

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 November/December 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 Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory gave approval</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To proceed with implementing a revised tariff of fares and charges in connection with the hire of hackney carriage vehicles effective from 20 December 2022. 2) To approve the proposed method of responding to objectors set out in the associated report. <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 July 2022, and approved a 50p increase in the 8 hackney carriage tariffs, although the hackney carriage trade did not update and reseal their taximeters. Since that time, there has been a continued increase in the general cost of living Inflation and price indices -</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>Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk) and the specific cost of fuel Weekly road fuel prices - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). In the last 12 months, the cost of petrol has risen by more than 30p a litre and diesel by more than 40p, and the CPI has risen by 9.6%</p> <p>The Leeds Hackney Carriage Joint Trade Council trade requested, and is supportive of, 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>The variation of hackney carriage fares and charges is subject to a strict statutory process, whereby the proposals are advertised with a minimum consultation period of 2 weeks. The Council advertised the proposals on 2 December 2022 and received 119 responses to the consultation, including 26 objections, by the closing date of 16 December 2022. The Council has taken account of the objections received in the consultation, and now seeks to implement the new fares.</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 implement the new fare – considered and rejected. The objections received do not present a compelling case for why the council should not implement a fare review. • Defer any fare review until the council’s vehicle conditions review later in 2022/23 – 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. • Discuss a revised fare card with the hackney carriage trade – considered and rejected. The council may undertake a further hackney carriage fare review in 2023.
Affected wards:	All, especially Leeds city centre.

Details of consultation undertaken⁴:	Executive Member Cllr Coupar, 20 December 2022
	Ward Councillors
	Chief Digital and Information Officer ⁵
	Chief Asset Management and Regeneration Officer ⁶
	Others Full public consultation, 2 to 16 December 2022 Cllr Gibson, Chair of Licenensing Committee, 19 December 2022
Implementation	Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation Andrew White Timescales: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of advertising/engagement/consultation ends 16 December • Delegated decision taken 20 December • New fare implemented from 20 December • 537 fare cards amended/updated from 20 December • 537 taximeters recalibrated and resealed from 20 December
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 _____


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

Call In	Is the decision available ⁹ for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	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 - John Mulcahy,		
	Signature 	Date 20 December 2022	

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.

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