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AGENDA

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Regulatory Committee

Tuesday, 19th September, 2017 at 6.30 pm

Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA

Members:

Councillor Mrs Jessie Milne (Chair)
Councillor Mrs Angela Lawrence (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Mrs Gillian Bardsley
Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Mrs Pat Mewis
Councillor Richard Oaks
Councillor Mrs Maureen Palmer
Councillor Mrs Judy Rainsforth
Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers
Councillor Lewis Strange

1. Apologies for Absence**2. Public Participation**

Up to 15 minutes are allowed for public participation. Participants are restricted to 3 minutes each.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members may make declarations of Interest at this point or may make them at any point in the meeting

4. Matters arising

Matters arising from a previous meeting of the Regulatory Committee, as at 11 September 2017.

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5. **Minutes of Previous meetings**

i) Licensing and Regulatory - April

Minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory meeting held on 27 April 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record. (PAGES 5 - 8)

ii) Regulatory - June

Minutes of the Regulatory meeting held on 19 June 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record. (PAGES 9 - 12)

6. **Public Reports for approval**

i) Hemswell Cliff Public Space Protection Order - authority to consult (PAGES 13 - 22)

ii) Request from Taxi Trade for an increase in Hackney Carriage Fares (PAGES 23 - 30)

7. **To note the forthcoming training**

Committee are asked to note that there will be Licensing and Regulatory Training in the Council Chamber on the following dates and times:

12 October 2pm

17 October 2pm

Members of this Committee will need to attend both sessions, in order to be permitted to sit at future hearings.

Mark Sturgess
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The Guildhall
Gainsborough

11 September 2017

Regulatory Committee Matters Arising Schedule

Purpose:

To consider progress on the matters arising from previous Regulatory Committee meetings.

Recommendation: That members note progress on the matters arising and request corrective action if necessary.

Matters arising Schedule

Green	PSPOs	L&R 26/01/17 Minute Extract It was suggested that it would be useful to see cost comparisons of having a dedicated dog warden against the proposed scheme, over a six month period.	Feedback on all PSPO's will follow in January/February time, so the next available update for Licensing/Regulatory will be in March.	15/03/18	Kathryn Hearn
	PSPO TAC	Minute extract 19/06/17 ... and it was questioned how enforcement would be carried out. The Senior Community Safety Officer acknowledged that it would be a learning process to see what worked best, and that training was being offered to	Feedback on all PSPO's will follow in January/February time, so the next available update for Licensing/Regulatory will be in March.	15/03/18	Kathryn Hearn

		Town and Parish Councils, TAC staff etc, and there would also be CCTV coverage. It was suggested that it would be useful to see feedback after six months on how the scheme had worked.			
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WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA on 27 April 2017 commencing at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillor Mrs Jessie Milne (Chairman)
Councillor Owen Bierley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Mrs Sheila Bibb
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Mrs Angela Lawrence
Councillor Mrs Pat Mewis
Councillor Mrs Judy Rainsforth

In Attendance:
Andy Gray Housing and Communities Team Manager
Kathryn Hearn Senior Community Safety Officer
Dinah Lilley Governance and Civic Officer

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Gillian Bardsley
Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers

Membership: There were no substitutions.

23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation

24 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the 26 January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this point of the meeting.

26 MATTERS ARISING SCHEDULE

It was noted that the one green item on the Matters Arising Schedule was scheduled for later in the year, when the new scheme had been in operation for some time, that a comparison of costs be made with the cost of employing a dog warden.

RESOLVED that the Matters Arising Schedule be noted.

27 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Following approval on 26 January 2017 by the Licensing and Regulatory Committee, a consultation was held on a proposal to make a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). The Senior Community Safety Officer introduced the results of that consultation.

These Orders could be made on any land open to the air that the public had a right or entitlement of access to. This meant that the legislation could apply to land belonging to local authorities, as well as, for example, Church grounds and land belonging to a resident owned management company.

The proposed PSPO aimed to reduce occurrences of uncleared dog fouling in the District by requiring fouling to be picked up in all public spaces (within the definition of public in this legislation), and by requiring dog waste to be properly disposed of in a general or dog waste bin.

