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Licensing Committee

Members:

Councillor Colin Hedgley (Chairman)
Councillor Mark Newton (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Paul Ashdown
Councillor Edward Back
Councillor Jocelyn Bond
Councillor Linda Coulam
Councillor Janet Craig
Councillor John Fisher
Councillor Tony Goldson
Councillor Frank Mortimer
Councillor Trish Mortimer
Councillor Keith Patience
Councillor Keith Robinson
Councillor Rachel Smith-Lyte
Councillor Steve Wiles

Members are invited to a **Meeting of the Licensing Committee**
to be held on **Monday 19 October 2020 at 6:30pm**

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An Agenda is set out below.

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Stephen Baker, Chief Executive

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Minutes of a Meeting of the **Licensing Committee** held Remotely on **Monday 20 July 2020** at **6:30pm**

Members of the Committee present:

Councillor Paul Ashdown, Councillor Edward Back, Councillor Jocelyn Bond, Councillor Linda Coulam, Councillor Janet Craig, Councillor John Fisher, Councillor Tony Goldson, Councillor Colin Hedgley, Councillor Frank Mortimer, Councillor Trish Mortimer, Councillor Mark Newton, Councillor Keith Robinson, Councillor Steve Wiles

Other Members present:

Councillor Keith Patience, Councillor Mary Rudd

Officers present:

Katherine Abbott (Democratic Services Officer), Teresa Bailey (Senior Licensing Officer), Chris Bing (Legal and Licensing Services Manager), Sarah Carter (Democratic Services Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Smith-Lyte.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3 Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Goldson, seconded by Councillor Wiles and by majority vote (one abstention)

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 January 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Adoption of the National Register of Taxi and Private Hire Licence Revocations and Refusals

The Committee received report **ES/0407** by the Cabinet Member for Community Health. The report, presented by the Senior Licensing Officer, referred to the implementation of a National Register of Taxi Licence (also incorporating Private Hire) Revocations and Refusals and sought the Committee's approval of the adoption of the

Register and associated guidance. The Committee was reminded that, when considering applications for hackney carriage and private hire vehicle drivers licences, the Council, as Licensing Authority, was responsible for ensuring that only fit and proper persons, suitable to be licensed drivers, were granted a licence and remained licensed. It was suggested that adoption of the National Register would provide a licence history nationally and so help to ensure applicants who had failed to disclose that a licence had previously been refused or revoked by another authority were not licensed in error.

The Chairman invited questions from the members of the Committee.

A member asked about the present arrangements and what would happen if an applicant failed to disclose that a previous licence had been refused or revoked. The Senior Licensing Officer said that, at the moment, there was no means of checking with other licensing authorities and, consequently, it was possible that a driver might be licensed without knowledge of the reasons for a prior revocation or refusal.

Another member of the Committee asked if a taxi driver would be able to access the database. The Senior Licensing Officer said this would not be possible, but a driver could ask to be told what information was held that related to him/her. The member also asked about the security of the Register which, for the time being, would be accessed by officers who were working at home. The Legal and Licensing Services Manager referred to the requirements on officers to comply with the Council's Working from Home Policy and also of the Officers' Code of Conduct which specified how confidential matters, including personal details, were to be managed in confidence.

There was general agreement that the National Register offered an improved system which would help to safeguard local residents and make the work of Officers easier.

There being no further questions or matters raised for debate, the Chairman moved to the recommendation. It was proposed by Councillor Goldson, seconded by Councillor Hedgley and by unanimous vote

RESOLVED

That the adoption of the National Register of Taxi Licence Revocations and Refusals (also known as NR3) and the associated Guidance produced by the Local Government Association and the National Anti-Fraud Network be approved

5 Introduction of a Drug Testing Policy for New and Existing Licensed Drivers

The Committee received report **ES/0408** by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health. The report, which was presented by the Senior Licensing Officer, documented the responses to the six-week consultation on the proposed draft Drug Testing Policy for New and Existing Licensed Drivers, as agreed by the Licensing Committee at its meeting in January 2020. The Committee was informed that during the consultation period no comments had been received on the draft policy.

The Chairman invited questions from members of the Committee.

A member of the Committee asked who had been consulted on the draft policy. The Senior Licensing Officer said all existing licensed private hire and hackney carriage drivers and private hire operators within the district had been notified of the draft policy by letter.

There was general support for the draft policy.

