

**REPORT FROM: PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
REGULATORY SERVICES MANAGER**

TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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HACKNEY CARRIAGE UNMET DEMAND SURVEY – UPDATE REPORT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the results received from hackney carriage proprietors as to whether they will fund a hackney carriage unmet demand survey.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That a full consultation be carried out with the taxi trade and other relevant parties on the issue of unmet demand and whether or not to delimit the number of licenses.
- (2) That a further report be brought back on the results of the consultation and a decision is taken based on the results of the consultation.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) In order to ascertain the views of the hackney trade
- (2) In order to take the views of the hackney trade to be taken into account in reaching a decision on whether to undertake a demand survey and whether to delimit the number of licenses.

BACKGROUND

1. At the July 2021 meeting of the taxi licensing committee it was agreed that Pendle's hackney carriage proprietors be consulted as to whether they would fund an unmet demand survey.
2. A consultation was undertaken with parts of the trade to ask whether the trade wished to undertake a demand survey which is required in order for a limit on the number of licenses to be justified. A full survey of all interested parties was not however undertaken on whether or not to have a limit. The proposal was that there would be a full survey of the trade once the Council had considered its position on the matter. We have however had recent legal

advice that the Council must undertake full consultation before considering the issue of delimiting. That is pursuant to Watford vs Sardar BC where the Council was successfully challenged for not carrying out a full consultation prior to considering the matter.

3. The recommendation therefore is that we carry out a full consultation before the matter is fully considered and that no decision is made on this at the meeting.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: The current policy is no more than 71 hackney carriage licences be issued.

Financial: The cost of a survey would have to be met by the Council in the first instance and recouped over a three-year period from the hackney carriage licence fees.

Legal: None

Risk Management: None arising directly from the report.

Health and Safety: None arising directly from the report.

Sustainability: None arising directly from the report.

Community Safety: None arising directly from the report.

Equality and Diversity: Increase in wheelchair accessibility vehicles.

APPENDICES

None.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. The Department for Transport "Best Practice Guidance".
2. Section 16 of the Transport Act 1985