

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 Housing, Planning and Regeneration

Date: 6 November 2017

Decision in the matter of: Phase Two - Harmonisation of Hackney Carriage Table of Fares

Decision: That Phase Two of the proposals be initiated in line with the relevant statutory processes as set out in Appendix 1.

Background: The history of the Council's proposals to amend the Hackney carriage fares had been considered on a number of previous occasions.

In July 2014 proposals were drawn up based on parameters approved the Cabinet Member, which included harmonising fares over a number of steps, that meant that eventually the first mile and flag rates would be the same, and that waiting time be included in any proposals.

A 6 week consultation period was conducted from 13th August 2014 to 24th September 2014. The proposals were also published on the Council's website and two drop-in sessions were organised for anyone who wanted more information on the proposals..

On the 5th December 2014 the Portfolio Holder considered the consultation responses in relation to the 'Phased Harmonisation' proposals.

On the 13th July 2015 the Portfolio Holder resolved that phase one of the proposals be implemented with effect from 3rd August 2015. The current fares applicable in each zone are set out at appendix 5.

The table of fares should be set to enable:

- Sustainable income for drivers. It is therefore important that the public and trade recognise that the Council sets the maximum fares payable rather than a fixed rate.

- Future investment in vehicles to ensure they remain safe and suitable for use as a working vehicle
- Clear and simple maximum charges that minimise the opportunity for overcharging or confusion

The Council has no power to set the fees for private hire vehicles. In addition the Table of Fares is not applicable to vehicles licensed by other Local Authorities, but working in the Borough.

Background Documents:

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report author.

Approved:

Signed
Councillor Ainsley Arnold (Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning and Regeneration)

Date:

6th November 2017

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Signed
Kim Evans (Licensing Team Leader)