

REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE

NOTICE AND AGENDA

For a meeting to be held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth on Thursday, 12 October 2023 at 7.30 pm

Members of the Committee:-

Councillors:

Roger Seabourne (Chair)
Stephen Cox
David Coltman
Raj Khuroya
Ian Morris
Ciaran Reed

Tony Humphreys (Vice-Chair)
Andrew Scarth
Matthew Bedford
Sarah Nemes
Narinder Sian

*Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive
5 October 2023*

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For those wishing to speak:

Members of the public are entitled to register and identify which item(s) they wish to speak on from the published agenda for the meeting. Those who wish to register to speak are asked to register on the night of the meeting from 7pm. Please note that contributions will be limited to one person speaking for and one against each item for not more than three minutes.

In the event of registering your interest to speak on an agenda item but not taking up that right because the item is deferred, you will be given the right to speak on that item at the next meeting of the Committee.

Those wishing to observe the meeting are requested to arrive from 7pm.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES

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To confirm as a correct record of the minutes of the Regulatory Services Committee meeting held on 14 June 2023.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest.

4. NOTICE OF OTHER BUSINESS

Items of other business notified under Council Procedure Rule 30 to be announced, together with the special circumstances that justify their consideration as a matter of urgency. The Chair to rule on the admission of such items.

5. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE INCREASE

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- 46)

This report provides details and recommendations following receipt of a request from Mealings Taxis to increase the current Hackney Carriage Table of Fares (dated July 2022). The initial request from Mealings Taxis is dated 21 April 2023 and explains that it has stemmed from the cost of living crisis, inflationary pressures and the general increased costs of running a vehicle (including an electric vehicle). Further supporting evidence was submitted on 12 May which was accepted. Both the initial request and supporting evidence are shown at **Appendix 1**.

Recommendation

1.1 That the Members of the Committee:

a) Agree the increase of HC fares as follows:

- A £1 increase to the 'first 1015 metres or part thereof to £4
- A £1 increase to the 'night time charge' to £4.50

b) Agree for Officers to publish the agreed varied version of the Hackney Fare Table in the Watford Observer for 21 days (the legislation requests not less than 14 days) and for the Head of Regulatory Services to consider any objections in consultation with the Lead Member.

c) If no objections are received for the varied tariff to take effect following the expiration of the press notice.

d) If objections are received and not withdrawn, for Officers to arrange an Extraordinary Regulatory Services Committee by 12 December 2023 to consider the representations received.

6. POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW 2023

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To present to the Regulatory Committee the plan for the statutory polling district and polling place review of the district.

Recommendation

That the Committee are asked to note and comment on the timeline for the statutory review of polling districts and polling places.

7. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

If the Committee wishes to consider the remaining item in private, it will be appropriate for a resolution to be passed in the following terms:-

“that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

(Note: If other confidential business is approved under item 3, it will also be necessary to specify the class of exempt or confidential information in the additional items.)

8. OTHER BUSINESS - if approved under item 3 above

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