

**Subject:** Hackney Carriage Tariff's

**Status:** For Publication

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**Report to:** Licensing Committee

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**Report of:** Executive Director of Regulatory Services

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**Portfolio**

**Holder:** Finance and Resources

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**Key Decision:** No

Forward Plan  General Exception  Special Urgency

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform members of the current tariff's chargeable via the taximeter in respect of Hackney Carriages within Rossendale Borough Council.
- 1.2 To inform members of a request from the Taxi trade to increase the current Hackney Carriage Tariff (Appendix 1).
- 1.3 To inform members of an alternative option.
- 1.4 To request that the Committee determine these options.

**2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities and associated corporate objective.
- Delivering Quality Services to Customers (Customers, Improvement)
  - Being a Well Managed Council (Improvement, Community Network)

**3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

#### **4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

- 4.1 At a meeting of the Licensing Committee, held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2007, the following matter relating to a proposal to increase the Hackney Carriage Taximeter Tariff and Soiling Charge was resolved.
- 4.2 That the Tariff 1 flag be increased to £2.50 for the first mile.
- 4.3 That the soiling charge be increased to £50.
- 4.4 That the extra charges within the 'Table of Fares' be revised as follows:
- Extra Charges – For hiring between midnight and 06:00 and on Sundays and Statutory Holidays (except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day): +50% of mileage charge (Tariff 2).
  - That 'and on Sundays' be removed from the current Table of Fares.
  - That the time stated for extra charges be changed to 'between 02:00 and 06:00am'.
- 4.5 That (subject to correct advertising and any objections received) the above changes be implemented by 26th November 2007.
- 4.6 This matter was subsequently put on hold for further consultation and a new proposal has been submitted by the Taxi Association details of which are appended at appendix 1.
- 4.7 Due to the current economical climate relating to the increases in fuel charges, there is a second option appended at Appendix 2.

#### **COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

##### **5. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

- 5.1 There are no specific financial implications.

##### **6. MONITORING OFFICER**

- 6.1 There are no specific legal implications.

##### **7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)**

- 7.1 There are no specific Human Resources Implications.

##### **8. CONCLUSION**

- 8.1 That elected members determine this report.

##### **9. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 9.1 That the Committee considers the options set out in the Appendices and makes a decision on which option to take forward; thereafter the Licensing Manager be given delegated authority to implement the decision without undue delay by undertaking the statutory advertisement and should any objections be received they be considered by the Licensing Manager in consultation with the Chair of the Committee.
- 9.2 That no further increase requests be brought for determination by the Committee for at least 12 months.

**10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

10.1 Hackney Carriage Trade

**11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required No

Is an Equality Impact Assessment attached No

**12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required No

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached No

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Tariff Increase Proposal	Appendix 1
Alternative Tariff Increase Proposal	Appendix 2