

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

Date: 13 July 2015

Decision in the matter of: Pest Control Service Review

- Decision:**
1. That detail in relation to the current provision of pest control services within Cheshire East, and the financial implications of various service delivery models that have been considered as part of a full review of the service, be noted.
 2. That the proposal for the reduced service delivery model be approved as the most appropriate way forward to meet financial savings and to underline the commitment of Cheshire East Council to the treatment of public health pests.
 3. That the Principal Manager: Regulatory Services and Health be authorised to implement the reduced service delivery model in conjunction with any necessary consultation with staff, Trade Unions and Human Resources.
 4. That the Principal Manager: Regulatory Services and Health be authorised to communicate any changes to pest control service delivery to relevant internal and external stakeholders.

Background: The Pest Control Service has experienced ongoing uncertainty about its future for several years and has, as a result, been maintained in its historical delivery model. This has allowed neither development nor efficiency savings to be achieved and the service continues to operate at a cost to the council.

The financial planning process for 2015-2016 and beyond has determined that a saving of £60K will be achieved through the removal of the subsidy for delivery of the pest control service and the service budget has now been reduced to reflect this.

A recent review of Enforcement within Cheshire East recommended

that the Pest Control Service should be reviewed to determine whether the council should continue to operate the service or consider alternative delivery options. The report examined the different delivery options available and in relation to the national picture.

These pressures provide a real opportunity to review the current pest control service and determine the council’s approach to sustainable service delivery within 2015-2016 and beyond.

Background Documents: Background papers can be inspected by contacting the report author.

Approved:

Signed
Councillor Les Gilbert (Cabinet Member for Communities)

Date: 13 July 2015

Advising Officer:

Signed
Tracey Bettaney (Principal Manager: Regulatory Services and Health)

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Decision in the matter of: The Hackney Carriage Table of Fares

Decision: That approval be given for phase one of the proposals to be implemented with changes set out by the Cabinet Member to take effect from 3 August 2015.

Background: On 5 December 2014 the relevant Cabinet Member, following consultation with the trade and general public, considered proposals to introduce the phased harmonisation of hackney carriage fares across Cheshire East's three zones. He resolved 1. That phase one of the proposal be implemented; 2. That any future proposals for change be subject to full consultation and that the Council be committed to listening to the views of taxi drivers and owners, and local residents; 3. That the Licensing Team Leader be authorised to take all necessary action to implement phase one including writing and advertising the statutory public notices; 4. That In the event of any objections being received following placement the notices a further Portfolio Holder meeting be arranged to consider them; and 5. If no objections are received the table of fares for each zone, having been advertised in accordance with the requirements of Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, will automatically come into force on the date specified in the public notices.

During the week commencing 8 June 2015 a Notice publicising the proposed changes was placed in a newspaper circulating in each of the Council's Hackney Carriage Zones. Additionally, a letter explaining the proposals was sent to each Hackney Carriage vehicle licence holder. The Notices allowed a 21 day period where objections to the proposals could be made and also specified that if no objections were received the changes would take automatic effect on

3 August 2015.

The Cabinet Member considered the objections received. Following consideration of the responses it is proposed to add further wording into the Macclesfield table to clarify when the extra charges for Christmas and New Year will apply.

Background Documents: The background papers can be inspected by contacting the report author.

Approved:

Signed
Councillor Les Gilbert (Cabinet Member for Communities)

Date: 13 July 2015

Advising Officer:

Signed
Kim Evans (Licensing Team Leader)