**Environment and Community Safety Directorate**

**Lead Member Briefing**

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| **Report of:** | Strategic Director of Environment & Community Safety |
| **Report to:** | Lead Member for Environment |
| **Meeting:** | Lead Member Briefing | **Date**:  |
| **Forward Plan:** |  |

TITLE: Amendment to Hackney Carriage Tariff

RECOMMENDATION: That the contents of the letters received from Paul Joy, Unite the Union are noted and approved.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The hackney carriage tariff was last increased in 2009, to its present level.

In response to correspondence from the trade about increased costs of fuel and insurance, a request has been made to increase the initial flag rate by 20p on tariff one and 30p on tariff two, whilst leaving the other mileage rates unaltered.

A request has also been received to lower the starting time of tariff two from 11pm to 10pm, to encourage more drivers to work later in the evening.

 If no objections are received, subject to lead member approval, the increase in fares will come into operation at least 14 days after the publication of the proposals in a local newspaper.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: Letters dated 30th October from Paul Joy

KEY DECISION:

DETAILS:

KEY COUNCIL POLICIES: Taxi Licensing Policy

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

ASSESSMENT OF RISK: low

SOURCE OF FUNDING: Existing budget

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS: none

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: none

OTHER DIRECTORATES CONSULTED: n/a

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WARD(S) TO WHICH REPORT RELATE(S): all