TAXI FARES 2000/01 – RESULT OF CONSULTATION

1 SUMMARY

1.1 To advise outcome of public consultation subsequent to resolution of Transportation Sub-Committee (Minute 136, 7 June 2000) which approved the new fare structure effective from 2 October 2000.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 The proposal to increase the fare structure for Hackney Carriage was considered by this Sub-Committee on 7 June 2000. Following discussions, the proposals were approved subject to the fare tariff being determined as a maximum. The effect of the amendment allows negotiation of a lower fare between customer and taxi proprietor.

3 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

3.1 A Public Notice was inserted in the Southend Standard dated Friday 7 July 2000, circulating within the District, giving details of the new fare tariff. This is a requirement of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and allowed an objection period of 14 days from date of publication of the Notice. No objection was received to the new tariff.

4 IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW FARE TARIFF

4.1 The Head of Service has advised the various manufacturers of taxi meters of the new tariff to enable the computer chips required to re-programme the meters to be produced. All proprietors of Hackney Carriages will be advised of the arrangements to enable taxi meters to be tested on 2 and 3 October 2000 using the measured miles in Rayleigh and Rochford.

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RESOLVES**

That the content of this report be noted. (HRHM)

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Background Papers:

Transport Sub-Committee Minutes 7 June 2000. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. Public Notice, Southend Standard 7 July 2000. 2000/01 Fare Tariff File

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