

**REPORT TITLE: HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES**

**To:** Councillor Rosy Moore  
Executive Councillor for Climate Change Environment and City Centre  
Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee

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**Wards affected:**  
All

Director Approval: Director Sam Scharf confirms that the report author has sought the advice of all appropriate colleagues and given due regard to that advice; that the equalities impacts and other implications of the recommended decisions have been assessed and accurately presented in the report; and that they are content for the report to be put to the Executive Councillor for decision.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
1.1	<p>It is recommended that the Executive Councillor:</p> <p>Agree to continue to complete an automatic fare review in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for main tariffs, subsequent distance and waiting time, and review this process and extra charges every 3 years, at the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee, following consultation.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Purpose and reason for the report</b>
2.1	<p>In March 2022, the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee agreed that the Hackney Carriage Table of Fares would increase by the CPI each year on the 1<sup>st</sup> April for a period of 3 years. This report asks that the decision be extended for a further 3 years.</p>

3.	<b>Alternative options considered</b>
3.1	A 4 week consultation has been carried out and there has been no viable alternative that has been put forward that would be a better option than the current way of amending the Table of Fares.
4.	<b>Background and key issues</b>
4.1	Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provides that in respect of the charges for Hackney Carriages, the Council “may fix the rates or fares within the district as well for time as distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a vehicle...by means of a table”.
4.2	The existing Table of Fares came into effect on the 1st April 2024 and is attached to this report as Appendix A.
4.3	<p>Fares comprise of charges for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distance Travelled – 3 tariffs, dependent on the time of day and the day of the week;</li> <li>• Waiting Time;</li> <li>• Extra Charges, which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Journeys with 5 or more passengers</li> <li>o Bicycles not able to put in the luggage compartment</li> <li>o A potential fuel surcharge</li> <li>o A vehicle unfit to continue working charge;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.4	In January 2019, Executive Councillor agreed for consultations to take place in early March each year with the adaptation of fares coming into effect on 1st April. The methodology agreed was that the Table of Fare Tariffs could be automatically increased in line with the Consumer Price Index in March each year.
4.5	In March 2022, Executive Councillor agreed for this process to carry on for a further 3 years, when it would be reviewed again.
4.6	A public consultation was held from 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 to 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2024. The results of the consultation are attached to the report as Appendix B.
4.7	44 responses were received in total and 31 of those believed that the Table of Fares should continue to increase each April in line with the CPI.
4.8	A second question asked whether any changes should be made to the amounts of the

	extra charges as detailed in 4.3, 30 of the 44 responses said that no changes should be made to these amounts.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Consultation, engagement and communication</b>
5.1	A public consultation took place from 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 to 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2024 on the Cambridge City Council website. 44 people responded to the consultation and the results of the consultation can be found in Appendix B.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Anticipated outcomes, benefits or impact</b>
6.1	By approving the methodology for a further 3 years, it provides clarity to the trade and the licensing authority of how the fares will increase each year.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Implications</b>
7.1	<b>Relevant risks</b>
	None
	<b>Financial Implications</b>
7.2	None
	<b>Legal Implications</b>
7.3	None
	<b>Equalities and socio-economic Implications</b>
8.4	An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed as Appendix C
	<b>Net Zero Carbon, Climate Change and Environmental implications</b>

7.5	None
	<b>Procurement Implications</b>
7.6	None
	<b>Community Safety Implications</b>
7.7	None
<b>8.</b>	<b>Background documents</b> Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
8.1	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
<b>9.</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
9.1	Appendix A – Current Hackney Carriage Table of Fares Appendix B – Summary of consultation responses Appendix C – EqiA
	To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact Yvonne O'Donnell, Environmental Health Manager, tel: 01223 457951, email: <a href="mailto:yvonne.odonnell@cambridge.gov.uk">yvonne.odonnell@cambridge.gov.uk</a>

