

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

21<sup>st</sup> August 2018

**Present** – Councillors Myers (Chairman), Baxandall, Heseltine, Jaquin, Madeley, Moorby, Solloway, Thompson and Welch.

**Officers** – Legal Services Manager, Licensing Manager, Assistant Licensing Officer and Committee Administrator.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Graham and Ireton.

Start: 6pm

Finish: 7:27pm

The minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **Minutes for Report**

LIC.207

#### **REVIEW OF TAXI FARES**

The Licensing Manager submitted a report regarding the outcome of a statutory public consultation that was undertaken in respect of a revised fares tariff for Hackney Carriages which included a new 'distance to pick up point charge'.

It was pointed out that, following the consultation period the latest date for the fares tariff to come into force had been exceeded and, therefore it was necessary to restart the consultation process. Added to this, a late request from a taxi proprietor had been received. The request asked Council to consider an additional hourly rate tariff to accommodate situations where a customer required exclusive use of a vehicle for several hours thus enabling the driver to specify in advance the cost based on time and not distance.

During the course of the ensuing discussion, it was made clear by Members that in wanting to see a tariff system that was fair for taxi drivers and the public, once implemented they expected the new tariff to be rigorously enforced.

**Resolved** – That, the matter is deferred to the next meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to enable the consultation process to be restarted on the Hackney Carriage revised fares tariff to now include a fare based on time.

LIC.208

#### **GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES – CONSULTATION ON AN AMENDED STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 2019- 2021**

The Licensing Manager submitted a report asking Members to approve the revised Gambling Policy for consultation. The draft policy reflected the principles of the Regulators Code, legislative changes and best practice to ensure Craven had a robust policy that protected the public in Craven who might use gambling premises or carry out gambling that was regulated by the Council.

**Resolved** – (1) That, the draft Gambling Policy 2019-2021 as now submitted, is authorised for a period of public consultation (end August 2019 – end October 2018).

(2) That, subject to (1) above, the draft Gambling Policy 2019-2021 and any representations received thereon are presented to a future meeting of the Licensing

Committee for consideration and approval and thereafter recommended to Council in December 2018 for ratification.

LIC.209

**NEXT MEETING : LICENSING COMMITTEE AND LICENSING AND APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Committee was asked to consider postponing the date of the next Licensing Committee to a later date in order to enable consideration of any representations received in response to the consultation of the revised Gambling Policy and its adoption by Council in December 2018. The Committee was further informed that a meeting of the Licensing and Appeals was required to consider an application for a Hackney Carriage driver's licence and potentially two other matters involving vehicles.

In light of the need to convene a Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee and the decision at Minutes LIC.207 and LIC.208 above, it was

**Resolved** – (1) That, the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 is retained and that the Licensing Manager is requested to submit a revised draft Hackney Carriage fares tariff for the Committee to consider and give approval to go out to consultation.

(2) That, an additional meeting of the Licensing Committee is held on 13<sup>th</sup> November in order to:

- a) Consider any representations received in response to the consultation on the revised Gambling Policy; and
- b) Consider any representations received in response to the consultation on the revised Hackney Carriage fares tariff.

(3) That, a Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee is held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 comprising of Councillors Madeley, Moorby and Myers (substitute Councillor Solloway).

**Minutes for Decision**

- None -

Chairman.