



Regulation and Review Committee

North Tyneside Council

Friday, 20 December 2019

Thursday, 9 January 2020 0.01 Chamber - Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY **commencing at 6.00 pm.**

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| 1. Apologies for Absence | |
| To receive apologies for absence from the meeting. | |
| 2. Appointment of Substitute Members | |
| To be notified of the appointment of any Substitute Members. | |
| 3. To receive any Declarations of Interest and Notification of any Dispersations Granted | |
| You are invited to declare any registerable and/or non-registerable interests in matters appearing on the agenda, and the nature of that interest. | |
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| 4. Minutes | 5 - 18 |
| To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2019 and to note the minutes of the Panel meetings held on 10 October 2019, 28 November 2019 and 2 December 2019. | |
| 5. Review of Hackney Carriage Fares | 19 - 26 |
| To receive a report which seeks the view of the Committee in relation to a request for a revision to the Hackney Carriage fare table. | |

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Councillor Jim Allan
Councillor Sean Brockbank
Councillor Julie Cruddas
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Councillor Nigel Huscroft
Councillor Maureen Madden
Councillor Tommy Mulvenna
Councillor Kate Osborne
Councillor Margaret Reynolds

Councillor Lewis Bartoli
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Councillor Eddie Darke
Councillor John Hunter (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Gary Madden
Councillor Janice Mole
Councillor John O'Shea
Councillor Alan Percy
Councillor John Stirling (Chair)

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These minutes are draft subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the full Committee

Regulation and Review Committee

24 October 2019

Present: Councillor J Stirling (Chair)
Councillors J Allan, L Bartoli, S Brockbank, D Cox, J
Cruddas, E Darke, C Davis, N Huscroft, G Madden, M
Madden, J Mole, T Mulvenna, J O'Shea, A Percy and M
Reynolds.

RQ38/10/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr John Hunter.

RQ39/10/19 Substitute Members

There were no substitute members reported.

RQ40/10/19 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

RQ41/10/19 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Regulation and Review Committee held on 28 February 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair with the following amendment:

Councillor J Osborne to read Councillor K Osborne

and the minutes of the Regulation and Review Panel meetings held on 14 March 2019, 4 April 2019, 18 April 2019, 6 June 2019, 18 July 2019, 25 July 2019, 26 July 2019, 29 August 2019 and 19 September 2019 be noted.

RQ42/010/19 Review of the North Tyneside Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

The Committee received a report which notified Members of the commencement of the consultation on the revised North Tyneside Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy. Members were informed that they could submit any formal response to the consultation exercise via the Chair who would respond on behalf of the Committee. Alternatively, a response could be submitted via the Council's website.

The North Tyneside Transport Strategy, approved by Cabinet in May 2017, was committed to managing North Tyneside's transport network effectively, considering all forms of travel including hackney carriage and private hire vehicles and set out that the Authority will support safeguarding of vulnerable people, for example through hackney carriage and private hire licensing policies and the design of infrastructure. The North Tyneside Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (the Policy) was listed in the Transport Strategy's action and delivery plan and was due for renewal.

Following agreement from Cabinet in April 2019 that the Policy should be reviewed, an officer working group was set up to commence the review and make initial amendments to bring the Policy up-to-date. Officers met with the North Tyneside Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Forum where members of the forum were asked to highlight any areas of the Policy that they would recommend be updated.

A revised draft Policy had been formulated for consultation purposes and was appended to the report. As well as updated legislation, key amendments proposed to the Policy included:

- Expansion of licensing objectives to include environmental considerations;
- Allowing online applications;
- Mandatory sign up by drivers/operators to the Disclosure and Barring Service Update Service; and
- Additional offences to be considered as part of the application process and the period of time that an applicant must be free from certain convictions before an application for a licence is granted.

In addition, consultation questions were to be asked on several other issues to gauge the views of the trade and wider community on some of the proposed elements of the Policy. These areas included:

- Use of in-car digital advertisements;
- Tinted windows when fitted as standard;
- Amendments to the knowledge test; and
- Introduction of a new objective – the promotion of environmental sustainability, along with age standards for new, replacement and renewal vehicles with lead in times.

