

LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Proposed Variation of Hackney Carriage Fares 27 March 2014

Report of Licensing Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report is to enable Members to recommend for consultation with hackney carriage proprietors the proposed variation of the current level of hackney carriage fares in line with the current Retail Price Index (RPI) rate.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. The Committee is requested to recommend for consultation with hackney carriage proprietors the proposed variation of hackney carriage fares as set out in Appendix 2 to the report**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The current Hackney Carriage Table of Fares initially came into effect from 18 October 2013 with a slight amendment to allow booking fees coming into force on 7 February 2014. A copy of the current fare card is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. A copy of the proposed table of fares is attached at Appendix 2 to this report.
- 1.2 At the meeting of the Licensing Regulatory Committee in February members will recall that they approved an amendment to procedure in relation to the amendment of hackney carriage fares,
- 1.3 Members agreed that they would recommend a proposal taking account of the current annual RPI rate and that hackney carriage proprietors would then be asked to vote on whether an increase is required during the particular financial year. A copy of the report considered by committee is attached at Appendix 3 to this report
- 1.4 With regard to the current rate of inflation, Financial Services have confirmed that the latest available (January) RPI rate is 2.8%
- 1.5 The table below shows the effects of the proposed variations for the first mile at tariff 1.

A comparison with other local authorities has also been included. The comparison shows the fares at tariff one for 2 miles as this is the lowest common denominator.

2014

1st Mile	
LancasterCity (current)	£3.46
Proposal	£3.57

Neighbouring authorities for the first 2 miles compared to this proposal

Lancaster	£5.33
South Ribble	£5.40
Fylde	£5.80
South Lakeland	£6.26

1.5 The result of the hackney carriage proprietors' vote will be reported back to the Committee in June, and if the outcome is that members are minded to proceed with a variation. The statutory procedure will require a notice to be placed in a local newspaper to allow for objections to be made.

2.0 Conclusion

2.1 Members are asked to recommend the proposed variation for consultation, in line with the procedures approved by this Committee at the meeting in February 2014

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The legal requirement to advertise any proposed change is covered in the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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