

DECISION ITEM



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECORATE	COUNCIL	17 OCTOBER 2016	15
HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

At a meeting of the Public Protection Committee held on the 20th July 2016, the Committee considered a request for an increase in the level of Hackney Carriage Fares.

Following a full discussion Committee RESOLVED to:

- 1) Refuse the request for an increase in level of hackney carriage fares as being inappropriate at this time.
- 2) Recommend to full Council that the Table of Fares is amended for the purposes of fuel surcharge to refer to the Shell Heyhouses Garage, in place of the Kilnhouse Garage which is no longer trading.
- 3) Recommend to full Council that the responsibility for determining future requests for increases in the level if hackney carriage fares are delegated to the Public Protection Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council considers the recommendations of the Public Protection Committee and:

- 1) Amends the Table of Fares for the purposes of the fuel surcharge to refer to the Shell Heyhouses Garage, in place of the Kilnhouse Garage which is no longer trading
- 2) Delegate to the Public Protection Committee responsibility for determining increases in the level of Hackney Carriage Fares

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The latest increase in Hackney Carriage Fares came into force in January 2014. Previous increases have been in September 2012, May 2011, May 2009, January 2008 and June 2005.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	√
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	√
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	√
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	√

REPORT

1. At a meeting of the Public Protection Committee held on the 20th July 2016, the Committee considered an item regarding hackney carriage fares, and resolved as follows:
 - 1) *Refuse the request for an increase in level of hackney carriage fares as being inappropriate at this time.*
 - 2) *Recommend to full Council that the Table of Fares is amended for the purposes of fuel surcharge to refer to the Shell Heyhouses Garage, in place of the Kilnhouse Garage which is no longer trading.*
 - 3) *Recommend to full Council that the responsibility for determining future requests for increases in the level if hackney carriage fares are delegated to the Public Protection Committee.*
2. The report submitted to the Public Protection Committee is available through the link below and Council is therefore requested to consider :
 - 1) Amending the Table of Fares for the purposes of the fuel surcharge to refer to the Shell Heyhouses Garage, in place of the Kilnhouse Garage which is no longer trading
 - 2) Delegating to the Public Protection Committee responsibility for determining increases in the level of Hackney Carriage Fares.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no direct financial implications for the Council in setting the fares for hackney carriages.
Legal	None arising directly from the report.
Community Safety	The provision of taxis is an integral part of the transport infrastructure and is particularly influential in the transportation of individuals late at night when bus services have ceased. The provision of affordable taxis assist in community safety by ensuring people are removed from town centres safely and helps to reduce the incidence of drink driving.
Human Rights and Equalities	Hackney carriages are a vital form of transport for the disabled who may have difficulties accessing other forms of public transport. It is important therefore that fares are maintained at a level which will encourage investment in DDA compliant vehicles yet remain affordable to disabled people.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising directly from the report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising directly from the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy	2006	Town Hall
Report to Public Protection Committee	20/7/2016	Request for Increase in Level of Hackney Carriage Fares