There being no further questions or matters raised for debate, the Chairman moved to the recommendation which was proposed by Councillor Ashdown, seconded by Councillor Newton and by unanimous vote

RESOLVED

That the draft Policy for Detecting the use of Illegal Drugs be adopted

6 Licensing Services Response to Covid-19

The Committee received report **ES/0441** by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health. The report, presented by the Legal and Licensing Services Manager, provided an overview of the actions taken by Licensing Services to assist licensees during the Covid-19 global pandemic and currently, during the easing of the lock down arrangements and the recovery phase.

The Legal and Licensing Services Manager referred to the severe adverse impact on the licensed premises between 23 March and 4 July 2020 and summarised the main steps Licensing Services had taken in support of licensees:

- The deferral of payments of Premises Licence Fees until 30 September 2020
- Assisting premises on how to provide takeaways and off sales
- Issuing credits for application fees for Temporary Event Notices for events which were unable to proceed
- Signposting central government grants and hardship funds to those who may have been eligible to claim

He continued to outline the support provided to hackney carriage and private hire drivers:

- Allowing the cost of renewing an annual licence to be spread by granting three-month licences
- Identifying alternative garages for mechanical inspections to enable vehicles to remain licensed
- Allowing drivers to install protective screens in vehicles without an alteration to the vehicle's specification being required
- Signposting central government grants and hardship funds to those who may have been eligible to claim

With regard to community events, the Committee was informed that the Council wanted to encourage outdoor events during the summer months and so a simplified application process for a single event trading licence had been implemented including a commitment to consider the application within 24 hours of receipt.

The Legal and Licensing Services Manager said the Business and Planning Bill was currently going through Parliament; it would allow the Licensing Authority to issue Pavement Licences to enable the use of pavements outside licensed premises for tables and chairs.

The Committee was referred to the analysis of the impact of Covid-19 and to the identifiable trends that were emerging. The Legal and Licensing Services Manager said that a more accurate reflection of the impact would be provided to the October meeting of the Committee and he assured the members of the continued efforts of Licensing Services to address the challenges faced by the licensing trade and to aid the regrowth of this sector. It was confirmed that the table on page 47 (paragraph 5.5) of the report included public houses, restaurants, off licences, social clubs etc.

The Chairman invited questions by members of the Committee.

A member of the Committee referred to the use of Council land by licensed premises and asked how long the licences would be valid. It was explained that the land licences were being issued by Asset Management and were valid for six months with no fee.

The Committee wished to record its thanks to the Licensing Services officers for all their work during a very challenging period.

There being no further questions or matters raised for debate, the Chairman moved to the recommendation. It was proposed by Councillor Goldson, seconded by Councillor Ashdown and, by unanimous vote

RESOLVED

That, having received and commented upon the report, the Committee noted its contents.

7 Issued Licenses in East Suffolk and an Overview of the Work of the Licensing Sub-Committees in 2020

The Committee received report **ES/0409** by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health. The report, presented by the Legal and Licensing Services Manager, provided an overview of the current number and type of licences issued by the Council. The report also summarised the applications received and the work of the Licensing Sub-Committee since the start of 2020.

The Committee noted that one virtual meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee had been held. This had been successfully conducted remotely and favourably commented upon by the external participants. The Senior Licensing Officer said there were currently five very recently received premises licence applications; he added that applications from new taxi drivers would not be accepted until 20 August 2020 because of the face-to-face element of the application process.

There being no questions or matters raised for debate, the Chairman moved to the recommendation. It was proposed by Councillor Goldson, seconded by Councillor Newton and by unanimous vote

RESOLVED

That, having received and commented upon the report, the Committee noted its contents

8 Exempt/Confidential Items

It was proposed by Councillor Goldson, seconded by Councillor Wiles, and by unanimous vote

RESOLVED

That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act

9 Exempt Minutes

- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The Meeting concluded at 7:13 pm

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Chairman



LICENSING COMMITTEE

Monday 19 October 2020

ISSUED LICENCES IN EAST SUFFOLK AND AN OVERVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE IN 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the current number and type of licences issued by East Suffolk Council. The report also summarises the applications received and the work of the Licensing Sub-Committees since July 2020.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
Wards Affected:	All
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Mary Rudd, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health
Supporting Officer:	Chris Bing Legal and Licensing Services Manager 01394 444408 chris.bing@east Suffolk.gov.uk

1 SUMMARY OF LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

1.1 The following is a summary of the outcome of Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee hearings and applications mediated or determined under the delegated authority since 1 July 2020.

