
Meeting of the Taxis Committee – 6th April 2022

Report of the Acting Director of Public Realm

Review of Hackney Carriage Fares

Purpose

1. To consider the application for the increase in hackney carriage fares submitted by Mr Mohammed Ali on behalf the of Dudley Taxi and Private Hire Association who represent a number of both Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers licensed by Dudley Council.

Recommendation

2. That the Committee consider the revision of hackney carriage fares.

Background

3. The fares for hackney carriages were last increased with effect from July 2011, a list of current fares is attached to this report as Appendix 1.
4. Mr Mohammed Ali on behalf of the Dudley Taxi and Private Hire Association has submitted a request for the revision of hackney carriage fares which is attached to this report as Appendix 2. Also attached to this report as appendix 3 is a comparison of fares including neighbouring authorities prepared and published by Private Hire and Taxi Monthly a trade magazine for the taxi trade.

Finance

5. There are no financial implications.

Law

6. Pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976, the Council may set or vary the rates of fares within the District for the hire of hackney carriages by means of a table of fares.



7. If the Council varies the table of fares, it must publish it in at least one local newspaper circulating in the District, a notice setting out the table of fares or the variation thereof and specifying a period of at least 14 days within which objection the table of rates variation can be made.
8. A copy of the notice must be kept on display for 14 days from the date of the first publication and must at all reasonable hours be open for public inspection without payment.
9. If no objection to the table of fares or its variations is made within the period specified or if all objection so made are withdrawn, the table of fares or variation will come into operation on the date of the expiration of the period specified in the notice.
10. If objection is duly made and is not withdrawn, the Council must set a further date, not later than two months after the first specified date, on which the table of fares will come into force with or without modification as decided by them after consideration of the objection.

Risk Management

11. There are no risk management implications.

Equality Impact

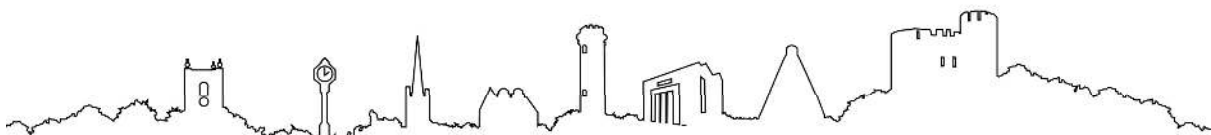
12. The licensing of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage vehicles and drivers will impact on children and young people through their transportation in licensed vehicles.
13. There has been no consultation or involvement of children and young people in developing these proposals.

Human Resources/Organisational Development

14. There are no human resources/organisational development implications.

Commercial/Procurement

15. There are no commercial/procurement implications.



Council Priorities

12. This application falls within the Council's responsibility for Licensing as a direct link to the Council's key corporate priority to support stronger and safer communities.

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Appendices

- Appendix 1 Current table of fares.
Appendix 2 Application for review.
Appendix 3 Fare comparison.

