

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD AT  
FOLLATON HOUSE, TOTNES ON MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2006**

**MEMBERS**

\* Cllr J S Beer - Chairman

\* Cllr G Rothwell - Vice-Chairman

* Cllr B E Carson	∅ Cllr C M Pannell
* Cllr R J Carter	* Cllr M C Ramsay
* Cllr P H Cook	* Cllr S L Rankin
∅ Cllr S M Fairman	∅ Cllr M F Saltern
∅ Cllr D W May	* Cllr J W Squire

\* Denotes attendance

∅ Denotes apology for absence

Officers in attendance:

All items: Licensing Manager and Licensing Officer

L.4/06 **MINUTES**

Both the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 16 October 2006 and of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 16 October 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

L.5/06 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting but none was made.

L.6/06 **HACKNEY CARRIAGES – TABLE OF FARES**

A report was considered which set out the reasons why it was recommended that an increase should be applied to the hackney carriage tariff.

During discussion, the following points were raised:-

- a) The increase in operating costs such as fuel, insurance and licence fees were highlighted;
- b) Due to the rural nature of the district, the importance of attracting hackney carriage drivers and not losing them to other occupations or other districts;
- c) A favourable comparison was made between South Hams District Council and other neighbouring authorities with regard to charges over a two mile journey;
- d) Accessibility for disabled persons and wheel chair access. Proposed new government regulations, stipulated certain criteria which operators must meet in order to accommodate disabled persons and their wheel chairs.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council be **RECOMMENDED** that:-

- a) In respect of hackney carriages operating within South Hams District Council, the maximum fares which may be charged should be set in accordance with the Table of Fares attached as the appendix to the report; and
- b) The Table of Fares be advertised and come into effect in accordance with the provisions of Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

(Meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 10.55 pm).

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Chairman