Public consultation was held from 13 February 2017 to 27 March 2017. This exceeded the statutory minimum consultation period of 30 days, and met the standard council consultation period of 6 weeks. A Public Notice was placed in the local media on Thursday 9 February 2017 as required by legislation, and articles on the consultation were placed in several local newspapers covering the District, on social media and on the West Lindsey website.

Statutory consultees included:

- Police and Crime Commissioner
- Local police Inspector
- Lincolnshire County Council highways
- Parish and Town Councils
- Elected members of the Council
- Church diocese

132 responses were received on the consultation from a wide cross section of the District with 92% of respondents (119 responses) agreeing that uncleared dog fouling was an issue in their locality. 99% of respondents (128 responses) supported the making of a PSPO.

84 comments were received, with the top five topics being as follows:

1. How will the order be enforced?
2. Great idea
3. Signage is important as part of the order
4. Publicity needs to be undertaken
5. More dog bins required in some areas

The report set out further explanation in response to the questions raised, in terms of enforcement, publicity, signage, dog bins (the publicity would highlight that general waste bins could now be used for dog waste).

Members of the Committee welcomed the report, and agreed that dog fouling amounted to

antisocial behaviour, and that education and publicity were required to highlight and correct the behaviour.

It was questioned whether the wording was appropriate on the proposed Order, at Schedule 1 para a. that the following land would not be subject to the Order – woodland and heath. Walkers used footpaths within this type of land and should not be subjected to uncleared dog waste, although it was acknowledged that it would not be possible to enforce clearing on a wider scale over open land. The officer noted that she could amend the order if Members so wished.

It was proposed and seconded that 'woodland and heath' be removed from the schedule of exemptions. On being voted upon, this was agreed.

RESOLVED that the schedule of exemptions be amended to remove 'woodland and heath'.

The Order as amended was then moved, seconded and voted upon.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the results of the public consultation be noted; and
- b) the making of the Public Space Protection Order, effective from 5 June 2017, be approved.

The meeting concluded at 6.51 pm.

Chairman

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WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA on 19 June 2017 commencing at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillor Mrs Jessie Milne (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Angela Lawrence (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Mrs Gillian Bardsley
Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Mrs Pat Mewis
Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers

In Attendance:
Kathryn Hearn Senior Community Safety Officer
Dinah Lilley Governance and Civic Officer

Apologies: Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Mrs Maureen Palmer
Councillor Mrs Judy Rainsforth
Councillor Lewis Strange

Membership: There were no substitutions

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

6 MATTERS ARISING

The Governance and Civic Officer noted that the outstanding Matters Arising was not yet due for completion, as it was a six month comparison of the costs of a PSPO against that of a dog warden.

RESOLVED that the Matters Arising Schedule be noted.

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

8 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee of 8 May 2017 be signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Sub-Committee of 19 May 2017 be noted.

9 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL LAND

The Senior Community Safety Officer informed the Committee that West Lindsey District Council had held a consultation on a proposal to make a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). These Orders could be made on any land open to the air that the public have a right or entitlement of access to.

The proposal was to replace Dog Control Orders on Gainsborough Town Council (GTC) land, with PSPOs on all GTC land, to encompass restrictions on dogs, drinking of alcohol and recreational use of motor vehicles. The consultation was based on a request by GTC following reports by GTC staff and local residents about anti-social behaviour and environmental issues.

Public consultation was held from 10 April 2017 to 15 May 2017 including local press, social media, electronically and paper copies of the questionnaire. Statutory consultees were notified by direct email, including a link to the website consultation page.

While the responses received showed support for the PSPO, it was not felt that the 12 responses received was sufficient to make a recommendation. To do so could leave the council open to a legal challenge that the restrictions imposed were not justified.

It was therefore proposed that this consultation should be reopened for a further six weeks, with additional promotion and publicity to try to engage a wider response. Gainsborough Town Council have been informed of this and advised to promote the consultation amongst its network.

The recommendation proposed that this proposal return to the Regulatory Committee in September 2017 for a recommendation following the further consultation, however, due to operational capacity it was suggested that this request the resubmission to a 'future' meeting rather than specifying September.

Members of the Committee agreed that the response was disappointing and that to re-open the consultation was the right thing to do. It was questioned what would happen if no further responses were received. Whilst there was no guidance or legislation specifying the response rate, it was felt that to give a further opportunity to comment would ensure that every effort had been made to consult with the public and interested parties.

