

**Minutes of the Licensing Committee
of the Test Valley Borough Council**
held in Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover
on Thursday 13 January 2011 at 5.30 pm

Attendance:

Councillor A Hope (Chairman)	(P)	Councillor J N Anderdon (Vice-Chairman)	(P)
Councillor D Baverstock	(P)	Councillor M Kerley	(P)
Councillor C S Borg-Neal	(A)	Councillor P Lashbrook	(P)
Councillor P R Bundy	(P)	Councillor J Lovell	(A)
Councillor E Charnley	(P)	Councillor P Mutton	(P)
Councillor A G Dowden	(P)	Councillor A L Tupper	(P)
Councillor A F Dyde	(-)	Councillor J Whiteley	(P)
Councillor I Hibberd	(P)		

Also in Attendance:

Councillor N Whiteley
Mr R Pike, Test Valley Taxi Association

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Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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Request for an Increase in Hackney Carriage Fares

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Administration which suggested an increase in the Hackney Carriage fares charged by licensed taxis in the Borough, as requested by the Test Valley Taxi Association.

The Chairman informed the Committee that it was over 2 years since the fares were last increased and that including the modest increase requested, Test Valley would still have the lowest fares of all neighbouring authorities.

The Committee questioned if the increase was adequate in the light of recent fuel price increases and discussed the possibility of a higher increase. However, it was recognised that the Test Valley Taxi Association had requested the increase at that level and the Association could apply to the Committee at any time for a further increase if required.

The Committee supported the proposal that the increase in Hackney Carriage fares be granted.

The Committee noted that the proposed increases would now be published in the local press and if any objections were made the matter would be brought back to Committee.

Resolved:

That an increase in the Hackney Carriage fares in the Borough, as requested by the Test Valley Taxi Association and detailed in the report, be granted and that the Head of Administration make the necessary arrangements for the implementation of the new fare structure.

(Meeting terminated at 5.44 pm)