

Hackney Carriage Fares 2016

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Purpose of the Report

To update members on the response received to the public advertisement of the proposed new taxi fares.

Recommendations

1. Confirm that as no objections have been received within the 14 day statutory notice period, then the new fare rates will take effect from 1st August 2016.
2. That the Licensing Manager be asked to notify all Hackney carriage drivers and operators of the new fees and allow a period of 28 days grace from the 1st August for all vehicle fare meters to be recalibrated to the new fares.

Background

Members will recall that at their meeting of the 12th April 2016, they agreed the proposal for the fare setting process and authorised the Licensing Manager to undertake the necessary public advertisement in relation to a proposed increase in taxi fares.

Report Detail

The required statutory notice was prepared and was advertised in the Western Gazette and on the Council's notice board. It appeared in the Western Gazette on the 5th May 2016, with the last date for objections being 14 days from the publication, this being the 19th May 2016. A copy of this notice is enclosed as Appendix A to this report.

No objections to the proposal have been received.

Financial Implications

None to the authority. There will be a cost to drivers and operators or recalibrating their fare meters.

Implications for Corporate Priorities

Jobs - We want a strong economy which has low unemployment and thriving businesses. This fare increase demonstrates that we are continuing to support local businesses.

Other Implications

None

Background Papers: Licensing Committee 12/04/2016