The amendment to the recommendation was moved, seconded and voted upon and it was:

RESOLVED that the date for the report to return to the Committee be non specific.

The amended recommendation was then moved, seconded and voted upon, and it was:

RESOLVED that:

- a) the results of the public consultation be noted; and
- b) the report be submitted to a future Committee meeting following further consultation.

10 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER TRINITY ARTS CENTRE

The Senior Community Safety Officer informed the meeting that West Lindsey District Council had held consultation on a proposal to make a Public Space Protection Order. These Orders could be made on any land open to the air to which the public have a right or entitlement of access.

It was proposed that an order be made on the land at the Trinity Arts Centre (TAC) including the pocket park on Cleveland Street, to ban the consumption of alcohol in the outdoor space and to restrict access by dogs. This was considered following numerous complaints relating to this issue by staff at, and visitors, to the TAC, as well as local residents.

Public consultation was held from 10 April 2017 to 15 May 2017 including local press, social media, electronically and paper copies of the questionnaire. Statutory consultees were notified by direct email, including a link to the website consultation page. An email was also sent to all addresses on the Trinity Arts Centre distribution list.

78 responses were received. A small number of respondents had not agreed with the alcohol ban or the restrictions on dogs, however the majority were in favour.

The recommendation therefore was that the PSPO be made; that the drinking of alcohol or possession of an open container of alcohol within the land at Trinity Arts Centre and the pocket park be banned; that dogs be excluded from the land (except for guide dogs and medical alert dogs).

It should be noted that drinking alcohol or having an open container of alcohol in the land would not in itself constitute a breach of the PSPO; a breach would occur when the drinker was asked to move on or hand over the alcohol by an authorised officer and did not comply.

The effective date of 24 July 2017 was proposed to allow for publicity, internal preparations and local signage. A copy of the final draft order was attached to the report Annex A.

Members sought clarification that no forms of support/guide dogs would be excluded by the order, this was affirmed.

It was agreed that the antisocial behaviour associated with alcohol was often intimidating, and it was questioned how enforcement would be carried out. The Senior Community Safety Officer acknowledged that it would be a learning process to see what worked best, and that training was being offered to Town and Parish Councils, TAC staff etc, and there would also be CCTV coverage. It was suggested that it would be useful to see feedback after six months on how the scheme had worked.

All agreed that this would be an excellent piece of legislation which would enhance the reputation of the Trinity Arts Centre and improve the amenity of nearby residents.

The recommendations were therefore moved, seconded and voted upon.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the results of the public consultation be noted; and
- b) the making of the Public Space Protection Order be agreed with an effective date of 24th July 2017.

The meeting concluded at 6.54 pm.

Chairman



Regulatory Committee

Date 19 September 2017

Subject: Hemswell Cliff Public Space Protection Order – authority to consult

Report by:

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Chief Operating Officer

Contact Officer:

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Purpose / Summary:

To outline proposals relating to a proposed Public Space Protections Order, and to gain authority from Committee to consult in line

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Elected members are asked to:

- 1. Give authority to consult on the proposed PSPO;**
- 2. Approve the suggested consultation plan;**

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: These Orders are made under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. A minimum 30 day consultation period is required by Legislation.

Power to make a PSPO has been added to the Terms of Reference of this Committee

Breach of a PSPO may be dealt with by a fixed penalty notice or prosecution. Delegated powers are in place for service of fixed penalty notices.

Appeals against the making of a PSPO can be made in the High Court within 5 weeks of the PSPO being made, on the grounds that the process has not been followed, or that the council did not have the authority to make the Order or put certain restrictions in the Order.

Financial : Fin Ref:FIN/76/18

There will be costs associated with the consultation process, signage and publicity and resource costs. These should be relatively low and met from within existing budget provision.

Fixed penalty notices for breach of a PSPO are set at £75 with a £50 early payment incentive in fees and charges. This will increase from 1 April 2018 to £100 with a £75 early payment incentive. Income from fixed penalty notices may be used to support the service issuing the FPN.

Staffing :

Staff time will be required to support the consultation process and reporting back to Committee. Staff time will be required to deal with breaches to support the PSPOs. It is intended that multi-skilling enforcement staff will enable this with minimal impact on individual officers by sharing the load.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

The PSPOs will not disadvantage any social groups over another, and the process will be applied fairly. Exemptions for fixed penalty notices for reasons of physical or mental impairment are detailed in the Fixed Penalty Enforcement Strategy.

