

REPORT TO	DATE OF MEETING
GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE	20th January 2015

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SUBJECT	PORTFOLIO	AUTHOR	ITEM
REQUEST FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF INCREASE	REGENERATION, LEISURE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES	WAJED IQBAL	4

SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Section 65 (1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 authorises the Local Authority to set the table of fares for Hackney Carriages within the Borough.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Following the Committee meeting on 25th November 2014, a consultation was carried with the South Ribble Borough Council licensed Hackney Carriage trade as well as members of the public via publication in the local press (Lancashire Evening Post) and on the South Ribble Borough Council website.
2. Letters were sent out to licensed Hackney Carriage Vehicle Proprietors and Hackney Carriage Drivers asking if they were 'For' or 'Against' the proposals put forward by the 'South Ribble Taxi Owners Association' (see Appendix A).
3. A total number of 148 letters were sent out in the post to the above on 3rd December 2014 and responses had to be in by no later than Friday 2nd January 2015.
4. After the closing date of 02nd January 2015, responses were collated and were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	No Response
35	7	106

5. No responses to the Licensing section were received from members of the public.
6. The Committee to consider the following report and determine whether it wishes to Approve or Reject the proposed Hackney Carriage fare increase following the formal consultation process.

WIDER IMPLICATIONS

In the preparation of this report, consideration has been given to the impact of its proposals in all the areas shown below. A risk assessment has also been carried out. The table shows the implications in respect of each of these.

FINANCIAL	None
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LEGAL	The decision may be challenged by the trade.
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RISK	
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THE IMPACT ON EQUALITY	None
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OTHER (see below)	
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<i>Asset Management</i>	<i>Corporate Plans and Policies</i>	<i>Crime and Disorder</i>	<i>Efficiency Savings/Value for Money</i>
<i>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion</i>	<i>Freedom of Information/ Data Protection</i>	<i>Health and Safety</i>	<i>Health Inequalities</i>
<i>Human Rights Act 1998</i>	<i>Implementing Electronic Government</i>	<i>Staffing, Training and Development</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Appendix A. Copy of letter sent to licensed Hackney Carriage Vehicle Proprietors and Hackney Carriage Drivers