A summary of the amendments proposed was appended to the report and on 14th October 2019 Cabinet approved the commencement of the consultation of the Policy.

The Committee was informed that a process of public engagement on the proposed updated Policy would Commence on 28th October 2019 for a period of 8 weeks. This would include engagement through the Engagement Hub with residents and businesses including representatives of the hackney carriage and private hire trade and all Members. At the conclusion of the consultation period the draft Policy would be presented to Cabinet for consideration. It was anticipated that the updated Policy would be in place to commence from 1 April 2020.

The Committee sought clarification as to the consultation process and whether there would be an alternative to filling in the response online. It was explained that paper copies would be available at the taxi licensing office and copies could be posted out to individuals if requested. The survey was a mixture of yes/no questions and questions which required further comments. A member of the Committee asked questions in relation to Home to School Transport. It was agreed that relevant officers would be contacted and the information circulated to members of the Committee.

It was **agreed** to note the report.

RQ43/10/19 Corporate Complaints Annual Report

The Committee received a report from the Senior Complaints Officer which informed Members of the complaints progressed to stage 3 of the Corporate Complaints Procedure, and therefore considered by a panel of Regulation and Review Committee, during 2018/19.

The report provided details of a complaint that had been considered by a panel of Regulation and Review Committee on 3rd September 2019. It was explained that the complaint related to the complainant's son and the process that had been followed in creating and implementing an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP). The complainant felt that the way in which North Tyneside Council dealt with the situation had demonstrated maladministration, incompetence and a lack of empathy/support throughout the process.

The Committee (panel) had upheld the complaint and made six conclusions which were detailed in the report. From these conclusions the Committee had made the two following recommendations:

- 1) That a full review take place of all processes related to beginning and developing Education and Health Care Plans, to include ensuring that legislation is being correctly applied, that correspondence with parents is clear and demonstrates an understanding of the difficult time for parents and that communication between schools and the Local Authority is strengthened. It is recommended that this review be reported to a future Regulation and Review Committee; and
- 2) That consideration be given to offering payments to the family of £1,000 for the delay, stress and emotional impact that the process and bringing the complaint has caused and a further £2,000 for the months in which the complainant's son was not in school nor receiving suitable alternative education (based on £500 per month for 4 months), for the disruption to his education and the restrictions this placed on the complainants ability to work.

The Committee was informed that the complainant proceeded to take her complaint to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman who found maladministration causing injustice. The Ombudsmen ordered the Authority to carry out a number of further actions including additional financial compensation to the child and the

complainant and to issue a staff reminder to ensure its officers were aware of the duty to begin the Education and Health Care Plan process when it becomes “responsible for” a child.

Members of the Committee that had served on this panel were in attendance at the meeting and expressed concern that the outcomes of a review into this area had not been reported back to Regulation and Review Committee. The Senior Complaints Officer assured the Committee that this review had taken place and that the outcomes would be shared with Members. It was noted that concerns raised by the Committee in relation to managing the needs of children requiring additional support could be referred to Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee for further consideration.

It was **agreed** to note the report and refer the Committee’s concern to Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee.

RQ44/10/19 Annual Review of Council Policy on Covert Surveillance

The Committee received a report in relation to the Annual Review of Council Policy on Court Surveillance. In accordance with the Codes of Practice applying to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) the Authority’s Policy was subject to annual review. A copy of the draft Policy for 2020 was appended to the report.

RIPA placed covert surveillance on a statutory basis and enabled certain public authorities, including local authorities, to carry out surveillance operations with statutory protection from legal challenge. This protection was often referred to as the “RIPA shield”. RIPA provisions could only be used to authorise surveillance activities to detect and prevent serious crime and the two authorising officers of the Authority were required to seek judicial approval from the Magistrates’ Courts before any surveillance was undertaken.

