

		<b>Regulatory Committee</b> <b>21st August 2008</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>
<b>Title</b>		Request by 74 drivers to increase hackney carriage fares.	
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<b>Service Area</b>		Members' Services	
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>		None	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006</b>		<b>No</b>	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>		N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>		None	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
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<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Relevant Director	05.08.2008	Robert Inman
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Legal	05.08.2008	Simon Best
Finance	05.08.2008	Andy Crump
Portfolio Holder(s)	05.08.2008	Councillor Kinson
<b>Consultation Undertaken</b>		
None		
<b>Final Decision?</b>		Yes
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>		

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 A request by 74 hackney carriage drivers for an increase in hackney carriage fares.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider whether a rise in hackney carriage fares is appropriate and, if so, consider the requested increase by 74 drivers.

## 3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Hackney carriage fares were last increased in Warwick District Council's area in March 2008. The current fare card is shown as Appendix 1

- 3.2 The request from the drivers is to increase the fares as follows (Appendix 2):

(1) Starting £3.40 (unchanged) but only for the first ½ mile (now complete mile)  
Second half mile £1.00  
Total for first mile £4.40  
Increase of £1.00 which represents a 29% rise

(2) 2nd and subsequent mile increased to 25p per 1/8 of a mile (now 20p)  
2nd mile now £1.60 increased to £2.00  
Increase of 40p per subsequent mile which represents a 25% rise.

(3) Waiting time increased from 10 p to 20p for each 45 seconds  
Increase of 10p which represents a 100% rise

All of the above rise by 50% between 23:00 and 05:00 and on Sundays and Bank Holidays and for vehicles able to carry more than 5 passengers and are doing so, at any time of the day. This would make the first mile £6.60 and subsequent miles £3.00.

- 3.3 Officers have established rates at neighbouring Authorities in order that the Committee are able to have a comparison. They are:

### *Coventry:*

£3.50 for the first mile in the day and £4.50 at night with a standing time of 20p with day and night second mile charged at £2.25.

Note: These fares are the new ones approved this month and to be implemented in the near future.

### *Stratford Upon Avon:*

Daytime - £2.10 for the first ½ mile and then 20p for each subsequent 1/10 of a mile. This make the first mile £3.10 and subsequent miles £2.00.

Night time - £3.50 for ½ mile and then 20p for every 1/14 of a mile. This makes the first mile £4.90 and subsequent miles £2.80

Note: These fares are the current ones with a requested increase recently rejected.

- 3.4 The drivers that delivered the petition have been informed of the date of the Regulatory Committee hearing.

## 4. ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED

4.1 No alternatives may be considered.

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

5.1 If an increase is recommended, an advertisement would have to be placed in a local paper incurring advertising costs.

6. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

6.1 None

7. **BACKGROUND**

7.1 None.