Risk Assessment :

Challenge in the High Court – reduced by following process and considering reasonableness throughout process

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :

Nil

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

None.

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

x

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

x

1 Introduction

- 1.1 West Lindsey District Council has been asked to consider making a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) on land at Hemswell Cliff;
- 1.2 These Orders can be made on any land open to the air that the public have a right or entitlement of access to. This means that the legislation can apply to land belonging to local authorities, as well as, for example, Church grounds and land belonging to a resident owned management company;
- 1.3 To make an Order, the local authority needs to be satisfied on reasonable grounds that the activities carried out, or likely to be carried out, in a public space:
 - Have had, or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality
 - Is, or is likely to be persistent or continuing in nature
 - Is, or is likely to be unreasonable
 - Justifies the restrictions imposed;
- 1.4 A PSPO can require something to happen e.g. requirement to keep dogs on a lead, or ban something from happening e.g. banning drinking alcohol in a public space;
- 1.5 A PSPO lasts for three years, after which it can be removed or extended. A PSPO can be removed or varied within the three year period if no longer needed;
- 1.6 Breach of a PSPO is a criminal offence, punishable by a fixed penalty notice or prosecution;
- 1.7 PSPOs, while a versatile and effective tool, have attracted some negativity nationally due to how they have been applied in some authority areas. It is therefore important to consider what activities the PSPO is aimed at stopping, whether those activities are deemed unreasonable, and whether the requirement or prohibition under the proposed PSPO is justifiable and enforceable;
- 1.8 The legislation requires that a minimum 30 days consultation is carried out prior to a decision being made to make a PSPO or not;
- 1.9 This paper is intended to outline the current proposed PSPO, the reasons behind the request and the requirements or prohibitions suggested, and to ask the Committee to agree for consultation to take place;

2 Background to the request

- 2.1 Since Autumn 2015 service requests to the council regarding Hemswell Cliff have risen, with concerns being raised about behaviours on the open spaces and roads that are affecting the community;
- 2.2 Hemswell Cliff has a complex ownership situation, with the roads and much of the open space being managed by a resident owned management company, and other areas owned by the Parish Council, plus a business park with areas in different ownership. This has led to some difficulty in tackling some issues, and has highlighted the need for a solution that applies to the area as a whole, rather than multiple minor interventions which only move a problem on;
- 2.3 The type of service request regularly received at the council has included:
- Burning waste/bonfires on public areas
 - Grazing of horses or other domestic animals on public land
 - Parking of vehicles on grassed areas, causing damage
 - Quad bikes and other vehicles being raced or driven over green spaces causing damage
 - Erecting structures on public land;
- 2.4 In 2017 there has also been work around vulnerability of residents and higher level crime and anti-social behaviour in Hemswell Cliff, including a piece of work by Pioneer to scope out wider proposals relating to the regeneration of the area, community safety, partnership working and economic development. Whilst a PSPO will not address more serious concerns in the village, it is a fact that a clean and maintained public space reduces fear of crime and anti-social behaviour, and by tackling low level environmental issues we can prevent escalation;
- 2.5 The Parish Council have formally requested that West Lindsey District Council consider a PSPO for the area. Given the number of concerns raised over the years about the public spaces, we can be satisfied that the land is used, or likely to be used, for activity detrimental to the quality of life of those in the area. This activity is likely to be persistent having gone on for a number of years, is unreasonable and would justify the restrictions imposed, safeguarding the public spaces for the community;
- 2.6 This is also a current priority area for the council and therefore action is required to support the regeneration and safety of Hemswell Cliff;

3 Proposal

- 3.1 The proposed conditions of the PSPO are as follows:

3.2 That on the land in figure 1:

- The grazing of horses and other domestic animals is banned
- The use of motor vehicles including quad bikes is banned, unless an emergency vehicle, or a vehicle acting on behalf of the Parish Council or resident owned management company (this will not apply to the roads or car parks)
- The parking of vehicles including quad bikes, caravans and trailers is banned, unless an emergency vehicle, or a vehicle acting on behalf of the Parish Council or resident owned management company (this will not apply to the roads or car parks)
- Burning or bonfires are banned, unless authorised or arranged by the Parish Council
- The erection of any type of structure is banned unless with the permission of the Parish Council;

3.3 This will apply to Parish Council and Management Company land, including green areas, but will not include private parking spaces or any private land that the public has no right or entitlement of access to.

