

CABINET

25 JULY 2017

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BUSINESS, SAFETY & REGULATION
PORTFOLIO HOLDER**

KEY DECISION: NO

REPORT NO. EHH1727

**POST CONSULTATION DETERMINATION ON PROPOSED VARIATION TO
THE SCHEME OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES**

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report is for information only and updates Cabinet on the post-consultation determination of proposed variations to the scheme of hackney carriage fares which; following approval of Cabinet on 30th May 2017, were published for public consultation in June.

Following consultation, no representations, objections or comments have been received. In accordance with sections 65(3) and 65(4) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, this means that the proposal to apply a 4% uplift to the pull-off and running mile yardage rates to the current scheme of fares will take effect from 1st August.

Cabinet is requested to note the post-consultation determination and the pending change to the scheme of fares.

1.0 BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report follows that put to Cabinet on 30th May 2017 (see Head of Environmental Health & Housing Services report EHH 1720) concerning a proposal to vary the extant scheme of hackney carriage fares. The proposal was to vary taxi fares by applying a 4% uplift to the pull-off and running mile yardage across all meter rates detailed on the current scheme of fares.
- 1.2 At this time, and as a key decision, Cabinet approved the given proposals for public consultation on the understanding that if objections were received, these would be brought back to Cabinet for consideration. Conversely, if no objections were received on consultation, the proposed scheme would take effect on expiry of the date specified in the consultation notice; given as the 1st August. This accorded with the provisions of sections 65(3) and 65(4) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

2.0 DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

- 2.1. Following Cabinet approval, the proposed variation was consequently subject to public consultation and advertised in the Hampshire Independent (dated 16th June 2017; Issue 251; Page 21). By way of adequately allowing for the statutory minimum period of 14 days consultation, the last date for representations was given as 7th July 2017.

- 2.2. In accordance with procedure, the views of the Licensing & General Purposes Committee were also sought during the consultation period. Consequently, the Committee considered the Head of Environmental Health and Housing Services report No. EHH1723 at its meeting of the 26th June 2017.

3.0 OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION

- 3.1. The Licensing & General Purposes Committee universally endorsed the proposals with no further comments. Further to this, no representations, objections or comments were received on closure of the public consultation period (7th July).

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The determination of hackney carriage fares remains an executive function. However, the effect of sections 65(3) and 65(4) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 means that in the absence of representations, the proposed variation now takes effect from 1st August 2017; the date specified in the consultation notice.

5.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1. A proposed variation to the scheme of hackney carriage fares was considered and approved by Cabinet in May. The proposal has been subject to public consultation and the consideration of the Licensing & General Purposes Committee.
- 5.2. By law, any advertised proposal automatically takes effect in the event that it does not attract any representations or comments on a date specified in the consultation notice. Following consultation, no representations, objections or comments have been made in respect of the proposals which will therefore take effect from 1st August as the specified date.

BACKGROUND

DOCUMENTS: None

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