



<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES WITHIN ROSSENDALE</b>
<b>TO/ON:</b>	<b>LICENSING COMMITTEE THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2005</b>
<b>BY:</b>	<b>SUSAN CHADWICK, LICENSING MANAGER</b>
<b>LEAD MEMBER:</b>	<b>JUDITH DRIVER, STREET SCENE AND LIVEABILITY</b>
<b>STATUS:</b>	<b>FOR PUBLICATION</b>

## 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To advise members of an objection received with regard to the proposed Hackney Carriage fares increase.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Licensing Committee are recommended to resolve to:

- a) approve the proposal of the previous Licensing Manager; or
- b) approve the proposal made by the objector; or
- c) decide and approve alternative fares

with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006.

## 3. REPORT AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AND TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1 On 30<sup>th</sup> August 2005, Committee resolved to increase the Hackney Carriage fares as follows:

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| a) | First 1609 metres (1 mile)                      | £2.30 |
|    | Subsequent 402.25 metres<br>(quarter of a mile) | 43p   |

- 3.2 The proposed table of fares was advertised in the Rossendale Free Press on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

- 3.3 After the objection expiry date, it was brought to the attention of the current Licensing Manager that Anne Kenyon had made representation to the proposed fares increase.

- 3.4 The report submitted to committee on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2005, from the previous Licensing Manager referred to representations from members of the trade.
- 3.5 It was therefore decided to be in the best interest of all concerned to re-advertise the proposed Hackney Carriage fares increase. The increase was then advertised on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2005.
- 3.6 The Licensing Manager wrote to every operator within the Borough requesting their views to the increase. No responses were received in relation to this. (See Appendix A).
- 3.7 An objection was received from Kenyons Taxi's (See Appendix B).
- 3.8 The current fares, proposed increase and the objector's recommendations are listed below:

	Current	Proposed	Objector
First 1609 metres (1 mile)	£2.20	£2.30	£2.30
Subsequent 402.25 metres (quarter of a mile)		43p	
Subsequent 321.8 metres (fifth of a mile)	32p		34p

- 3.9 Members are requested to consider that current fares after midnight are increased by 50% and that the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003 should result in a sharp increase in night time trade due to extended liquor licensing hours.

#### **4. CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES**

##### **Risk Management, Performance Management, Customer Services**

#### **4.1 FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1.1 Neutral.

#### **4.2 MEMBER DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS**

- 4.2.1 **Not applicable**

#### **4.3 HUMAN RESOURCES**

- 4.3.1 Use is made of existing resources to achieve Best Value

#### **4.4 ANY OTHER RELEVANT CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 4.4.1 Quality Services for Local People, Confident Communities, Effective Partnerships and Culture and Leisure

#### **5. RISK**

5.1 Not applicable.

**6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORT**

6.1 There are no legal issues of note.

**7. EQUALITIES ISSUES ARISING FROM THE REPORT**

7.1 Nil

**8. WARDS AFFECTED**

8.1 All wards

**9. CONSULTATIONS**

9.1 The letter referred to in item 3.6 was circulated to all operators within the trade.

***Background documents:***

1. Letter sent to all operators within the Borough.
2. Objection – Kenyons Taxi's.

For further information on the details of this report, please contact:

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