The Members were informed that three covert techniques were available to local authorities under RIPA:

- The acquisition and disclosure of communication data such as telephone billing information or subscriber details e.g. to tackle rogue traders
- Direct surveillance – covert surveillance of individuals in public places e.g. to tackle criminal activity arising from anti-social behaviour; and
- Covert human intelligence sources such as deployment of undercover officers.

Members were informed that the Authority’s current Surveillance Policy was approved by Cabinet in November 2018. The Policy had recently been subject to a review and no amendments (save for minor typographical corrections) had been proposed as the Policy remained fit for purpose.

Regulation and Review Committee were requested to consider the revised draft policy and to recommend the Policy to Cabinet for consideration on 25 November 2019.

The aims of the Authority's policy were to ensure:

- Compliance with RIPA; the relevant Codes of Practice and guidance issued by the Home Office; and guidance from the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office (IPCO);
- Give effect to the rights of citizens to respect for their private and family lives; and
- Protect the Authority from legal challenge when undertaking surveillance.

It was noted that the Codes of Practice indicated that, in addition to an annual review of the general surveillance policy, a local authority should consider internal reports on the use of RIPA at least quarterly to ensure that it was being used consistently in compliance with the Authority's policy. It was explained that since 1 November 2012 there had been no authorisations granted and no report other than the annual review to the Committee had been required. Should an authorisation be granted it would be reported to the next available meeting of the Committee to ensure the requirements for elected member oversight of the use of the Authority's RIPA powers had been discharged.

It was **agreed** to note the report and recommend the proposed Policy to Cabinet for adoption.

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Regulation and Review Committee Panel

10 October 2019

Present: Councillor J Stirling (Chair)
Councillors J Allan, J Mole, T Mulvenna and J O'Shea

RQ31/10/19 Apologies for Absence

No apologies of absence were received.

RQ32/10/19 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

RQ33/10/19 Exclusion Resolution

Resolved that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having applied a public interest test in accordance with Part 2 of Schedule 12A the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

RQ34/10/19 Private Hire Vehicle Proprietor's Licence Referral – Mr C

The Committee considered a report which outlined the background to a referral relating to the holder of a Private Hire Drivers Licence, Mr C. The Committee was requested to assess Mr C's continued suitability to carry out the duties of a licensed driver.

Mr C attended the meeting along with his representative.

The Licensing Officer presented the report to the Committee which included information on the reason for the referral and Mr C's criminal and licensing record.

Members of the Committee and Mr C had the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

Mr C and his representative then addressed the Committee. Members and the Licensing Officer then had the opportunity to ask questions of Mr C.

Following a summing up from the Licensing Officer and Mr C, both parties left the meeting room to enable consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

The options available to the Committee were to:

- take no action;
- issue a warning as to the driver's future conduct;
- suspend the driver's licence; or

- revoke the driver's licence.

Resolved that Mr C be issued a warning as to his future conduct.

(At this point Cllr J O'Shea left the meeting).

RQ35/10/19 Private Hire Drivers Licence Referral – Mr E

The Committee considered a report which outlined the background to a referral relating to the holder of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence, Mr E. The Committee was requested to assess Mr E's continued suitability to carry out the duties of a licensed driver.

Mr E attended the meeting.

The Licensing Officer presented the report to the Committee which included information on the reason for the referral and Mr E's criminal and licensing record.

Members of the Committee and Mr E had the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

Mr E then addressed the Committee. Members and the Licensing Officer then had the opportunity to ask questions of Mr E.

Following a summing up from the Licensing Officer and Mr E, both parties left the meeting room to enable consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

The options available to the Committee were to:

- take no action;
- issue a warning as to the driver's future conduct;
- suspend the driver's licence; or
- revoke the driver's licence.

Resolved that Mr E's licence be revoked as the Committee was no longer satisfied that he was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

RQ36/10/19 Private Hire Drivers Licence Appeal – Mr W

The Committee received a report which outlined the background to an appeal by Mr W against the decision of the Authority to refuse to grant his renewal application for a Private Hire Driver's licence on the grounds that the Licensing Authority was not satisfied he was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

Mr W attended the meeting.

