

CABINET MEMBERS DELEGATED DECISION

Open		Would any decisions proposed :		
Any especially affected Wards	Mandatory/	Be entirely within Cabinet's powers to decide		YES/NO
	Discretionary /	Need to be recommendations to Council		YES/NO
	Operational	Is it a Key Decision		YES/NO
Lead Member: Cllr Adrian Lawrence E-mail: cllr.adrian.lawrence@West-norfolk.gov.uk		Other Cabinet Members consulted: None		
		Other Members consulted: Cllr Don Tyler		
Lead Officer: Marie Malt E-mail: marie.malt@west-norfolk.gov.uk Direct Dial: 01553 616496		Other Officers consulted: Vicki Hopps, John Gilbraith		
Financial Implications YES/NO	Policy/Personnel Implications YES/NO	Statutory Implications YES/NO	Equal Impact Assessment YES/NO If YES: Pre-screening/ Full Assessment	Risk Management Implications YES/NO
Date meeting advertised: 20 th June 2017		Date of meeting decision to be taken: 27 th June 2017		
Deadline for Call-In: 4 th July 2017				

FIXING OF FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES

Summary

The Council are responsible for fixing the rates of fares for Hackney Carriage vehicles licensed by this authority.

Recommendation

That there is no increase to the hackney carriage fares.

Reason for Decision

Insufficient demand from the members of the hackney carriage trade.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the Borough Council may fix the rates or fares within the district as well for a time as distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a vehicle. Hackney carriages cannot charge passengers more than the rates prescribed by the Borough Council.
- 1.2 The current fare rates were introduced on the 4th January 2016.
- 1.3 Whilst the Act gives the Borough Council the power to set fares it is considered appropriate to consult those members of the trade affected before doing so.
- 1.4 Between the 24th March 2017 and 30th April 2017 all members of the hackney carriage licensed trade were consulted as to whether they would like an

10.0 Background Papers

(Definition : Unpublished work relied on to a material extent in preparing the report that disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based. A copy of all background papers must be supplied to Democratic Services with the report for publishing with the agenda)

None

Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment

Borough Council of
**King's Lynn &
West Norfolk**



Name of policy/service/function	Environmental Health – Licensing				
Is this a new or existing policy/ service/function?	Existing				
Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened. Please state if this policy/service rigidly constrained by statutory obligations	To consider whether a Hackney Carriage Fare increase is to be implemented within the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk area. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1975, Section 65				
Question	Answer				
1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups according to their different protected characteristic, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in terms of ability to access the service? Please tick the relevant box for each group. NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group.		Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
	Age			✓	
	Disability			✓	
	Gender			✓	
	Gender Re-assignment			✓	
	Marriage/civil partnership			✓	
	Pregnancy & maternity			✓	
	Race			✓	
	Religion or belief			✓	
	Sexual orientation			✓	
	Other (eg low income)			✓	
	Question	Answer	Comments		
2. Is the proposed policy/service likely to affect relations between certain equality communities or to damage relations between the equality communities and the Council, for example because it is seen as favouring a particular community or denying opportunities to another?	Yes / No				
3. Could this policy/service be perceived as impacting on communities differently?	Yes / No				
4. Is the policy/service specifically designed to tackle evidence of disadvantage or potential discrimination?	Yes / No				
5. Are any impacts identified above minor and if so, can these be eliminated or reduced by minor actions? If yes, please agree actions with a member of the Corporate Equalities Working Group and list agreed actions in the comments section	Yes / No	Actions:			
		Actions agreed by EWG member:			
Assessment completed by: Name: Marie Malt					
Job title Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer	Date				

Please Note: If there are any positive or negative impacts identified in question 1, or there any 'yes' responses to questions 2 – 4 a full impact assessment will be required.