

**THESE MINUTES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE NEXT LICENSING COMMITTEE
ON 14 NOVEMBER 2007 FOR APPROVAL AS A CORRECT RECORD**

West Wiltshire District Council

Minutes

Minutes of the: Licensing Committee

Held on: Thursday 20 September 2007

Held in: Council Chamber, Bradley Road, Trowbridge

Present:

Councillors: Mudge (Chairman), Carbin, Carr, Davis, Denison-Pender, Hedley, Humphries

Officers: Principal Environmental Health Officer (CH), Licensing Officer (MJ), and Member Support Officers (KH & EW)

9. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Brown, Coop and Repton.

10. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Humphries declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 – Amendment of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Fees

11. Announcements from the Chairman

The Chairman ensured that the committee had received and read a letter from Pam Sidgwick regarding the membership of the committee. He also pointed out that the issue of Members IT will be addressed as stated at the Scrutiny Committee the previous evening.

12. Licensing Act 2003: Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2007

The Principal Environmental Health Officer presented the report and asked the Committee to consider and comment on the council's draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2007.

RESOLVED:

That the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy be reviewed by Council.
13. Amendment of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Fees

The Principal Environmental Health Officer presented the report to amend the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle licence fees as vehicle inspections will no longer be available in house from 1 November 2007.

The current annual licence fees are:

- For new licences and renewal licences: £204,

except;

- In the case of renewal licences where the complete application, including the fee, is received before the previous licence expires: a reduced fee of £194 applies.

It is proposed that these fees are reduced by the cost of the inspection at Commercial Services, £41, to £163 and £153 respectively.

RESOLVED:

The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire annual vehicle licence fees be changed, with immediate effect, to:

- **For new licences and renewal licences: £163**

except;

- **In the case of renewal licences where the complete application, including the fee, is received before the previous licence expires: a reduced fee of £153 will apply.**

(7.00pm – 7.30pm)

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