

DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Communities and Regulatory Services

Date: 28 April 2014

Decision in the matter of: Variation to the Hackney Carriage Table of Fares

- Decision:**
1. That the Licensing Team Leader be authorised to take all necessary actions to implement the draft Hackney Carriage Table of Fares for each of the Council's zones including writing and advertising the Statutory Public Notices.
 2. In the event that any objections are received, that a further Portfolio Holder meeting be arranged to consider those objections.
 3. In the event that no objections are received, that the Table of Fares for each zone advertised in accordance with the requirements of Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 automatically come into force on the date specified in the Public Notices.

Background: Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 gives the local authority the discretion to set the maximum fares payable in connection with the hire of a Hackney Carriage vehicle; it also provides that any variation in the fares be advertised and the opportunity given for objections to be made.

The Licensing Committee requested that informal consultation be undertaken to ascertain the views of the trade, and to seek to find common ground, regarding the harmonisation of the Tables of Fares across the Borough. The Licensing Team has conducted consultation with the licensed trade in the Macclesfield and Congleton zones and agreement was reached regarding the necessary changes. The licensed trade in the Crewe and Nantwich zone did not, however, engage in the process.

The Licensing Committee therefore resolved that a further consultation period of six weeks be undertaken. As a result a straight increase in the fares in the Macclesfield and Congleton zones whereas in Crewe and Nantwich, because the fare and any increases are calculated differently, there is a reduction in the tariff 1 fare for the first and second miles.

Background Documents: Can be inspected by contacting the report author.

Approved:

Signed
Councillor Les Gilbert (Cabinet Member for Communities and Regulatory Services)

Date: 28 April 2014

Advising Officer:

Signed
Kim Evans (Licensing Team Leader)