

MORAY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee

Wednesday, 12 June 2019

Council Chambers, Council Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX

PRESENT

Councillor James Allan, Councillor Gordon Cowie, Councillor Paula Coy, Councillor John Divers, Councillor Ryan Edwards, Councillor Louise Laing, Councillor Marc Macrae, Councillor Maria McLean, Councillor Amy Taylor

APOLOGIES

Councillor Theresa Coull, Councillor Donald Gatt, Councillor Aaron McLean, Councillor Ron Shepherd

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance at the above meeting were Sean Hoath, Senior Solicitor, Rhoda Banfro, Solicitor and Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer.

1. Chair

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Amy Taylor.

2. Declaration of Group Decisions and Members Interests *

In terms of Standing Order 20 and the Councillor's Code of Conduct there were no declarations from group leaders or spokespersons in regards to any prior decisions taken on how Members will vote on any item on the agenda.

3. Minutes of meeting on 17 April 2019

The minute of the meeting of the Licensing Committee dated 17 April 2019 was submitted and approved.

4. Written Questions **

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

5. Mandatory Review of Fairs and Charges Report

A report by the Corporate Director (Corporate Services) invited the Committee to formulate a set of proposals for the maximum fares and charges applicable to taxis.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to:

- i) note the views expressed by taxi operators in the informal consultation process;
- ii) to formulate a set of proposals for the maximum fares and charges applicable to taxis in Moray; namely
 - a) not to increase the taxi fares and charges for the coming year
 - b) emphasis in the consultation that the charges are maximum charges and that the taxi operators can charge less
 - c) ask taxi operators whether pre-booked taxi surcharge is applied
 - d) ask whether the fouling charge is adequate to cover the cost of cleaning and time the taxi is off the road.
 - e) ask whether taxi operators would find face to face meetings useful to discuss the consultation.
- iii) instruct the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to conduct a formal consultation on those proposals as required by the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982; and
- iv) note the views expressed in the formal consultation at its next scheduled meeting in order to approve a revised fare structure for implementation on 29 December 2019.

6. Question Time ***

There were no further questions.