1.2 Applications determined

Premises and type of application	Address	Hearing / Mediated	Date of Hearing	Outcome and date of issue
Kesgrave Hall CANCEL PREM0602	Hall Road, Kesgrave, IP5 2PU	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 5.6.20 Completed 2.7.20
Morrisons VARIATION WPREM2254	18 Tower Road, Gisleham, Lowestoft, NR33 7NG	No	N/A	Cons end 20.7.20 Issued – 23.7.20
Beach Lodge NEW PREM2194	Brudenell Street, Aldeburgh, IP15 5BU	Yes	24.8.20	Cons end – 27.7.20 Granted at hearing Issued 26.8.20
Ninedeli NEW WPREM2542	9 Pinkneys Lane, Southwold, IP18 6EW	No	N/A	Cons end 31.7.20 Issued 3.8.20
Club Virage Café NEW WPREM2543 <small>Does already have a licence this will be surrendered once the new one is granted</small>	Beccles Aerodrome, Brock Road, Beccles, NR34 7PJ	No	N/A	Cons end 4.8.20 Issued 5.8.20
Salt peter Wines at New Street NEW PREM2193	72 New Street, Woodbridge, IP12 1DX	No	N/A	Cons end 6.8.20 Issued 12.8.20
Flunder Wines NEW PREM2192	Clopton Park, Woodbridge, IP13 6QT	No	N/A	Cons end 6.8.20 Issued 7.8.20
The Cooks Shed VARIATION PREM0399	14 Gobbitts Yard, Woodbridge, IP12 1DD	No	N/A	Cons end 10.8.20 Issued 12.8.20
Firestation VARIATION PREM2082	21a Thoroughfare, Woodbridge, IP12 1AA	No	N/A	Cons end 13.8.20 Issued 26.8.20
Fen View NEW	Flixton Road, Bungay, NR35 1PD	No	N/A	Cons end 17.8.20 Cant issue no DPS
Breez VARIATION PREM0366	18 Undercliff Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2AW	Yes	16.9.20	Cons end 19.8.20 Granted at hearing, issued 17.9.20
Cuppa NEW	81 High Road West,	No	N/A	Cons end 20.8.20

PREM2195	Felixstowe, IP11 9AA			Issued 2.9.20
Love A Taste SURRENDER PREM2138	The Old Bacon Factory, Broadwater Road, Framlingham, IP13 9LL	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 28.7.20 Completed 1.9.20
Lord Kitchener's Memorial Holiday Centre NEW WPREM2544	10 Kirkley Cliff, Lowestoft, NR33 0BY	No	N/A	Cons end 28.8.20 Issued 2.9.20
Wine Shop SURRENDER WPREM2423	Pinkneys Lane, Southwold, IP18 6EW	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 3.8.20 Completed 1.9.20
Winkles Seafood Restaurant NEW PREM2196	Felixstowe Ferry, Felixstowe, IP11 9RZ	None	N/A	Cons end 2.9.20 Issued 4.9.20
Adams Family Coffee Shop NEW WPREM2545	149 London Road South, Lowestoft, NR33 0DP	None	N/A	Cons end 2.9.20 Issued 4.9.20
Leo's Deli SURRENDER PREM2173	17 Market Hill, Framlingham, IP13 9AN	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 11.8.20 Completed 18.9.20
Tesco SURRENDER WPREM2376	125 London Road North, Lowestoft, NR32 1LZ	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 12.8.20 Completed 18.9.20
Golden Phoenix Takeaway (no alc) SURRENDER WPREM2144	40a High Street, Lowestoft, NR32 1HY	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 13.8.20 Completed 18.9.20
Fred Reed Pavilion NEW WPREM2546	Dairy Hill, Halesworth, IP19 8JS	Yes	2/10/20 Hearing not required	Cons end 10.9.20 The objection has been withdrawn so can be issued
Chapel Barn NEW	Wilderness Reserve, Halesworth Road, Heveningham, IP19 0EJ	Yes	12/10/20	Cons end 15.9.20
Co-operative NEW	Sycamore Drive, Rendlesham, IP12 2BF	Yes	7/10/20	Cons end 15.9.20
Beccles Brew Co. NEW	Unit 2a, The Studios, London Road, Brampton,	No	N/A	Cons end 21.9.20

