

**Report of the Service Director to the  
General Licensing Regulatory Board  
to be held on the 27 October 2021**

**Objections and Representations to Hackney Carriage Tariff increase**

**1. Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report, is to place before Members the objections and representations received in relation to the proposed increase to the current Hackney Carriage Tariff.

**2. Background**

Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 gives the Council the authority to fix fares for Hackney Carriages.

When the Council makes or varies the fares for Hackney Carriages it must publish in at least one local newspaper a notice setting out the new table of fares and specifying the period of not less than 14 days within which any objections to the proposal can be made.

A copy of the proposed tariff must also be available at Council Offices for the public to inspect at all reasonable hours.

If no objections are received the new table of fares will come into effect on the expiration date of the period specified in the published notice. If objections are received then the Council must consider these and then make the decision to approve, amend or reject the tariff increase accordingly.

**3. Current Position**

A request from the Hackney Carriage Association to increase the fares charged was first presented to the General Licensing Regulatory Board on the 8 September 2021. A copy of this request is attached to the report as appendix 1 and is accompanied by proposed table of fares to illustrate the request.

A copy of the current table of fares is attached as Appendix 2.

Members considered the application received and felt there was insufficient evidence provided by the Hackney Carriage Association in support of their request for a fare increase.

Members made a request for further information to be submitted by the Hackney Carriage Association to support their application for an increase in Hackney Carriage fares.

In response to the request and discussions at the meeting the Hackney Carriage Association made further submissions of information in support of their original application.

A copies of the submissions are attached to this report as Appendix 3.

At the General Licensing Board meeting on the 29 September 2021 Members approved the statutory consultation following the request received and information supplied by the Hackney Carriage Association to increase the tariff. The statutory notice appeared in the Barnsley Chronicle on the 1 October 2021 and made provision for objections to be made in accordance with the legislation until the 15 October 2021.

During the consultation period several objections and representations were received in relation to the proposed tariff. A copy of all responses received are attached as appendix 5.

The Hackney Carriage Association have been invited to attend the meeting to answer any questions that Members may have in respect of the proposed amendments to the tariff.

#### **4. Options**

Under the Provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, if the objections have not been withdrawn, Members may:

- i) Approve the variation to the tariff as requested

- ii) Make a variation to the proposed tariff as the Members see fit
- iii) Reject the request to increase the tariff

**5. Recommendation**

That Members consider both the request and all responses received as part of the consultation accordingly.

**6. Officer Contact**

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