3.4 That on the land in figure 2:

- The use of quad bikes is banned unless with the permission of the site manager
- Burning or bonfires are banned, unless authorised or arranged by the site manager
- The grazing of horses and other domestic animals is banned;

3.5 This will apply to the roads around the business area, the main car park and any green space that the public has a right or entitlement of access to. It will not include any private land belonging to businesses;

3.6 There is an option to extend the area covered to include the streets Gibraltar Road and Plassey Road, and to cover a wider area of the Business area, however we will have to confirm if other areas of the business park can be included or if they are classed as private land;

3.7 There is also an option to make no distinction between the residential and business areas and only have one set of conditions;

4 Consultation

4.1 Should approval be given for consulting the following is proposed:

- That consultation for the PSPO run alongside consultation for the Hemswell Cliff Neighbourhood Plan, with a start date intended for October 2017;

- That consultation will be discussed and agreed with the Parish Council, business park management and Ward Member prior to commencement;
- Statutory consultees will be notified by email where possible, and in writing otherwise (statutory consultees include elected member for the Ward, Parish Council, the Police and any other person directly affected by the proposal e.g. affected landowners);
- A Public Notice will be placed in local press;
- A press release will be sent to local newspapers and publications, and placed on the website and social media prior to consultation opening;
- Responses will be accepted in paper or electronic format. Paper forms will be made available at the school;
- The proposal will return to a Regulatory Committee, date to be confirmed, for a recommendation and decision on making the PSPO;

5 Recommendation

5.1 Elected members are asked to:

1. Give authority to consult on the proposed PSPO
2. Approve the suggested consultation plan

Figure 1 – residential area

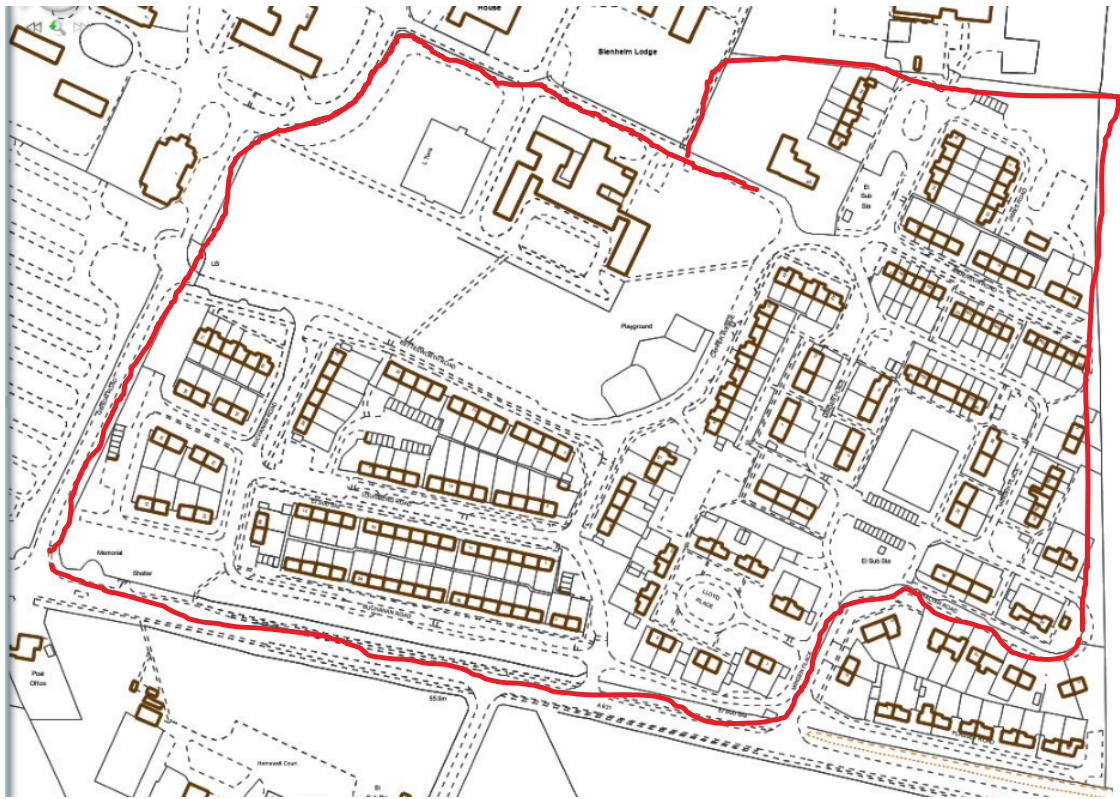


Figure 2 – business park



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Regulatory Committee

19 September 2017

Subject: Request from Taxi Trade for an increase in Hackney Carriage Fares

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

Requests have been received from Hackney Carriage Proprietors for an increase in Hackney Carriage fares they can charge to their customers.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- 1) That Members in the first instance decide if the current scale of fares should be increased, taking into account the request from the taxi Proprietors;**
- 2) If it is agreed by Members that an increase in fares is necessary, then Members choose on the amount of increase to apply from any of the suggestions made by the Hackney Carriage Proprietors, OR decide an increase of their own choosing. Any such increase to be advertised by publication of the required statutory notice and reconsidered if any objections are received.**

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

The Council is obliged to advertise any increase by publication of the required statutory notice and reconsider if any objections are received.

Financial : FIN/72/18

The Cost of publishing the public notice (referred to above) can be met from existing budgets. *For the avoidance of doubt the subject matter within this paper has no direct link to the fees and charges West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) apply to any type of taxi application e.g. drivers, vehicles or operators.*

Staffing :

No additional resources required as a result of this report.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

None as a result of this report

Risk Assessment :

Not applicable

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :

None as a result of this report.

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Emailed responses from Hackney Carriage proprietors with suggested increases.

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

Yes

No

x

Key Decision:

Yes

No

x

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Under the provisions of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the District Council is the Authority responsible for licensing hackney carriages and private hire vehicles. The council also sets a scale of fares which is the maximum amount that can be charged by hackney carriage proprietors. The Council cannot, however, control fares for private hire vehicles;
- 1.2 The Council currently licenses 61 hackney carriages, 34 private hire vehicles and 133 drivers in the District;
- 1.3 As a result of a hackney carriage proprietor contacting the licensing team recently, officers contacted all West Lindsey licensed hackney carriage drivers to seek their views as to whether they feel there is a need for an increase in fares. The responses received from the consultation exercise equates to 4.5%. Fares were last increased in 2011 and before that in 2008;

2 Fares

- 2.1 The Council's current scale of fares is attached hereto as Appendix 1;
- 2.2 As a result of the licensing team consulting with the taxi trade, 6 responses were received, suggesting various options to amend the fares that they may charge the public. As there is no hackney association in West Lindsey each operator is contacted individually for their views;
- 2.3 The operators have proposed that the following fare increases should be considered:
 - a) *I would suggest a start-up of £3.00 and leave the rest alone;*
 - b) *In regards to the request for a price increase we suggest 20p extra on start-up rate AND increasing 10p on every 2/10's of a mile on tariff 1. On tariff 2 increase start-up rate by 40p AND increasing 20p on every 2/10's of a mile;*
 - c) *How about a £3.00 start before 11pm and £4.00 after 11.00?*
 - d) *I believe that the fares should increase slightly with a different start cost of £2.90 and then 10p more per mile.....
..... Also I and a lot of other taxi drivers in the district would agree that the fare on a Sunday should be on tariff 2 which is common throughout a lot of towns and cities and would encourage more drivers to work on a Sunday, as taxis are hard to come by because of this.....*

- e) *A fare increase is pointless whilst there are drivers willing to take fares from Gainsborough Town Centre to Morrison's for £2.50 when the metered fare is around £5.00*.*
- f) *This response is basically a statement referring to the cost of the fare 15 years ago compared to what it is currently, then goes on to state there are too many taxis for the size of the town. Unfortunately there is no suggestion regarding what any increase in the fare should be! The response is from a taxi driver and NOT from a Taxi proprietor.*

*N.B. - Response from Operator e above, this is just 1 paragraph of a full page response, the remaining information is in relation to how customers use and choose the vehicles on the taxi rank, failure to earn the minimum wage, requesting WLDC to enforce a policy that does not exist and equal opportunities and the provision of hackney carriages for the disabled. Whilst some of these issues may need further consideration, these are not matters for Members to discuss at this particular meeting.

