

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service
Date of Meeting	6 September 2016

REVIEW OF HORSE DRAWN HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE STRUCTURE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider changes to the structure of maximum fares that can be charged by Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriages.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve changes to the maximum fares that may be charged by Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriages as detailed in Appendix 4(a) and to authorise the advertising of the proposed new tariff.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage fares have not been reviewed since 2008 and the current structure is unclear for both the trade and members of the public.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

The Sub-Committee can leave the fares as they are, however this will mean that the schedule of fares will remain unclear and difficult for the public to determine whether they are being charged appropriately.

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priority is "The Economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The existing Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage fare tariff, which can be found at Appendix 4(b) has been in place since 2008. Under the current system, fares should be calculated with reference to a combination of time and distance. This is difficult for the trade to accurately calculate and for the public to understand. This has led to standard fares being set for popular journeys.

5.2 The Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage trade has been requested, through the recently formed Landau Liaison Meeting to suggest a fare structure that is clear, easy to understand and reflects the costs of operating such a service.

5.3 The proposal found at Appendix 4(a) was discussed at the last Landau Liaison Meeting.

5.4 If the Sub-Committee approve the proposed new tariff, details of the new structure must be advertised in the newspaper and any representations considered before it can come into force.

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 List of Appendices:

Appendix 4(a) – Proposed new Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage tariff
Appendix 4(b) – Existing Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage tariff

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The new tariff must be advertised before it can come into force.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 The proposal has been formulated in consultation with the Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage trade.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None