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**APPLICATION TO INCREASE THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE
OF FARES (TARIFF)**

Meeting: APPEALS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

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Cabinet Portfolio: HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Report by: LICENSING MANAGER

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To propose an increase in the tariff charged by the council's Hackney Carriage Table of Fares ; this follows a request by representatives from the hackney carriage trade.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 A local authority may fix the fares for Hackney Carriages within its area for time as well as distance under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Part II.

2.2 A local authority has no power to set the fares charged by private hire drivers or operators.

2.3 Hackney fares were last increased in April 2022 when they went up by 10% to compensate for no increases in the preceding five years.

2.4 This request follows the committee's decision on 14 December 2022 to increase taxi fees and charges, effectively by 10%, from 1 April 2023.

2.5 Should an increase in fares be approved it would be subject to consultation, giving a period of 14 days for objections. If any objections are made, then

the committee will consider them at a further meeting. If no objections are received the increase can be implemented straight away.

- 2.6 A proposed New Table of Fares is attached at Appendix A and a chart showing the impact of the fare increase over journeys of 3, 5 and 10 miles is at Appendix B.
- 2.7 If possible, the hackney trade would like the new tariffs to be in place by April 2023.

3.0 ATTENDANCE BY APPLICANT

- 3.1 A representative who speaks on behalf of the hackney trade has been invited to attend this meeting in support of the application.

4.0 CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING THE APPLICATION

- 4.1 The proposal that has been made is to ensure that licensed Hackney Carriage owners, proprietors and drivers are able to support their businesses and to maintain vehicles to a roadworthy and acceptable standard but at the same time could result in fewer members of the public being able to afford to travel in a Hackney Carriage and opt for cheaper alternatives.

4 RECOMMENDATION.

- 4.1 The proposed increase in the hackney tariff is approved.

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