	Beccles, NR34 8DQ			Need DPS before issue
Morrisons Filling Station NEW	Grange Farm Avenue, Felixstowe, IP11 2XD	Yes	20/10/20	Cons end 23.9.20
China Garden (no alc) SURRENDER WPREM2069	50 Bridge Street, Lowestoft, NR32 3LR	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 26.8.20 Completed 26.9.20
HMS Vale NEW PREM2197	Melton Boatyard, Dock Lane, Melton, Woodbridge IP12 1PE	N/A	N/A	Cons end 24.9.20 Issued 26.9.20
Common Room Café NEW	10 Church Street, Framlingham, IP13 9BH	N/A	N/A	Cons end 30.9.20
The Crown SURRENDER PREM0126	King Georges Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4JX	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 8.9.20 Wait 28 days
Skydive Café & Coffee Shop NEW	Beccles Heliport, Benacre Road, Ellough, NR34 7XD			Cons end 16.10.20
Three Tuns Coaching Inn CANCEL PREM2054	Main Road, Pettistree, Woodbridge, IP13 0HW	N/A	N/A	Cancelled 22.9.20
Broadview Bar & Grill SURRENDER WPREM2014	116-122 Bridge Road, Oulton Broad, NR33 9JT	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 22.9.20 Wait 28 days
Burger & Beers Felixstowe NEW	Unit 8 & 9 Beach Street, Micklegate Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2GN			Cons end 20.10.20
4 Nunns Mills Terrace SURRENDER PREM2161	Crown Place, Woodbridge, IP12 1FQ	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 23.9.20 Wait 28 days
Mrs T's Fish & Chips NEW	Blackshore, Southwold Harbour, Southwold, IP18 6TA			Cons end 21.10.20
Ninedeli VARIATION WPREM2542	9 Pinkneys Lane, Southwold, IP18 6EW			Cons end 23.10.20

2.3 Current applications

Appeals to Magistrates' Court:

There are currently no appeals to Magistrates' Court on Sub-Committee decisions on Licensing Act 2003 applications.

28-day consultation period has passed, and application is still to be determined:

There are currently two applications that cannot be granted as the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is yet to be confirmed and three applications waiting to be considered by the Licensing Sub-committee:

New Premises Licence application for Fen View, Bungay – cannot issue as we are waiting for the Personal Licence information for the proposed DPS.

New Premises Licence application for Beccles Brew Co, Brampton – cannot issue as we are waiting for the Personal Licence information for the proposed DPS.

New Premises Licence application for Co-operative, Rendlesham – the hearing is on 7th October 2020

New Premises Licence application for Chapel Barn, Heveningham – the hearing is on the 12th October 2020

New Premises Licence application for Morrisons, Felixstowe – the hearing is on the 20th October 2020

In consultation:

New Premises Licence – Skydive Café & Coffee, Beccles Heliport, Benacre Road, Ellough, NR34 7XD. Consultation period ends on the 16th October 2020

New Premises Licence – Burger & Beers Felixstowe, Unit 8 & 9 Beach Street, Micklegate Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2GN. Consultation period ends on the 20th October 2020

New Premises Licence – Mrs T's Fish & Chips, Blackshore, Southwold Harbour, Southwold, IP18 6TA. Consultation period ends on the 21st October 2020

Variation of existing Premises Licence – ninedeli, 9 Pinkneys Lane, Southwold, IP18 6EW. Consultation period ends on the 23rd October 2020

3. NUMBER OF PREMISES LICENCES WITHIN EAST SUFFOLK

3.1 On **1 July 2020** there were 1003 Premises Licences and 852 of these included alcohol on the licence.

3.2 There were 68 Club Premises Licences.

3.3 10 new Premises Licences were granted between 1 July 2020 and 30 September 2020.

3.4 8 Premises Licences were surrendered.

3.5 On **1 October 2020** there were 1004 Premises Licences and 855 of these include alcohol on the licence.

3.6 There were 68 Club Premises Licences.

4. GAMBLING PREMISES LICENCES FOR EAST SUFFOLK

- 4.1 No new applications and or surrender/cancellations have been received since 1 July 2020 for any type of Gambling Premises licence.
- 4.2 On 1 October 2020 there were 40 Gambling Premises Licences in total.
- 4.3 There were 9 Bingo Premises Licences
- 4.4 There were 11 Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licences.
- 4.5 There was 1 Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence.
- 4.6 There was 1 Betting Premises Licence (in respect of a track)
- 4.7 There were 18 Betting Premises Licences (in respect of a premises other than a track).