A Licensing Officer presented the report to the Committee which included the reasons for the refusal of Mr W's application and a summary of his criminal and licensing record. The appeal form submitted by Mr W was also included.

Members and Mr W had the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

Mr W then addressed the Committee and answered questions from Members.

Following a summing up from the Licensing Officer and Mr W, all parties left the meeting to enable consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

The options available to the Committee were:

- Uphold the appeal and agree to re-issue the licence; or
- Dismiss the appeal and refuse to re-issue the licence.

Resolved that Mr W's appeal be upheld and his licence granted with a warning as to his future conduct.

RQ37/10/19 Private Hire Drivers Licence Appeal – Mr M

The Committee received a report which outlined the background to an appeal by Mr M against the decision of the Authority to refuse his application for a Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's licence on the grounds that the Licensing Authority was not satisfied he was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

Mr M attended the meeting along with his representative.

A Licensing Officer presented the report to the Committee which included the reasons for the refusal of Mr M's application and a summary of his criminal and licensing record. The appeal form submitted by Mr M was also included.

Members and Mr M had the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

Mr M and his representative then addressed the Committee and answered questions from Members.

Following a summing up from the Licensing Officer and Mr M, all parties left the meeting to enable consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

The options available to the Committee were:

- Uphold the appeal and agree to re-issue the licence; or
- Dismiss the appeal and refuse to re-issue the licence.

Resolved that Mr M's appeal be dismissed and his licence not granted on the grounds that the Committee was not satisfied that he was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

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Regulation and Review Committee (Panel)

Thursday, 28 November 2019

Present: Councillor J Stirling (Chair)
Councillors J Allan, S Brockbank, C Davis and J O'Shea

RQ45/19 To Receive any Declarations of Interest and Notification of any Dispensations Granted

There were no declarations of interest reported.

RQ46/19 Exclusion Resolution

Resolved that the Exclusion Resolution be passed.

RQ47/19 Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence Appeal - Mr F

The Committee received a report which outlined the background to an appeal by Mr F against the decision of the Authority to refuse his application for a Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's licence on the grounds that the Licensing Authority was not satisfied he was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

Mr F attended the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned to seek additional information and the case deferred to allow all parties time to consider the information.

Resolved that consideration on Mr F's appeal be deferred.

RQ48/19 Private Hire Driver's Licence Referral - Mr G

The Committee considered a report which outlined the background to a referral relating to the holder of a Private Hire Drivers Licence, Mr G. The Committee was requested to assess Mr G's continued suitability to carry out the duties of a licensed driver.

Mr G attended the meeting, along with his representative, Mr W.

The Committee concluded that further information was required in order for a decision to be made and therefore deferred the case to a future date.

Resolved that consideration of Mr G's referral be deferred.

RQ49/19 Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence Referral - Mr P

The Committee considered a report which outlined the background to a referral relating to

the holder of a Private Hire Operator's Licence and a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, Mr P. The Committee was requested to assess Mr P's continued suitability to carry out the duties of an operator and licensed driver.

The Committee agreed to defer this case to a future meeting.

Resolved that consideration of Mr P's referral be deferred.

Regulation and Review Committee Panel

2 December 2019

Present: Councillor John Stirling (Chair)
Councillors J Allan and J Cruddas

RQ50/12/19 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies recorded.

RQ51/12/19 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

RQ52/12/19 Exclusion Resolution

Resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having applied a public interest test in accordance with Part 2 of Schedule 12A the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

RQ53/12/19 Appeal Against Dismissal

The Committee considered an appeal lodged by Mr E against the decision of the Disciplinary meeting that took place on 5 September 2019.

Mr E was not in attendance at the meeting but represented at the meeting by Donna Walker, GMB Trade Union Official.

The Chair of the Disciplinary meeting set out the background to the case and the reasons for the decision to terminate Mr E's contract of employment with the Council. The Disciplinary Chair was accompanied and supported by an HR Business Partner.

