

**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
WBC Licensing and Control Committee of  
Worthing Borough Council**

**Monday 10 February 2025**

Councillor Cathy Glynn-Davies (Chair)  
Councillor Lysanne Skinner (Vice-Chair)

*Councillor Henna Chowdhury	Councillor Jon Roser
Councillor Mike Barrett	Councillor Hilary Schan
Councillor Tom Ellum	Councillor Dawn Smith
Councillor Luke Houghton	Councillor Thomas Taylor
Councillor Claire Hunt	*Councillor Charles James
Councillor Dale Overton	*Councillor Josh Harris

\*Absent

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**LCC/20/24-25                      Declarations of Interest / Substitute Members**

There were no declarations of interest.  
There were no substitute members.

**LCC/21/24-25                      Public Question Time**

There was one public question submitted.

Question from Richard Carrington

*Hi, I was wondering as part of the fare increase, would the committee consider making card readers and card payments, compulsory in all taxis as some taxi drivers do not have them and are strictly cash only, it is illegal for a taxi driver to refuse a fair and a cash only taxi driver does this on a regular bases, when someone who wants to use the service are refused, this then discriminates against the public, who only use phones or cards only as payment, especially the disable or elderly who do not feel safe carrying cash these days but are denied the public service, by cash only drivers, persons who are happy to pay by card for safety reasons, are left in the cold or rain wondering how they will get home as there are not always card payment taxis available that do take card payments, cash only taxi drivers are discriminating against the public who want to pay by card, it causes the elderly and the vulnerable, undue stress, especially the elderly that are less likely to carry cash these days, who are then left wondering in the cold or rain how they will get home especially at night when the bus service stops or is not running, please could the committee consider making this as part of the licensing condition, after all it is a public service that is being offered and should cater for all the public's needs.*

Response

The committee hearing is to review the Hackney Carriage Fare table, card payments can be an item to review at the next handbook review 2025- 2026, if you witness any refusal to carry then provide details of licensee's refusing to carry, you can report it here

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/licensing-and-permits/taxis/regulation/licensing-handbooks-legislation-enforcement-complaints/>

*Mr Carrington asked a supplementary question regarding whether the committee could undertake to reinstate security staff on the taxi ranks.*

The Officer committed to supply Mr Carrington with a written response within 3 working days.

#### **LCC/22/24-25            Members Questions**

There were no Members questions submitted.

#### **LCC/23/24-25            Confirmation of Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Licensing and Control Sub Committee meeting held on the 20 January and the Licensing and Control Committee on 21 January be approved as the correct records

#### **LCC/24/24-25            Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions**

There were no items raised under urgent provisions.

#### **LCC/25/24-25            Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Proposed Increase to the Worthing Hackney Carriage Tariff**

The Officer presented the report and clarified details of some of the tariffs for the committee. The Officer also drew the committee's attention to an error within the report which stated the current tariff was £3.00. This should have read £3.50.

The Members considered the report before them and a proposal was put forward to accept the Officers recommendations. This was seconded and voted in favour of unanimously.

**Resolved:** The committee agreed to approve and implement the change to the Hackney Carriage Tariff. They also agreed to instruct the Public Health & Regulation Manager, in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing & Control Committee, to consider any relevant representations that may be received following the statutory consultation.

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The meeting ended at 6.46 pm

**Chair**