

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL

### LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS, at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, 8 March 2022

**Present: Councillor Bob Backhouse (Chairman)**  
**Councillors Allen, Atkins, Atwood, Ellis, Funnell, Pope, Roberts, White and Wormington**

**Officers in Attendance:** Gary Stevenson (Head of Housing, Health and Environment), Sharon Degiorgio (Senior Licensing Officer), Robin Harris (Team Leader (Contentious)), Helen Ward (Lawyer (Contentious)) and Louise Kellam (Democratic Services Officer)

#### CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

LC57/21 The Chairman opened the meeting, introduced Committee Members and Officers in attendance, and outlined procedural matters of the meeting.

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

LC58/21 Apologies were received from Councillors Thomson, Hill and Lidstone.

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

LC59/21 There were no declarations of interest made.

#### NOTIFICATION OF PERSONS REGISTERED TO SPEAK (IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 18 OR 19):

LC60/21 There were no visiting Members or Public registered to speak.

#### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 30 NOVEMBER 2021

LC61/21 No amendments were proposed to the Minutes.

**RESOLVED** – That that the minutes of the previous meeting dated 30 November 2021 be approved as a correct record.

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

LC62/21 No amendments were proposed to the previous Sub-Committee hearing Minutes.

**RESOLVED** – That that the minutes of the previous meetings dated 5 November 2021, 23 November 2021, 1 December 2021, 20 December 2021 and 25 January 2022 be approved as correct records.

**HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING: OBJECTION TO PROPOSED LICENCE FEES AND CHARGES 2022/2023**

LC63/21 Sharon Degiorgio, Senior Licensing Officer, introduced the report as set out in the agenda

Questions and discussion from members included:

- Of the approximately 360 Consultation respondents (all drivers and operators), there were only 2 objections.

**RESOLVED** – That the Officer’s recommendation of applying the changes to Licence Fees and Charges for 2022/23 be approved.

**URGENT BUSINESS**

LC64/21 There was no urgent business for consideration.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

LC65/21 The next meeting of the Licensing Committee was scheduled for 28 June 2022

NOTE: The meeting concluded at 6.40 pm.