

# Executive decision taken by Leader

*Pro-forma for completion in respect of executive decisions taken by Leader of the Council.*

*\* If matter includes exempt information, complete addendum section of pro-forma (found separately on the Hub).*

**Decision taken by:**

Cllr David Tutt Leader of the Council

**Date of decision:**

25/6/19

**Subject of report:**

The Leader of the Council is required to determine the proposal to increase the fares, as set out in Table 2 and Appendix 2, as recommended by the General Licensing committee, along with the recommendation to delegate the Senior Specialist Advisor to comply with the statutory process of publishing the proposal.

(See attached documentation)

**Exempt matter (if any as given under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972):**

None

**Key decision?:**

Non-key

**Open summary of decision made:**

Having accepted the recommendation made by the Licensing Committee held on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 I agree that the fare proposal should be notified in the local newspaper by the Senior Specialist Adviser. The notification shall be subject to a 14 day period of public consultation. Public consultation has to take place before any increase in hackney carriage fares. A further report will have to be prepared showing the results of this consultation.

Should objections be received Members are asked to delegate consideration of the objections to the Licensing Committee. If no public representations are made within that time then the proposals are adopted. Should any representations be made within that 14 day period then a report will be taken to the Licensing Committee within a two month window as prescribed in law.

***Reason(s) for decision:***

The hackney carriage trade, have seen a significant rise in the cost of fuel, vehicle maintenance and insurance. A fare increase would go some way to alleviate the financial burden that is currently being absorbed by the Trade.  
The last fare increase was approved over 10 years ago. In light of this the Hackney carriage proprietors have requested a fare increase and amendment to the structure of the hackney carriage fare table.

***Alternative options considered:***

A previous fare report was brought to the Licensing Committee in 2018 on behalf of the Taxi trade; however this was seen as an excessive increase and rejected by the Committee.

***Was an executive councillor(s) consulted before decision was taken?***

This fares proposal was subject of approval by the Licensing committee on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019, with a recommendation that the report to be approved by the Leader of the Council and then be subject to notification in the local newspaper and a 14 day period of public consultation.

***If councillor(s) consulted, did they declare any personal interest relating to the decision, had they been given a dispensation in respect of the matter?***

None

***Signed:***