Members of the Committee and Donna Walker, the Trade Union Official were then given an opportunity to ask questions of the Chair of the Disciplinary meeting and the HR Business Partner.

The Committee then heard Mr E's case from Donna Walker, the Trade Union Official and considered the supplementary information that was circulated. Members of the Committee and the officers representing the Council were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Both parties were given the opportunity to sum up their case and then withdrew from the meeting to allow the Committee to make a decision.

The Democratic Services Officer, Legal Advisor and Human Resources Advisor (to the Panel) stayed to provide guidance and advice.

RESOLVED: that the appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary meeting on the 5 September 2019 to terminate Mr E's employment with the Council be dismissed.

Title: Hackney Carriage
Fare Review 2018

North Tyneside Council Report to Regulation & Review Committee Date: 9 January 2020

Report from Service Area: Environment, Housing and Leisure

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the report is to consult with Committee in relation to the review of fares for Hackney Carriages. The current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy indicates that the Authority will review the fare tariff when requested by the Trade.

1.2 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- I. Express its views to the Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure in relation to the request for a revision to the Hackney Carriage fare table so that Committee's views are known to the Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure when he fixes such fares.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Background

- 2.1.1 The Authority conducts an annual review of Hackney Carriage fares each year in accordance with the North Tyneside Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy. In addition the fares may be reviewed when requested by the Trade. Under the Authority's Officer Delegation Scheme the Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure has the delegated authority to set fares for hackney carriages following the appropriate consultation with the Cabinet Member and Regulation and Review Committee. That delegation is as follows:-

“Fixing the fares for hackney carriages in accordance with the statutory procedure (pursuant to section 65 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976) and following appropriate consultation with the Cabinet Member and Regulation and Review Committee.”

- 2.1.2 The former Licensing Committee agreed a formal procedure on 11 October 2001 following consultation with North Tyneside Hackney Carriage Association (NTHCA) for reviewing the table of fares for Hackney Carriages. It was agreed that each year, a formula would be used to calculate a ‘cost per mile’ figure for the operation of a Hackney Carriage. The formula takes into account vehicle running costs including insurance, and driver earnings based on average earnings for the region. The figure produced would then be used as the basis for calculating the table of fares. In November 2006 the Committee agreed revisions to the original procedure approved by Committee in 2001 to provide greater clarity and transparency in setting out the method of applying the formula. The formula itself was retained but in addition, the way in which it is applied to a proposed fare table was set out.
- 2.1.3 Officers have attempted to use this formula however this has not been possible due to two issues. Firstly the AA no longer produce a report detailing average running costs of a vehicle. Also, the formula requires average insurance costs to be considered. Insurance Brokers no longer provide this detail due to data protection. Due to these issues Officers have not been able to use the formula. However a cost per mile has been calculated on the 5% increase requested by the NTHCA.
- 2.1.4 NTHCA has submitted a request that the Authority reviews its current table of fares for Hackney Carriages. The following request has been received:

Tariff one

Reduce the yardage from 213 yards or part there of or 53 seconds to 202.9 yards or part there of or 51 seconds (25p)
Flag fall increased from £1.80 to £2.00

Tariff two

Reduce the yardage from 182 yards or part there of or 51 seconds to 173.3 yards or part there of or 49 seconds.
Flag fall increased from £2.60 to £2.70 (25p)

Officers have calculated the cost of the request over a three mile period for tariffs 1 and 2 to produce an average cost per mile of £3.11. The current cost per mile is £2.94. A copy of the current fare table is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

The NTHCA have provided the following reasons for their request for a tariff increase:

“Reasons for review - Fuel prices, insurance, servicing and repair costs. Cost of living all have increased. Also to give the driver the possibility of earning the minimum wage”.

