
HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TARIFF

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report relates to an increase to the hackney carriage authorised fare tariff.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 On 23 January 2006, the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee met to consider proposals submitted by the Taxi Association for an increase to the authorised fare tariff. A copy of the officer's report to the Sub-Committee, together with the Sub-Committee minutes, are attached at Appendix A. Please note that the retail price index chart at paragraph 5.1 of the report is incorrect. The correct position is attached at Appendix B.
- 2.2 As can be seen from the minutes, the Sub-Committee reached the position whereby it was felt reasonable to indicate that an increase over an eighteen-month period should average between 6.5% and 6.75%. The Chairman of the Taxi Association stated that the trade required further time to consider whether to accept or reject the 6.5% proposed and would re-contact the Council.
- 2.3 Two days later on 25 January 2006, a letter was received from the Taxi Association accepting the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee's offer of a 6.5% fare increase for the period up to September 2007.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 When a fare increase is implemented Transportation staff are required to test all taxi meters to ensure that they are upgraded and showing the correct tariff. There is a reduced service for the day in the Transportation Department when the meters are being tested.

4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There is a statutory requirement to advertise the new authorised fare tariff in a local newspaper giving 14 days for objections. There may be further implications if objections to the increase are received.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**
- (1) That a fare increase averaging 6.5% over a 4 mile journey (or the nearest possible percentage point up to 6.75%) be approved.
 - (2) That the increase be implemented as soon as reasonably possible for the period up to September 2007.

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Background Papers:-

None

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