

# Referral from Licensing Committee - Review of Hackney Carriage Tariffs



**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date:** 30 November 2023

**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Nicky Purse, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability

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**Key Decision:** No

**Forward Plan:** Forward Plan Number I016171

**Call In:** This decision is subject to call in procedures

**Corporate Priority:** Restore Pride in Harlow

**Wards Affected:** None Specifically

## Recommended that:

- A** The Hackney Carriage Tariff Schedule, as set out in Appendices B and D to the original report, be adopted.
- B** The Interim Assistant Director Environment be authorised to take the necessary steps as stated in the report to implement the tariff changes with effect from 22 December 2023.

## Reason for decision

- A** Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976 gives local authorities power to determine maximum rates and fares charged by Hackney Carriage.

- B** Representatives of the Hackney Carriage trade recognised by the Council for consultation purposes have proposed increases to the Hackney Carriage Tariffs.
- C** Officers collated an Equality Impact assessment, Benchmarking Information, figures from previous tariffs and reasoning from the trade to move the evening tariff to the earlier start time of 8pm.

### **Other Options**

- A** No other options were considered.

### **Background**

1. The Licensing Committee has conducted a review of Hackney Carriage Charges and approved the tariffs as set out in the attached report in Appendices B & D to the original report.

### **Issues/Proposals**

2. At its meeting on 17 October 2023, the Committee agreed its recommendations to Cabinet which are included in the attached report and appendices.

### **Implications**

Implications are set out in the original report to the Licensing Committee (attached as Appendix 1 to this report).

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Original report to the Licensing Committee on 17 October 2023

### **Background Papers**

None.

### **Glossary of terms/abbreviations used**

None.