

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2015

## **TAXI FARES REVIEW FOR 2015 – BLACKPOOL LICENSED TAXI OPERATORS ASSOCIATION SUBMISSION**

### **1.0 Purpose of the report:**

- 1.1 To consider changes to the standard timings for tariffs two, three and four and also changes to the tariff layout.

### **2.0 Recommendation(s):**

- 2.1 The Sub-Committee will be requested to approve changes to the Hackney Carriage tariff layout to enable easier reading. This new layout is shown in Appendix 3(b).
- 2.2 The Sub-Committee will be requested to consider the advertisement of the proposed amended Hackney Carriage tariff in Appendix 3(b). The consultation period will run for 14 days from the date of publication in the local press.
- 2.3 To delegate to the Head of Licensing Service to implement the changes to the Hackney Carriage tariff following advertisement if no objections are received and to confirm the implementation date.

### **3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**

- 3.1 A fare increase proposal has been received from the Blackpool Licensed Taxi Operators Association (B.L.T.O.A.) which requires consideration.

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:

None, as the Sub-Committee is required to determine this application

#### **4.0 Council Priority:**

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is “Safeguard and protect the most vulnerable”

#### **5.0 Background Information**

5.1 The existing tariff has been in place Since September 2012 following a proposal from the Blackpool Licensed Taxi Operators Association.

5.2 It is proposed Tariff 1 will be extended from the current, Monday to Thursday 0600 hours – 2300 hours and Friday 0600 hours – 2200 hours to Monday to Friday 0600 hours – 2200 hours.

5.3 It is proposed Tariff 2 will be extended from the current, Monday to Thursday 2300 hrs – 0200 hrs and Friday 2200 hrs - 0200 hrs to Monday to Friday 2200 hours – 0200 hrs. This equates to the extension of an hour each day from Monday to Thursday. This would remain unchanged for Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve.

5.4 It is proposed that Tariff 3 will start on Boxing Day at 0600 hrs until 2200 hrs in place of the existing hours of 0600hrs on Boxing Day to 0600 hrs on the 27<sup>th</sup> December.

5.5 It is proposed Tariff 4 will now apply from 2200 hrs on Boxing Day until 0600hrs on the 27<sup>th</sup> December.

5.6 The proposed changes to the standard timings and the new style tariff layout have both been discussed and broadly supported by the Taxi Liaison Group.

5.7 The revised Hackney Carriage tariff must be advertised in the local press giving a period not less than 14 days for representations to be submitted. If approved, it is intended that the revised tariff will be advertised as soon as possible giving a period of 14 days for consultation responses.

5.8 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

#### **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 3(a) Existing Hackney Carriage tariff from September 2012

Appendix 3(b) Proposed amendments to the Hackney Carriage tariff, September 2015. (new layout)

**6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 The proposal, if granted by the Sub-Committee, will need to be advertised before it can be implemented.

**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 None

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 None