

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 06 November 2017

Portfolio: Policy and Resources

Subject: **Review of Hackney Carriage Fares**

Report of: Director of Planning and Regulation

Strategy/Policy:

Corporate Objective: A safe and Healthy Place to Live and Work

Purpose:
To set the level of Hackney Carriage Tariff for licensed vehicles in the Borough.

Executive summary:

Each year the views of the taxi trade are sought in respect of whether they wish the Council to consider an increase to the taxi tariff.

In August this year, a newsletter was sent to the taxi trade which sought their views on whether they wished to have an increase to the taxi tariff. There were 19 responses received from individual drivers, 12 for no change and 7 requesting a range of changes. The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Association (HCPHA) also voted in favour of no tariff increase.

The responses received in response to the newsletter are detailed in a report presented at the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee held on the 19 September 2017. A copy of this report is attached as Appendix 1. The report was considered by the Committee and the recommendation to the Executive was in favour of no increase in the tariff for the 2018/19 financial year.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that the Executive agrees that no increase be made to the level of taxi tariff for the 2018/19 financial year.

Reason:

Both the taxi trade and the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee are in favour of no increase for the 2018/19 financial year.

Cost of proposals:

There are no cost implications associated with the proposals.

Appendices: 1: Report to the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Committee – 19th September 2017

Background papers: None

Reference papers: None

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Executive Briefing Paper

Date:	06 November 2017
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Briefing by:	Head of Environmental Health
Portfolio:	Policy and Resources

INTRODUCTION

1. Each year the taxi trade is consulted in respect of the level of taxi tariff. The last time the trade indicated it wanted a tariff increase following consultation was in 2008, and the matter was considered by the Committee at that time and an increase was granted.
2. In August this year a letter was sent to the taxi trade to consult upon the taxi tariff. The council received 19 responses of which 7 were requesting a change. There are currently 213 Hackney Carriage vehicles licensed in the Borough, 206 licensed Hackney Carriage drivers and 120 Dual Licensed Drivers.
3. The Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee at its meeting of 19 September 2017 considered this matter and their recommendation to the Executive was in favour of no increase for the 2018/19 financial year.

INDICES

4. Average Weekly Earnings in real terms (adjusted for consumer price inflation and seasonality), were reset in August 2015 to an index of 100 and have increased 1.1% since that date.
5. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

CONCLUSION

6. That members consider the information contained in the report when making their decision in setting the level of Fareham Taxi Tariff.

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers: None

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