

Delegated Decision Notice

This form is the written record of a key, significant operational or administrative decision taken by an officer.

Decision type	<input type="checkbox"/> Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Decision
Approximate value	<input type="checkbox"/> Below £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £500,000 to £1,000,000 <input type="checkbox"/> over £1,000,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £100,000 to £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Over £500,000	<input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000
Director¹	Director of Communities, Housing & Environment		
Contact person:	Andrew White	Telephone number: 0113 3781561	
Subject²:	Hackney carriage fares review 2022		
Decision details³:	<p>What decision has been taken? (Set out all necessary decisions to be taken by the decision taker including decisions in relation to exempt information, exemption from call in etc.)</p> <p>The council has been approached by the Leeds Hackney carriage Joint Trade Council to add 50p on the fare for hackney carriage journeys in the city.</p> <p>The council has engaged/consulted on the requested fare increase.</p> <p>The Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory gave approval to implement the revised fares.</p> <p>The council received four objections to the proposed fare increase, and all objections have been responded to and the issues addressed. .</p> <p>A brief statement of the reasons for the decision (Include any significant financial, procurement, legal or equalities implications, having consulted with Finance, PACS, Legal, HR and Equality colleagues as appropriate)</p> <p>Hackney carriage fares are regulated by UK law. The maximum fare a hackney carriage driver can charge is that indicated by the vehicle's taximeter.</p> <p>The council last reviewed the hackney carriage fares in 2018. Since that time, there has been a significant increase in the general cost of living and the specific</p>		

¹ Give title of Director with delegated responsibility for function to which decision relates.

² If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that used in the list

³ Simply refer to supporting report where used as these matters have been set out in detail.

	<p>cost of fuel. In the last 12 months, the cost of petrol has risen by more than 30p a litre and diesel by more than 40p.</p> <p>Unite the Union has requested, and the Leeds Hackney Carriage Joint Trade Council trade would welcome, a fare review which would allow them to keep pace with their rising costs. This would also entail passing on some additional cost to passengers, many of whom use hackney carriages because of their lack of access to other modes of transport.</p> <p>When the council last reviewed the hackney carriage fares, and in previous years, the council received objections from some individuals and organisations, stating that hackney carriage fare rises affect low income earners, women, elderly and disabled people. The council has taken account of the responses to the engagement/consultation.</p> <p>Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refuse to consider a fare review – considered and rejected. The hackney carriage trade have a legal right to request a fare review. • Set a higher fare increase, e.g. £1 – considered and rejected. The council consulted on 50p, and it would be misleading to implement a different fare. • Defer any fare review until the council's vehicle conditions review later in 2022 – considered and rejected. The timing of the different elements of the vehicle conditions review is uncertain, and some aspects may be deferred until initial investigation phase is complete. • Delay any advertising/engagement/consultation until after a report has been approved by the council's Licensing Committee and Executive Board – considered and rejected. The council may undertake a hackney carriage fare review without discussing it in detail at Licensing Committee and Executive Board.
Affected wards:	All, especially Leeds city centre.

Details of consultation undertaken⁴:	Executive Member Cllr Coupar, 29 June 2022		
	Ward Councillors		
	Chief Digital and Information Officer ⁵		
	Chief Asset Management and Regeneration Officer ⁶		
	Others Cllr Gibson, Chair of Licensing Committee, 29 Jun 2022		
Implementation	Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation Andrew White Timescales: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 Jun 22 - Delegated decision to implement • 1 Jul 22 - New fare implemented • From 1 Jul 22 - 537 fare cards amended/updated • From 1 Jul 22 - 537 taximeters recalibrated and resealed 		
List of Forthcoming Key Decisions⁷	Date Added to List:-		
	If Special Urgency or General Exception a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision		
	If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval Signature _____ Date _____		
Publication of report⁸	If not published for 5 clear working days prior to decision being taken the reason why not possible:		
	If published late relevant Executive member's approval Signature _____ Date _____		
Call In	Is the decision available ⁹ for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

⁴ Include details of any interest disclosed by an elected Member on consultation and the date of any relevant dispensation given.


⁵ See Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) CDIO must be consulted in relation to all matters relating to the Council's use of digital technology

⁶ See Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) CAMRO must be consulted in relation to all matters relating to the Council's land and buildings.

⁷ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁸ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁹ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 5.1. Significant operational decisions taken by officers are never available for call in. Key decisions are always available for call in unless they have been exempted from call in under rule 5.1.3.

	If exempt from call-in , the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:	
Approval of Decision	Authorised decision maker ¹⁰ John Mulcahy, Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory	
	Signature 	Date 29 June 2022

¹⁰ Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.