

Report of	Meeting	Date
Corporate Director of Governance	Licensing and Public Safety Committee	17/9/2008

HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPOSED FARE INCREASE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

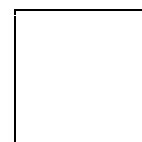
1. To bring to the attention of members a request from the Chorley Hackney Carriage Association for a hackney carriage fare increase (copy attached).

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That the committee considers the request for a fare increase and considers any representations the Chorley Hackney Carriage Association or their representatives may wish to make.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

3. A written request for an increase in hackney carriage fares was received by the councils licensing department on 13th July 2008 a copy of the letter is attached at appendix (A).
4. The reason for the request is the increase in fuel prices, which have increased by 25% over the last 18 months.
5. Under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1976. The council may fix fares for time and distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a hackney carriage.
6. When the council make or vary a table of fares they shall publish in at least one local newspaper a notice setting out the table of fares or variation thereof, and specifying the period, which shall not be less than fourteen days from the date of the first publication of the notice, within which and the manner in which objections to the table of fares or variation can be made. A copy of this notice shall for the period of fourteen days from the date of the first publication thereof be deposited at the offices of the council which published the notice, and shall at all reasonable hours be open to public inspection without payment.
7. If no objection to a table of fares or variations is made within the period specified in the notice, or if all objections made are withdrawn, the table of fares or variations shall come into operation on the date of the expiration of the period specified in the notice or the date of withdrawal of the objection.
8. Chorley Hackney Carriage Association have asked for an increase of 30 pence in the flat rate fare for the first 1/2 mile from £1.90 to £2.20 they are not asking for any increase in fares for any subsequent 1/16 of a mile travelled. In effect this means each fare, irrespective of the distance will be increased by 30 pence. A comparison table of current and proposed fares is attached to this report at appendix (B).



CORPORATE PRIORITIES

9. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region		Develop local solutions to climate change.	
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances	X	Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	
Involving people in their communities		Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

10. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Corporate Directors' comments are included:

Finance	X	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	X	No significant implications in this area	

COMMENTS OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE

11. The power to fix hackney carriage fares lies with the District Council pursuant to section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. In reaching a decision on the correct level of fare the Council have a duty to act reasonably. The proposal, when considered in light of the level of fares for other local districts, would seem reasonable.

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CORPORATE DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE

There are no background papers to this report.

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