

**LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
2 OCTOBER 2008**

**HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TARIFF
(Chief Officer: Environment and Public Protection)**

1 PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1 At its meeting on 8 July 2008 the Committee received a report on the inflationary pressures placed upon the taxi trade due to the high price of oil on the international market. Due to the uncertainties in the market, the Committee asked for a further report to be brought back to this meeting to determine whether there should be further changes to the authorised fare tariff for hackney carriages.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee agrees:

- (i) to accept the advice of the trade and not implement a change to the hackney carriage fare tariff at this time; and
- (ii) that officers will bring a further report on the tariff to the Committee at its meeting on 23 April 2009.

3 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 3.1 The legal implications are identified within the report.

Borough Treasurer

- 3.2 There are no significant financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 3.3 There are no implications arising from the adoption of the recommendations.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 3.4 There are no strategic risk management implications arising from the adoption of the recommendations.

4 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 At the time of submitting the report in July, this was based upon the average price of fuel at the end of May 2008, namely:

Unleaded	113.1p
Diesel	124.4p

4.2 The Committee agreed an increase in the tariff which allowed for an upward movement of fuel prices which did occur with unleaded reaching 120p and diesel 132p in July 2008. Since July there has been a downward pressure on fuel prices with crude oil prices falling from \$150 a barrel to \$97 (data correct as at 17 September 2008). This has resulted in the average fuel prices in August 2008 being:

Unleaded	112.8p
Diesel	124.3p

4.3 Whilst general inflationary pressure appears to be rising, the price of fuel at present appears to be falling, and further drops in fuel prices are widely anticipated for the coming weeks and months.

4.4 At its meeting with the Council on 3 September 2008, the Bracknell Licensed Taxi Forum requested that there be no further increase in the hackney carriage fare tariff at this time.

Background Papers

AA Fuel Price Data

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