

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TAXI AND GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

30 January 2024

Present: Councillor Jenns in the Chair

Councillors Clews, Hobley, Jarvis, Osborne, O Phillips, Smith, Stuart, Taylor, Turley, Whapples and A Wright

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bates and Fowler

1 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

2 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Taxi and General Licensing Committee held on 24 January 2023, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 **General Fund Revenue Budget – 2023/24 Revised and 2024/25 Estimates and Fees and Charges**

Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) reported on the revised budget for 2023/24 and an estimate of expenditure for 2024/25, together with forward commitments for 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28. It also included a review of the fees and charges for Taxi and General Licensing with recommendations for increases.

Resolved:

- a **That the revised budget for 2023/24 be accepted;**
- b **That the fees and charges, as set out in Appendix C and section 5 of the report, be approved; and**

Recommendation to Executive Board:

- c **That the 2024/25 estimates be approved, as submitted in the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer), be included in the budget to be brought before the meeting of the Executive Board on 12 February 2024.**

4 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Fixing of Fares – Hackney Carriages - Report of the Chief Executive

The Chief Executive asked the Committee to consider a request from the taxi trade for an increase in fares.

Resolved:

- a That an increase in Hackney Carriage fares, as set out in the proposed table of fares contained in the report, be allowed; and**
- b That if objections to any agreed increase be received within the statutory period and not withdrawn, those objections are considered by a Sub-Committee of this Committee.**

5 Consultation on Review of Taxi Licensing Policy – Report of the Chief Executive

The Chief Executive asked the Committee to review and consider a consultation on the new Taxi Licensing Policy.

Resolved:

- a That the report be noted; and**
- b That a consultation to review the Taxi Licensing Policy be carried out.**

A Jenns
Chair