5. TAXI LICENCES

- 5.1 On 1 July 2020, East Suffolk Council licensed:
 - 108 hackney carriage vehicles and 223 hackney carriage/private drivers
 - 301 private hire vehicles and 341 private hire drivers
 - 75 private hire operators
- 5.2 On 1 October 2020, East Suffolk Council licensed:
 - 107 hackney carriage vehicles and 218 hackney carriage/private drivers
 - 299 private hire vehicles and 328 private hire drivers
 - 75 private hire operators

Appeals to Magistrates' Court

There are currently two appeals to Magistrates' Court on Sub-Committee decisions on taxi matters.

6 HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO THE EAST SUFFOLK BUSINESS PLAN?

- 6.1 Licensing plays an important role in the building of a strong, sustainable, and dynamic local economy and in ensuring East Suffolk remains a safe place for our communities.

7 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 To consider a snapshot of the currently issued licences in East Suffolk as a starting point for analysing trends in demand for different types of licence over time and to review the work of the Licensing Sub-Committees in 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That, having considered and commented upon the report, it be noted

BACKGROUND PAPERS Please note that copies of background papers have not been published on the Council's website www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk but copies of the background papers listed below are available for public inspection free of charge by contacting the relevant Council Department.

Date	Type	Available From
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LICENSING COMMITTEE

Monday 19 October 2020

APPLICATION FOR TAXI FARE INCREASE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An application has been received requesting an increase in the Hackney Carriage fares tariff in the South of the East Suffolk district.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
Wards Affected:	All
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Mary Rudd – Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health
Supporting Officer:	Chris Bing Legal and Licensing Services Manager 01394 444408 chris.bing@eastssuffolk.gov.uk

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 An application has been received requesting an increase in the Hackney Carriage fares tariff in the South of the East Suffolk District and the Committee is requested to consider the proposal.

2 BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The maximum scale of fares for hackney carriages fixed by the Council was last revised in May 2012, as a result of which the following scale of fares came into effect in July 2012:
- 2.2 Current fare table:

3.40p	TARIFF 1 (05:30 – 22:30)
	For the first 800 yards (731.5m) or 5 minutes or part thereof or a combination of parts of such distance and time
20p	For each subsequent 251.4 yards (229.8m) or 38 seconds or a combination of parts of such distance and time
3.90p	TARIFF 2 (22:30 – 05:30)
	For the first 800 yards (731.5m) or 5 minutes or part thereof or a combination of parts of such distance and time
20p	For each subsequent 220 yards (201.1m) or 33 seconds or a combination of parts of such distance and time
20p	2.3 EXTRA CHARGES
	Additional Passengers - each additional passenger in excess of three (excluding infants in arms)
20p	Luggage - for use of the luggage compartment (no restriction on number of items)
	VEHICLE SOILING: a charge up to a maximum of £75.00 may be made for the soiling of a vehicle.
+50%	2.4 BANK HOLIDAYS
	For any hiring commenced between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04:00hrs on a Bank Holiday and 04:00hrs the next day • 14:00hrs and 24:00hrs on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve • 00:01hrs and 24:00hrs on Bank Holidays in lieu of 25th December, 26th December and 1st January
+100%	2.5 CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY & NEW YEARS DAY
	For any hiring commenced between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 00:01hrs Christmas Day and 04:00hrs on the 27th December and 00:01 New Years Day and 04:00 on the 2nd January.

2.3 NEW PROPOSAL

This proposal has been presented by Mr Mike Stokell on behalf of a number of drivers:

In relation to Tariff 1 for journeys carried out between 05:30 hrs and 22:30 hrs

- There should be a 20p increase in the minimum fare for the first 800 yards. This would result in a minimum fare of £3.60.
- There should be a reduction in the subsequent distance from 251.4 yards to 220 yards to allow an increase in charge from £1.40 per mile to £1.60 per mile.

In relation to Tariff 2 for journeys carried out between 22:30 hrs and 05:30 hrs

- There should be a 30p increase in the minimum fare for the first 800 yards. This would result in a minimum fare of £4.20.
- There should be a reduction in the subsequent distance from 220 yards to 196 yards to allow an increase in charge from £1.60 per mile to £1.80 per mile

All other charges should remain the same.

