NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

24 January 2023

MINUTES OF THE TAXI AND GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

Present: Councillor Jenns in the Chair

Councillors D Clews, M Humphreys, Jarvis, Jordan, McLaughlan, K Parker, O Phillips, S Smith and A Wright

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Farrow, Hancocks (Substitute Jarvis), Macdonald, Moss and Osborne

3 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Taxi and General Licensing Committee held on 24 June 2022, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5 General Fund Fees and Charges 2022/0223

The Chief Executive reported on the fees and charges for 2022/23 and the proposed fees and charges for 2023/24.

Resolved:

That the schedule of fees and charges for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Chief Executive, be accepted.

6 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2023/24

The Corporate Director – Resources reported on the revised budget for 2022/23 and an estimate of expenditure for 2023/24, together with forward commitments for 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27.

Resolved:

a That the revised budget for 2022/23 be accepted; and

Recommendation to Executive Board:

- b That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2023/24, as submitted in the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be included in the budget to be brought before the meeting of the Executive Board on 13 February 2023.
- 7 Transport Act 1985 Hiring of Hackney Carriages at Separate Fares – Report of the Chief Executive

The report asks the Committee to consider the potential benefits of introducing a scheme allowing hiring of taxis at separate fares and agree the approach to be taken to investigate whether this is viable.

Resolved:

- a That the Committee considered that, in principle, it would be beneficial to consider making a scheme allowing the hiring of hackney carriages at separate fares; and
- b That Officers carry out informal consultations with the trade, Warwickshire County Council and appropriate representatives of the public who may use such a scheme.
- 8 **Review of Taxi Licensing Policy** Report of the Chief Executive

The report asks the Committee to note the ongoing work in relation to the Taxi Licensing policy.

Resolved:

- a That the Committee notes the report; and
- b That the inclusion of all relevant policy provisions in a single policy be agreed.

A Jenns Chairman