

**Minutes of the Licensing Committee
15 December 2022**

Present:

Councillor R.W. Sider BEM (Chairman)
Councillor S.A. Dunn (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

C. Bateson	K.M. Grant	O. Rybinski
J.T.F. Doran	K. Howkins	B.B. Spoor

Apologies: Councillors Councillor C.L. Barratt, Councillor A.C. Harman and Councillor V. Siva

8/22 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2022 were agreed as correct record.

9/22 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

10/22 Review and Setting of Fees & Charges for the Licensing of Hackney Carriages, Private Hire and Private Hire Operators

The Principal Licensing Officer reported on the review and setting of fees and charges for the licensing of Hackney Carriages, Private Hire and Private Hire Operators. All licence holders were notified on 28 October 2022 to seek their views on the proposed hackney carriage and private hire licence fees. Following the 28-day consultation period, the licensing authority had received three objections from licence holders on the proposed fees and charges.

The Principal Licensing Officer summarised the objections received which included the fees being in the best interest of the council; the fees had not increased since the tariff change in 2015; there was no taxi sign for the main side of Staines-Upon-Thames railway station; there was a lack of work and a suggestion that the Council had not provided taxi jobs.

The Committee noted that only a small number of objections had been received considering the number who were notified, and that a majority of concerns addressed in the objections were out of the Council's control.

It was proposed by Councillor Bateson and seconded by Councillor Doran and **resolved** that the proposed fees and charges be rounded down to the nearest pound.

It was proposed by Councillor Bateson and seconded by Councillor Rybinski and **resolved** that the proposed fees and charges shall come into force from 1 January 2023.

The Committee **Resolved** to agree with the proposed taxi and private hire fees and charges set out in Appendix A of the report.

Chair _____
30 October 2023