

CABINET

Hackney Carriage Fare Review 2019

1 October 2019

Report of Director for Communities and the Environment

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is to update Cabinet members with the relevant information to consider whether to introduce a new fare tariff in relation to licensed hackney carriages operating in the Lancaster district.

In its capacity as an advisory Committee to the Executive, the Licensing Committee has made a recommendation for approval after considering the attached report and appendices on 29 August 2019.

Key Decision

Non-Key Decision

X

Referral from Cabinet Member

Date of notice of forthcoming key decision

Not applicable

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCILLOR DAVE BROOKES

1. Approve the new table of fares as recommended by Licensing Committee on 29 August 2019 and;
2. Authorise the Licensing Manager to advertise the new table of fares as required by legislation.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 makes provision for the Council to fix the rates of fares within the district for time, distance and all other charges in connection with the hire of a hackney carriage. The table of fares is attached to the inside of a hackney carriage; this allows members of the public to view all charges when hiring a vehicle.
- 1.2 The setting of fares is an Executive function as it is not one that is listed in the Local Authorities (Function and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 and therefore falls to the Cabinet to make the final decision whether to approve the increase in charges recommended by Licensing Committee on 29 August 2019.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the advertising requirements are as follows:

1. Putting a notice in the local paper
2. Notice must specify a date, not less than 14 days from the date that the notice is published to allow for objections and is the date, if no objections are made, that the revised fare will come into force.
3. If objections are made, and not withdrawn the Council must consider those objections and the fares then will come into effect (modified or unmodified) within 2 months of the original date.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications to the Council as a result of this report.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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