

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

**SPECIAL LICENSING COMMITTEE 2003
(Non Licensing Act 2003 Functions)****4.00PM – MONDAY 28 APRIL 2008****COUNCIL CHAMBER
HOVE TOWN HALL****MINUTES**

Present: Councillor Simson (Chairman); Councillors Hyde (Deputy Chairman); Pidgeon (Deputy Chairman), Councillors Barnett, Cobb, Davey, Duncan, Hamilton, Hawkes, Janio, Lepper (OS), Marsh, Older, Watkins and West.

PART ONE**ACTION****33 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS****33A Declarations of Substitutes**

33.1 Councillor Duncan substitute for Councillor Fryer.

33B Declarations of Interest

33.2 There were none.

33C Exclusion of Press and Public

33.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A, Part 5A, Section 100A(4) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

33.4 **RESOLVED - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.**

34. HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE REVIEW

- 34.1 At the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 14 February 2008 it was agreed that the Director of Environment be authorised to advertise the proposed variation in Hackney Carriage fares and invite any objections. If objections were received the matter would be considered at a future meeting of the Licensing Committee. Objections were received and therefore the Committee were required to consider those objections and to agree a table of fares to come into force with or without modifications. The objections were listed in appendices 1-4 to the report (see Minute book for details).
- 34.2 The Committee were advised that the objections received suggested an entirely new tariff rather than a modification. Therefore, if the objections were accepted it would be necessary to start the fare review again and publish the proposed table in order for any objections to be made.
- 34.3 The Committee discussed the objections received and the new alternative table of fares. The Committee were aware that there had been no increase in fares since May 2006 and that the table of fares which was discussed at the Committee meeting in February had been set after full discussions with the taxi drivers.
- 34.4 The Committee noted that the cost of running a taxi had increased and it was therefore appropriate for there to be some rise in tariffs. The Committee considered the objections but felt that the table of fares published in February were appropriate and would accept them without modification. The Committee were conscious of the importance of taxis to the city and particularly the importance of having a mixed fleet to ensure that taxis were accessible to as many people as possible. It was suggested that in future taxis were considered as part of the overall transport scheme for the city.
- 34.5 **RESOLVED** – That the objections received on the proposed table of fares as advertised having been considered, the proposed table of fares without modification would come into force on 19th May 2008.

35. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

- 35.1 **RESOLVED** - That no items go forward to Council.

The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated this day of

2008