Below are examples of the cost to the customer for various journeys, based on the suggested increase in fares at the Normal Rate:

Comparative Fare Rates	Fare for 1 mile on normal rate	Fare for 2 miles on normal rate	Fare for 5 miles on normal rate	Fare for 10 miles on normal rate	Fare for 20 miles on normal rate
Present Rate	£3.50	£5.00	£9.50	£17.00	£32.00
Effect from response a)	£3.90	£5.40	£9.90	£17.40	£32.40
Effect from response b)	£4.00	£6.00	£12.00	£22.00	42.00
Effect from response c)	As response a)	As response a)	As response a)	As response a)	As response a)
Effect from response d)	£3.86	£5.46	£10.26	£18.26	£34.26
Effect from response e)	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested
Effect from response f)	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested

Below are examples of the cost to the customer for various journeys, based on the suggested increase in fares in relation to Premium Rate 1:

Comparative Fare Rates	Fare for 1 mile on Premium Rate 1	Fare for 2 miles on Premium Rate 1	Fare for 5 miles on Premium Rate 1	Fare for 10 miles on Premium Rate 1	Fare for 20 miles on Premium Rate 1
Present Rate	£4.80	£6.80	£12.80	£22.80	£42.80
Effect from response a)	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested
Effect from response b)	£5.80	£8.80	£17.80	£32.80	£62.80
Effect from response c)	£5.20	£7.20	£13.20	£23.20	£43.20
Effect from response d)	Sundays to be included at Premium Rate 1	Sundays to be included at Premium Rate 1	Sundays to be included at Premium Rate 1	Sundays to be included at Premium Rate 1	Sundays to be included at Premium Rate 1
Effect from response e)	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested
Effect from response f)	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested	No increase suggested

N.B.

PREMIUM RATE 2 – Whilst there has been no suggestions regarding an increase to this tariff, Members should be aware that Premium Rate 2 is always double that of the tariff set for the Normal Rate;

3 Procedure

- 3.1 Any proposed change in hackney carriage fares must be advertised in the press. If any objections are received these must be considered by the Council. If no objections are received the new fare structure comes into effect from the date specified in the notice;

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 In the last 9 years there has been two increases in the table of fares that WLDC taxi proprietors charge their customers. The last change was approximately 6 years ago and during this time proprietors have seen increased costs relating to vehicular insurance, soaring fuel prices and the living wage. When taking these factors into account it would seem, therefore, that a further rise can be justified at the present time.

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CARRIAGE
NO.**

**NORMAL RATE
Mileage**

If the distance does not exceed 704 yards (approximately 643.7 metres)	£ 2.60
If the distance exceeds 704 yards	
– for the first 704 yards	£ 2.60
For each subsequent 352 yards (approximately 321.85 metres) or uncompleted part thereof	£ 0.30

MAXIMUM

**Waiting time or Working time
(when vehicle is stationary)**

For each minute or uncompleted part thereof	£ 0.30
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EXTRA CHARGES

For each domestic animal (carried at driver's discretion)	£ 1.50
Soiling of vehicle by domestic animal or customer, a charge not exceeding	£75.00

During periods of extreme / severe weather, and only on written permission from the Local Authority to do so, Premium Rate 1 be applied.

PREMIUM RATES

- For hirings starting between 11.00 pm and 7.00am on any day and at any time on Bank Holidays and any immediately preceding Sunday and on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve until 6.00pm
 - for the first 704 yards (643.7 metres) .. £ 3.60
 - for each subsequent 352 yards (321.85 metres)..... £ 0.40

Waiting time – for each minute or uncompleted part thereof £ 0.40

- For hiring starting between 6.00pm 24th December to 8.00am 27th December and starting between 6.00pm 31st December to 7.00am 2nd January
 - for the first 704 yards (643.7 metres) ... £ 5.20
 - for each subsequent 352 yards (321.85 metres) £ 0.60

Waiting time – for each minute or uncompleted part thereof £ 0.60

PASSENGERS

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