

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 January 2006, in the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 4.30 pm.

Present: Councillor Mrs Goode (Chair); Councillors Mrs Bunker, Ms Flanagan, Harris, Mrs Knight and Kundi.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Coker.

803. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 6 December 2005 and 4 January 2006, were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

804. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

805. HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

A report from Members' Services was submitted on an application from the Leamington Hackney Carriage Proprietors Association for changes to hackney carriage fares in the district.

The Council had power under the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions (Act 1976) to fix a maximum fare which could be charged by hackney carriages licensed by the Council.

The existing table of fares had been operative since the 1 April 2004. An application had been received from the Leamington Association for a change to the table by increasing the charge of the first mile from £3.00 to £3.40 and the charge for subsequent miles from £1.20 to £1.40. The application also asks for the 50% surcharge allowed between 11.00 pm and 5.30 am and Bank Holidays to be extended to include Sundays and to hirings involving five or more passengers in suitable vehicles.

All proprietors had been consulted on the application but comments had only been received from one. He did not support the increase in the first mile nor the 50% surcharge on Sundays. He did however support the increase for subsequent miles.

The report gave details of increases in journeys of 1, 2, 3 and 10 miles should the application for the increase be approved. The report also gave information with regard to the fares allowed by other authorities in Warwickshire for similar journeys.

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RESOLVED that the following amendments be approved to the existing fare structure and advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and if no objections are received the revised fares be brought into operation on an appropriate date, any objections to be reported to this Committee :-

- (i) an increase from £3.00 to £3.40 for the first mile;
- (ii) 20 pence for each subsequent 1/7th of a mile instead of 1/6th of a mile giving a figure of £1.40 instead of £1.20 for each subsequent mile; and
- (iii) the 50% surcharge allowed between 11.00 pm and 5.30 am be extended to cover Sundays and hirings involving five or more passengers in suitable vehicles.

(The meeting ended at 4.40 pm)

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