

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE

29 March 2022

Report of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Delegated

1 HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES DISCUSSION

1.1 Background

1.1.1 On the 26 January 2022 Members agreed to an increase of Hackney Carriage Fares. The new proposed Fare increase was advertised for 14 days, starting on the 3 January 2022, and finishing on the 17 February 2022. A copy of the report for the 26 January 2022 is shown as **Annex 1**.

1.1.2 A copy of the minutes from the Licensing and Appeals Committee on the 26 January 2022 is shown at **Annex 2**.

1.1.3 On the 8 March 2020, Member considered the objection to the fare increase agreed on the 26 January 2022, which was not upheld.

1.1.4 Members asked for an additional meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee to be set up to discuss the current fuel increases and consider the current fare chart levels that were agreed on the 26 January 2022.

1.1.5 A copy of the minutes from the Licensing and Appeals Committee on the 8 March 2022 is shown at **Annex 3**.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 Any proposal to vary the table of fares is subject to consultation. Under the Local Government Act 1976 – Section 65, any fares approved by the Council must be advertised via a public notice in a local newspaper. Any relevant objections received would need to be reported back to Members for consideration.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 It should be noted that the tariff is the maximum fare that can be charged, and discounts can be given, should the driver wish.

1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 Approval of a new maximum fare, below the expectation of the hackney carriage trade, may result in dissatisfaction from the trade. Increasing the maximum fare may result in complaints from members of the public.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.5.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

1.6 Recommendations

- 1.6.1 Members are invited to discuss the current fuel price levels in respect to the current agreed fare chart, and make appropriate recommendations.

1.6.2

Background papers:

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Nil

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