

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**E3045****Review of Hackney Carriage tariff rates**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Bob Goodman, Cabinet Member for Development and Neighbourhoods
The Issue	To review the hackney carriage tariff rates charged within the Bath and North East Somerset area for time and distance
Decision Date	On or after 28 March 2018
The decision	The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Development is asked to approve a 4.9% increase in the current hackney carriage tariff rates.
Rationale for decision	<p>In determining the proposed increase in the tariff rate, the percentage increase in the cost of owning a vehicle and the percentage increase of wages since the last increase has been considered, through information provided by the Office for National Statistics.</p> <p>The fact that the tariff rate has not been increased since 2014 was also considered.</p> <p>The Consumer Price Inflation data set published by the Office of National Statistics indicates that the inflation cost on motoring has increased 8.1% in the last year. The Council's policy is to take half of this increase and add half the increase in average earnings (0.85%) to get the recommended fare increase of 4.9%.</p>
Financial and budget implications	<p>The cost of consultation and, advertising the tariff changes in the local papers, is met within existing service budgets and funded via the hackney carriage licence fee.</p> <p>The extra income received from the increase in the tariff will be received by the taxi drivers and not the Licensing Authority.</p>
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Customer Focus; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Corporate; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	Letters were sent to all of the hackney carriage proprietors in both Zones 1 and 2 informing them of the proposed percentage increase and requesting comment. No comments about the increase were

	<p>received.</p> <p>As part of the formal process the proposed tariff was advertised in the Bath Chronicle between the dates of 8-23 February 2018. During the same period, copies of the proposed tariff were placed in the Council offices at the Guildhall and Lewis House in Bath, The Hollies in Midsomer Norton and the Civic Centre in Keynsham.</p> <p>No objections or comments have been received from the public on the proposed tariff.</p>
Other options considered	The option of no increase in the tariff rate was considered but rejected as the tariff had not been increased since 2014 and the cost of running a vehicle has increased since that time.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	None.
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None.

Signatures of Decision Maker	
Date of Signature	

Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision