

Taxi Committee - 20th March 2008

Report of the Director of Law and Property

Review of Hackney Carriage Fares

Purpose of Report

- 1 To consider an increase in hackney carriage fares.

Background

2. The fares for hackney carriages were last increased with effect from June, 2006 and are set out in Appendix 1 attached.
3. The Dudley Taxi Alliance have submitted a request for the revision of hackney carriage fares which is attached to this report as Appendix 2.
4. Also attached to this report as Appendix 3 are the fares charged by neighbouring Boroughs
5. This application falls within the Council's responsibility for Taxi and Private Hire Licensing which has a direct link to the Council's key corporate priority that safety matters.

Finance

6. The proposals would not involve the Council in any additional costs, nor would it produce any extra income for them.

Law

7. Pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976, the Council may set or vary the rates of fares within the District for the hire of hackney carriages by means of a table of fares.
8. If the Council varies the table of fares, it must publish it in at least one local newspaper circulating in the District, a notice setting out the table of fares or the variation thereof and specifying a period of at least 14 days within which objection the table of rates variation can be made.

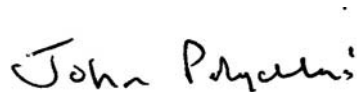
9. A copy of the notice must be kept on display for 14 days from the date of the first publication and must at all reasonable hours be open for public inspection without payment.
10. If no objection to the table of fares or its variations is made within the period specified or if all objection so made are withdrawn, the table of fares or variation will come into operation on the date of the expiration of the period specified in the notice.
11. If objection is duly made and is not withdrawn, the Council must set a further date, not later than two months after the first specified date, on which the table of fares will come into force with or without modification as decided by them after consideration of the objection.

Equality Impact

12. This report takes into account the Council's policy on equal opportunities.
13. The licensing of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage vehicles and drivers will impact on children and young people through their transportation in licensed vehicles.
14. There has been no consultation or involvement of children and young people in developing these proposals.

Recommendation

15. That the Committee consider the revision of hackney carriage fares.



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List of Background Papers