2.4 The correspondence from Mr Stokell is attached as **Appendix A**.

2.5 The effect of the proposal is as follows:

Tariff 1:

Distance	Current Fare	Proposed Fare Flag-fall increase of 20p @ 220 yardage
800yds	£3.40	£3.60
1Mile	£4.20	£4.60
2 Miles	£5.60	£6.20
5 Miles	£9.80	£11.00
10 Miles	£16.80	£19.00
15 Miles	£23.80	£27.00

Tariff 2:

Distance	Current Fare	Proposed Fare Flag-fall increase of 20p @ 196 yardage
800yds	£3.90	£4.20
1Mile	£4.90	£5.20
2 Miles	£6.50	£7.00
5 Miles	£11.30	£12.40
10 Miles	£19.30	£21.40
15 Miles	£27.30	£30.40

3 LEGISLATIVE PROVISION

- 3.1 Section 65 of Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 gives Local Authorities the power to set and vary fares for hackney carriages.
- 3.2 Section 55 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 prohibits a driver from charging more than the set fare.
- 3.3 If the Council proposes to make any changes to the existing fares it must publish a notice in a local newspaper, setting out the proposed variation. The notice must specify a date (not less than 14 days from publication), and manner by which any objections should be made and if no objections are received then the new fares will come into force on the date specified. The Council must consider any objections that have been made and have not been withdrawn.

4 HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO THE EAST SUFFOLK BUSINESS PLAN?

- 4.1 Licensing plays an important role in the building of a strong, sustainable, and dynamic local economy and in ensuring East Suffolk remains a safe place for our communities.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 If no objections are received, the increase will come into effect at the beginning of December 2020. If there are objections, these will be considered at the January 2021 meeting of the Committee, after which the fares will come into force with or without modification.

6 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 There has not been an increase to the hackney carriage maximum scale of fares for eight years. Mr Stokell has said that all related costs other than fuel have increased during the last eight years.

RECOMMENDATION

That, having received and considered the report, the Licensing Committee determines the application for the fare increase.

APPENDICES

Appendix A	Correspondence from Mr Mike Stokell
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Date	Type	Available From
	None	

TO ALL TAXI DRIVERS IN FELIXSTOWE

IT IS NOW 8 YEARS SINCE THE LAST FARE INCREASE SINCE THEN ALL OF OUR COSTS HAVE INCREASED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FUEL.

IT IS UP TO ALL OF YOU TO DECIDE FIRSTLY, IF YOU WANT AN INCREASE AND SECONDLY HOW MUCH YOU WANT THE INCREASE TO BE.

AS A SUGGESTION I THINK THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO SIMPLE INCREASES AS FOLLOWS:-

TARIFF 1

£3.40 FLAGFALL UPTO £3.60 SAME DISTANCE - 800 YARDS OR 4 MINUTES OR PART THEREOF OR A COBINATION OF PARTS AND SUCH DISTANCE OF TIME

EXTRA .20 FROM 251.4 YARDS TO REDUCE TO EVERY 220 YARDS OR 32 SECONDS OR PART THEREOF OR A COMBINATION OF PARTS AND SUCH DISTANCE OF TIME

TARIFF 2

£3.90 FLAGFALL UPTO £4.20 SAME DISTANCE - 800 YARDS OR 4 MINUTES OR PART THEREOF OR A COMBINATION OF PARTS AND SUCH DISTANCE OF TIME

EXTRA .20 FROM 220 YARDS TO REDUCE TO EVERY 196 YARDS OR 30 SECONDS OR PART THEREOF OR A COMBINATION OF PARTS AND SUCH DISTANCE OF TIME

THIS WILL GIVE A 20P INCREASE IN BOTH FLAGFALL AND 20P PER MILE ON TAFIFF 1

AND AN INCREASE OF 30P AND A FURTHER 20P PER MILE ON TAFIFF 2

ALL OTHER PERCENTAGE CHARGES AND TIMINGS TO REMAIN THE SAME

ON TARIFF 1 THIS TAKE US FROM £5.60 FOR TWO MILES TO £6.10 FOR TWO MILES AN INCREASE OF APPROX10% AND BRINGS US MORE IN LINE WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES CLOSE BY.

If you are in agreement of have other suggestions please let me know

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Sent: 25 August 2020 15:34
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Subject: RE: east suffolk south tariff review

Hi Theresa

Thanks for trying, nobody contacted me.

I spoke to all of my drivers, including those currently not working; some of the independent drivers including including S [REDACTED] and I [REDACTED]

who circulated my leaflet detailing the likely increases. They were both in agreement and I haven't had any negative responses. I also spoke to M [REDACTED]

at 1st for cabs and [REDACTED] agreed a fare increase was long overdue.