

REFERRALS FROM TAXI LICENSING WORKING GROUP

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members to consider the key issues and a recommendation which arose at a meeting of the Taxi Licensing Working Group on 20 June 2001.

2 HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF REVIEW 2001

- 2.1 The Working Group considered a proposal to increase the Hackney Carriage Tariff with effect from October 2001 but Members were not satisfied that the proposed tariff fell in line with the decision made in 2000 to link future increases with the Retail Price Index (RPI) for motor transport costs. This had been identified as 3.6% (April 2000 to April 2001)
- 2.2 Due to lack of time the item was deferred for discussion at the Transportation Sub-Committee meeting on 20 June 2001.

3 TRANSPORT ACT 2000

- 3.1 The Working Group debated the issue of the introduction of a new class of licence under the provisions of Transport Act 2000 but due to lack of time to fully debate the matter it was deferred to Transportation Sub-Committee on 20 June 2001.

4 ADDITIONAL ADVISERS

- 4.1 A letter, multiply-signed by Rochford District taxi plate holders, was sent to Members of the Taxi Licensing Working Group, in which concern was expressed about proposals to introduce unlimited plates after a period of five years' continuous employment in the Rochford taxi trade.
- 4.2 The Licensing Conditions item was included in the agenda for the Transportation Sub-Committee on 20 June 2001.
- 4.3 Members of the Working Group agreed that this item should be deferred to a later date to allow the views of these drivers to be properly represented.

5 RECOMMENDATION

The Working Group recommended that:

- There should be 8 advisers appointed to the Taxi Licensing Working Group. In addition to the four taxi firm proprietors, there should also be advisers from Transport and General Workers Union, Mr M Ford and two other representatives of the independent plate holders.

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Background Papers:

None.

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