

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee**
held on Monday, 9th January, 2023 in the Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor D Edwardes (Chair)
Councillor J Wray (Vice-Chair)

Councillors D Brown, S Davies, H Faddes, S Handley, A Harewood and
L Smetham

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kim Evans - Licensing Team Leader
Phil Jennings - Legal Officer
Karen Shuker - Democratic Services Officer

50 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barber, Councillor
Fletcher, Councillor Macfarlane, Councillor J Smith, Councillor Pochin and
Councillor Wylie.

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

52 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no public speakers.

53 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2022 be approved
as a correct record.

54 MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the following sub-committee meetings be received:

26 September 2022
3 October 2022
5 October 2022

4 November 2022

55 REVIEW OF LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES

Kim Evans, Licensing Team Leader attended the meeting and presented the item to the Committee.

The Committee were advised that Appendix 1 outlined the Licensing Fees and Charges for the issuing and renewal of licenses, consents and permits issued with effect from April 2023.

Some fees were set by statute or regulations, while others could be set by Local Authorities in order to cover the cost of administration, compliance and some elements of enforcement; Locally Set Fees. Where the Council had the discretion to set fees, they were subject to review by the Licensing Team and confirmation by the Licensing Committee.

New fees outlined in the report included:

- Accident replacement Vehicle Licence -This had been amended following the change of policy which had been agreed in the previous year. It was hoped that this would make the accident replacement process swifter for licence holders and would include the test fee.
- Safeguarding Training fee for licence holders – Colleagues in the Safeguarding Board would be providing free training throughout 2023 for new and existing drivers. The cost for following years was unknown, however this was not expected to exceed £50.

RESOLVED:

That:-

1. the fees payable as set out in appendix 1 be approved.
2. the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing fees in accordance with the relevant legislative provisions be published by the Licensing Team Leader.
3. delegated authority be given to the Head of Regulatory Services to consider any objections received and determine the final fees payable in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.18 pm

Councillor D Edwardes (Chair)