- 2.1.5 As a comparison, the other fare rates for neighbouring authorities are:

Newcastle City Council:

Tariff one

Flag fall £2.40
200.5 yards or 40 seconds – 20p

Tariff two
Flag fall £2.40
172.9 yards or 31 seconds – 20p

Gateshead Council

Tariff one

Flag fall £2.10
234 yards or 56 seconds – 20p

Tariff two

Flag fall £2.60
188 yards or 56 seconds – 20p

Sunderland City Council

Tariff one

Flag fall £2.60
225 yards – 20p

Tariff two
Flag fall £3.00
175 yards – 20p

Northumberland Council

Tariff one

Flag fall £2.50
91 yards – 10p

Tariff two

Flag fall £2.90
72 yards – 10p

3.0 Decision Options

Committee is not being asked to make a decision in relation to this matter. This report is for Committee to provide a consultation response to the Head of Service for Environment, Housing and Leisure.

4.0 Appendices:

4.1 Appendix 1 – Current table of fares.

5.0 Contact Officers:

5.1 Colin MacDonald, Senior Manager, Technical & Regulatory Services, Tel: 0191 643 6620

Joanne Lee, Public Protection Manager, Tel: 0191 643 6901

Alan Burnett, Principal Trading Standards & Licensing Officer, Tel: 0191 643 6621

6.0 Background Information:

6.1 The following background papers have been used in the compilation of this report and are available for inspection at the offices of the author of the report.

1. North Tyneside Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and Other Resources:

There are no financial implications for the Authority arising directly from this report. Costs associated with the development of regulatory option proposals are met from existing budgets.

2.2 Legal

Chapter 5 North Tyneside Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy sets out the procedure for setting and reviewing Hackney Carriage fares.

The Authority may fix or vary a table of fares for Hackney Carriages by virtue of Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

If the Head of Service for Environment, Housing and Leisure proposes to vary the table of fares for Hackney Carriages, the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 requires the Authority to place a notice in at least one local newspaper setting out the variation in the table of fares and allowing a period of at least 14 days within which objections to the variation can be made.

Paragraph 5.2.3 of the Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy prescribes that Notices are to be published in the Evening Chronicle or similar newspaper.

In the event of the receipt of any objections during the 14 day period these would be considered by the Head of Service for Environment, Housing and Leisure before a final decision was made in respect of any fare. A date would be set not later than two months after the first specified period of 14 days on which the table of fares shall come into force with or without modifications as decided after consideration of the objections.

If no objections are received the variation will take effect following the expiry of the 14 days notice period.

2.3 Consultation/Community Engagement:

If the Head of Service decides to vary the table of fares for Hackney Carriages, the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 requires that the Authority must place a notice in at least one local newspaper setting out the variation in the table of fares and allowing a period of at least 14 days within which objections to the variation can be made.

The Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure is consulting with the Regulation and Review Committee, prior to determining this matter in accordance with his delegated authority and will also consult with the appropriate Cabinet Member.

2.4 Human Rights:

There are no human rights issues arising directly arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and Diversity:

There are no equality and diversity implications arising directly from this report. Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken as part of the development of regulatory option proposals.

2.6 Risk Management:

There are no significant risk management implications to the Authority arising directly from this report.

2.7 Crime and Disorder:

It is not considered that there are any crime and disorder implications arising directly from this report.

2.8 Environment and Sustainability:

It is not considered that there are any environment and sustainability implications arising directly from this report.

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Fare Table

TARIFF ONE

- (i) For the first 213 yards or 53 seconds (or part thereof) £1.80**
- (ii) For each subsequent 213 yards or 53 seconds (or part thereof) .25**

TARIFF TWO

For hirings between 10.00pm and 07.00am, and all day Sundays, Bank Holidays and on December 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st in each year:

- (i) For the first 182yards or 51 seconds (or part thereof) £2.60**
- (ii) For each subsequent 182 yards or 51 seconds (or part thereof) .25**

EXTRA CHARGES

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| Charge for soiling carriage | £100.00 |
| For each person in excess of two | .40 |
| For each item of hand luggage carried outside the carriage | .40 |
| For each dog or animal (guide and/or hearing dogs exempt) | £2.00 |
| For each bicycle | £3.00 |
| For each perambulator | .50 |

Any tunnel, bridge or road tolls to and from the destination

2018 Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure

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