

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY	
SUBJECT/TITLE:	Hackney Carriage Fares Consideration of objections following publication of proposed table of fares.
NAME AND DESIGNATION OF LEAD COUNCILLOR TAKING DECISION	Graham Ellwood Lead Member for Licensing and Community Safety
COUNCIL AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISION AND DATE	Executive 28 March 2013 Minute 1 (Appendix 1)
IS THE DECISION A KEY DECISION A key decision is defined as "an executive decision which is likely to: a) Result in expenditure or savings of at least £200,000, or b) Have significant impact on two or more wards in the Borough"	NO
CONSULTATIONS: a) Public b) Local Ward Councillors c) Officers	Public advertisement of proposed table of fares (Appendix 2) Written representations and summary of responses (Appendix 3)
DETAILS OF DECISION TAKEN:	To adopt the advertised table of Hackney Carriage Fares following consideration of the objections received.
REASONS FOR DECISION:	The fare calculator has been reviewed and updated following the Judicial Review to ensure it reflects the costs of running a taxi in Guildford. The taxi trade have been consulted on the data inputted into the calculator. It is important that the taxi trade are able to cover the costs of running a taxi and provide a service when it is needed, balanced against what it is reasonable for the public to pay. The Council has an adopted fare calculator which has been subject of Judicial Review. After considering the objection received, in the absence of justifiable reasons to change the calculator, we will continue to use this as the basis for calculating taxi fares.
DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND	1. To maintain the status quo and current fare chart.

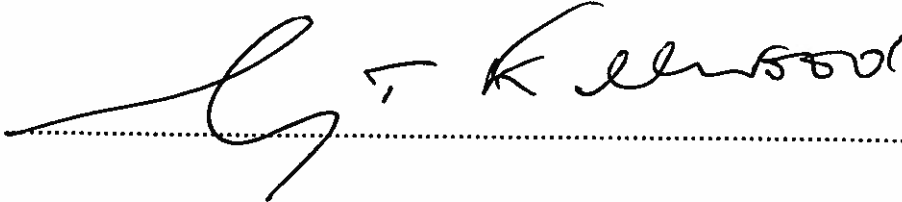
<p>REJECTED WHEN MAKING THE DECISION:</p>	<p>Option rejected because fares need to reflect current cost of running a taxi. The current fare chart dates back to 2016 although only became effective in December 2017 after the legal challenge. Any subsequent changes have not been possible until this time due to the legal challenge.</p> <p>2. Percentage increase or decrease.</p> <p>The Council has an adopted fare calculator and after consideration of the objections, no justifiable reasons have been submitted to support a departure from this calculator. Any percentage change would be arbitrary and would be open to challenge.</p> <p>3. Alternative calculation methodology.</p> <p>The Councils adopted fare calculator forms a transparent basis for calculating fares and the calculator and associated cost data have been the subject of considerable consultation with the taxi trade.</p>
<p>DETAILS OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST RELATING TO THIS DECISION DECLARED BY A LEAD COUNCILLOR CONSULTED BY THE LEAD COUNCILLOR TAKING THIS DECISION</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>WHERE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS DECLARED BY THE LEAD COUNCILLOR CONSULTED, DETAILS OF ANY DISPENSATION GRANTED IN RESPECT OF IT:</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>CONTACT OFFICER:</p> <p>SERVICE:</p> <p>DIRECT LINE:</p> <p>REF:</p>	<p>MIKE SMITH</p> <p>LICENSING HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CARE 01483 444387</p> <p>HC Fares 2018</p>
<p>IMPORTANT NOTE: In accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rules 24 and 25, you must ensure that, as soon as reasonably practicable after making this decision, a copy of this record decision, together with any relevant report or background paper referred</p>	

to, are made available for inspection by the public at the Council offices and on the website.

In accordance with the delegated authority referred to above, I hereby take the decision referred to above, for the reasons stated.

Signature of:

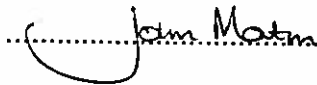
Councillor Graham Ellwood, Lead Member for Licensing and Community Safety.



Dated 8th May 2018

Signature of:

John Martin, Head of Health and Community Care Services.



Dated 8 May 2018

