BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE (NON LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS)

3.00pm 13 OCTOBER 2022

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

23 HACKNEY CARRIAGE UNMET DEMAND REPORT

Contact Officer: Alex Evans Tel: 0127329

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED:

- **2.2** Recommends to continue to increase the number of hackney carriage vehicle licences issued by the council by 5 annually, such licences to be issued in May each year commencing in May 2023.
- **2.4** Recommend any additional licences issued under 2.2, above should be issued in accordance with the conditions attached to the Brighton & Hove City Council Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Waiting List and to vehicles which are constructed or adapted and configured to carry passengers seated in wheelchairs or; vehicles which are fully electric or; plug-in hybrid (PHEV) vehicles the type and design of the vehicle to be agreed by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Communities & Housing.

24 LICENSING FEES 2023/24

Contact Officer: Jim Whitelegg Tel: 01273 292438

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approves the following licence fees will increase by an average of 6%:

- Taxi Licence fees as set out in Appendix 1.
- Sex Entertainment Venues and Sex Establishments fees as set out in Appendix 2.
- Street Trading fees as set out in Appendix 2.

- All Gambling Act 2005 fees as set out in Appendix 2.
- All Animal Activity Licences fees as set out in Appendix 5. A list of agreed fees for 2022-23 and proposed fees for 2023-24 is included in Appendices 1-2 & 5.

Note: If the above recommendations are not agreed, or if the committee wishes to amend the recommendations, then the item will normally need to be referred to the Policy & Resources Committee meeting on 9 February 2023 to be considered as part of the overall 2023/24 budget proposals. This is because the 2023/24 budget proposals are developed on the assumption that fees and charges are agreed as recommended and any failure to agree, or a proposal to agree different fees and charges, will have an impact on the overall budget proposals, which means it needs to be dealt with by Policy & Resources Committee as per the requirements of the constitution. This does not fetter the committee's ability to make recommendations to Policy & Resources Committee.

25 HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE REVIEW

Contact Officer: Alex Evans Tel: 0127329

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED:

That Committee:

- 1. Approved the proposed fare increases and authorises the Head of Safer Communities to advertise the proposed variation in fares and invite any objections in accordance with the legal requirements.
- 2. Agreed that if no objections are made, or if any objections which are made are withdrawn, the varied table of fares will come into force in accordance with the statutory scheme.
- 3. Reconsider the matter at the next meeting of this Committee if valid objections are made but not withdrawn. As there are strict legal timescales relating to fare reviews a special meeting of this Committee may be required.

26 BLUE HANDBOOK FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS, VEHICLES AND OPERATORS AMENDMENTS

Contact Officer: Alex Evans Tel: 0127329

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED:

That Members agree the following changes:

- 1. A new condition that all tyres on a vehicle must be under 10 years old
- 2. The Council will no longer licence vehicles that are Category S 'write offs'.

- 3. Members approve various amendments regarding the licensing objectives and guidelines on Convictions to the Blue Book as outlined in Appendix 1
- 4. Remove the condition that Private Hire Vehicles are required to have a Fire Extinguisher
- 5. Agree updated Guidance with regard to First Aid as described at 3.6
- 6. Agree the Temporary Age Limit for Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles as described at 3.12

27 HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER ENFORCEMENT AND MONITORING

Contact Officer: Alex Evans Tel: 0127329

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED:

1. That Members note the contents of this report and that officers should continue to act as appropriate.