committee:

- i. considered and approved the revised scale of the fares or other charges proposed by the East Lothian Taxi and Private Hire Association (Appendix 1); and
- ii. authorised officers to advertise and explain the effect of the proposals and invite representations from the public.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS – EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Licensing Sub-Committee unanimously agreed to exclude the public from the following business containing exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 6 (information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person other than the Authority) of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

2. SUSPENSION OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVERS LICENCE – CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

The Sub Committee considered the suspension of a Taxi/Private Hire Driver's Licence imposed on 12 January 2017 and agreed to further suspend the licence until 9 March 2017 on which date the licence holder would be invited to appear again before the Sub-committee.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT OF TEMPORARY PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE

The Sub-Committee had received 2 applications and both were continued to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on 9 March to allow site visits to take place.

4. DISCUSSION ON CONDUCT OF TAXI DRIVERS

This item was continued to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on 9 March 2017.

5. PRIVATE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 12 JANUARY 2017 FOR APPROVAL

The Sub-Committee agreed that the minute of 12 January 2017 was a true record of the meeting.