

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR EXECUTIVE LICENSING FUNCTIONS**

**4.30pm 23 JUNE 2011**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillor Deane (Chair)

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Cobb, Gilbey, Hyde, Kitcat, Lepper, Marsh, Pidgeon, Rufus, Sykes (Deputy Chair), C Theobald, Turton and West

**Other Members present:** Councillors

**PART ONE**

**1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**1a Declarations of Interest**

1.1 There were none.

**1b. Exclusion of Press and Public**

1.2 In accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("The Act"), the Advisory Committee for Executive Licensing Functions considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press or public were present during the item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in Section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act.

1.3 **RESOLVED** – That the press and public be not excluded.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the Advisory Committee for Executive Licensing Functions be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

3.1 There were none.

#### 4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

4.1 There were none.

#### 5. HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE REVIEW

5.1 The Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning and Public Protection seeking the Committee's recommendation and authority to advertise proposed fare increases following the hackney carriage trade's request to increase fares.

5.2 Councillors Lepper and Simson stated that although it was regrettable that increases were sought this was understandable given the rises in fuel and other costs. They asked how this would translate in terms of additional costs to customers and the Hackney Fare Officer explained that in broad terms this would equate to around 20 pence on the cost of a journey. Councillor Lepper asked whether it was possible for member(s) of the public to object to the proposals and it was confirmed that they could.

5.3 Councillor West stated that he considered the proposed increases to be moderate and proportionate and welcomed the fact that an additional charge was not made for longer journeys.

5.4 Councillor Turton enquired whether one objection was sufficient to trigger the proposals coming back to Committee and it was confirmed that it would.

5.5 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Committee recommends the proposed fare increases and authorises the relevant Director advertise the proposed variation in fares, and invites any objections in accordance with legal requirements.;

(2) Agrees that if no objections are made, or if any objections which are made are withdrawn, the varied table of fares will come into force from the date specified in the relevant notice; and

(3) That the Committee reconsiders the matter at the next meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Executive Committee if valid objections are made but not withdrawn. As there are strict legal timescales relating to fare reviews a special meeting of the Advisory Committee may be required.

The meeting concluded at 5.50pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of