

Subject:	Proposed Review of Hackney Carriage Fares	Status:	For Publication
Report to:	Licensing Committee	Date:	
Report of:	Director of Communities	Portfolio Holder:	Public Protection
Key Decision:	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Impact Assessment:	Required:	No	Attached: n/a
Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Required:	No	Attached: n/a
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1	That Members consider the attached report and approve the proposed fares following the statutory advertising requirements and consideration of any subsequent objections.
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2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To inform Members of the current Hackney Carriage Tariff as outlined in Appendix A
To inform Members of a request to increase the current tariff as outlined in Appendix B.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- **A clean and green Rossendale** – creating a better environment for all.
 - **A healthy and successful Rossendale** – supporting vibrant communities and a strong economy.
 - **Responsive and value for money local services** – responding to and meeting the different needs of customers and improving the cost effectiveness of services.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

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

5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 5.1 At a meeting of the Licensing Committee on 23rd June 2008 it was agreed to commence a consultation exercise to review the existing Hackney Carriage Tariff.

As a result of that consultation the tariff was increased as outlined in Appendix A.

- 5.2 A request has been received from a member of the Taxi Trade to request that the tariff is reviewed and amended as outlined in Appendix B.

This would keep the 1st mile fare unchanged, but increase the 2 mile fare from £4.50 to £5. This would ensure that those passengers who travel only a short distance would be least affected.

- 5.3 A comparison with a selection of neighbouring authorities in Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Yorkshire has been carried out and the results are outlined at Appendix C.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

6.1 There are no specific financial implications

7. MONITORING OFFICER

7.1 The Council must make a decision based on all relevant information and following consideration of all relevant Council policies.

8. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

8.1 There are no specific human resources implications.

9. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

9.1 In line with required legislative requirements contained within Section 65 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 That members determine this report.

Background Papers

Document	Place of Inspection
LGMPA 1976	<i>Public Protection Unit</i>

Appendices

Document	Appendix Number
Existing Tariff	<i>Appendix A</i>
Proposed Tariff	<i>Appendix B</i>
Local Authority comparison	<i>Appendix C</i>