

DECISION-MAKER:	LICENSING COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	PROPOSED VARIATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES		
DATE OF DECISION:	2 JUNE 2010		
REPORT OF:	SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			

BRIEF SUMMARY

A report on the proposed variation of hackney carriage fares was initially considered by the Licensing Committee on 11th March 2010.

The original report is attached at Appendix 1.

The proposed variation of the table of fares for hackney carriages is required to be advertised in the local press by way of public consultation. The public notice was published in the Southern Daily Echo on Wednesday 24th March 2010, with a closing date for objections of the 7th April 2010.

Mr Ian Hall, Chairman of the Southampton Hackney Association, made the original application for variation of the table of fares, considered by the Committee in March, and will be in attendance and would wish to address the Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To consider and determine the request to vary the table of fares and the objection to the proposal.
- (ii) To vary the table of fares in accordance with the original proposal with effect from 16th June 2010.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Only one objection to the variation in the table of fares has been received in response to the public notice. That objection is from Mr Clive Johnson, the Chairman of the Southampton Trade Association (STA), and is attached at Appendix 2.

DETAIL (including consultation carried out)

2. Any proposals to set or vary hackney carriage fares are required by law to be advertised in the local press by way of consultation. The public notice was published in the Southern Daily Echo on Wednesday 24th March 2010 with a closing date for objections of 7th April 2010.
3. Although Mr Johnson's letter states that he objects to the proposed fare variation on behalf of the STA, he has produced no evidence of consultation with the members of that organisation and gives no substantive details to support the objection.

4. Mr. Johnson has been invited to submit detailed information in support of his objection, but has indicated that he would make the Committee aware of his reasons at the hearing. No further information on the objection or the reasons for it is available to the Licensing Team.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

5. None

Property/Other

6. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Power to undertake the proposals in the report:

7. The power to set and vary fares is provided by section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and is delegated to the Licensing Committee.

Other Legal Implications:

8. Before setting or varying the table of fares for the hire of hackney carriages, the City Council is required to advertise any proposals and consider any representations made.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

9. None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Report to Licensing Committee 24 th March 2010 and appendices
2.	Objection from Mr. C Johnson, Southampton Trade Association

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s) Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	None	
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Background documents available for inspection at: Licensing Office, Southbrook Rise

FORWARD PLAN No: N/A **KEY DECISION?** NO

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	N/A
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