



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>LICENSING COMMITTEE</b>
Date and time	<b>MONDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 4.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs Susan Scoccia (Chairman), Henry Adams, George Cameron, Mike Cunningham, Barbara Foster, Arthur Taylor, David Whittaker
Officers Present	David Curtis-Botting, Julie Martin, Kevin Winchcombe
Apologies	Ivan Bulwer, Charles Chapman

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4. **Minutes**

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [14 July 2008](#) be confirmed.

5. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

6. **Report of the Head of Consumer Protection**

Determination of the Table of Fares in Respect of Hackney Carriages

The Committee was advised that the maximum fare that a proprietor was permitted to charge for a journey was fixed by the Council and was published in a table of fares.

There was no statutory requirement for the Council to review the table of fares, however, in 2006 the Isle of Wight Council made a voluntary undertaking that an annual review would be conducted. The first review took place in May 2007 and the review for 2008/09 commenced on 19 November 2007 and concluded on 19 March 2008. All taxi proprietors were written to and given an outline of the consultation procedure. There were three different tariffs, which helped to ensure taxis were available at night..

Members were advised that the figures used for insurance costs for a taxi were taken from the AA.

The Committee various aspects of how the rates were arrived at and were advised that the median wage for the Isle of Wight had been used, which was obtained from the Statistics Office. Using the national minimum wage reduced the cost of running a vehicle to approximately £1.33 which equated to .30p per ¼ of a mile.

RESOLVED :

- (i) THAT the existing maximum tariff and additional charges contained in the table of fares in respect of hackney carriages be retained.
- (ii) THAT the next review be undertaken in 12 months time.

CHAIRMAN