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Title of report: Hackney Carriage Fare Review 2023

Report : Implement a revised table of fares for hackney carriages licensed by Ipswich Borough Council.

What evidence/data is being used to support this equality analysis? Please select all that apply.: Published data - e.g Census, State of Ipswich report

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What is proposed?: To implement a 10% increase in the fares that Hackney Carriage drivers charge to the travelling public.

Why are the changes being introduced?: An agreement was reached with the Hackney Carriage trade in Ipswich that annual fare increases would be in line with the Consumer Price Index for the previous 12 month period. Hackney Carriage drivers can only charge the fares that the Council has approved and it is important that the fares are reviewed annually to enable these drivers to continue to earn a living.

What evidence is being used to support this Equality Impact Assessment, and how is it being used?: Average Consumer price index for the 12 months prior to the report.

How will this change be implemented?: The proposed fares will be publicised in the local newspaper and will be communicated to the trade via the Taxi and Private Hire Times newsletter. If any objections are received, the report will be reconsidered by Executive Committee. Once agreed, every taxi meter in hackney carriages in Ipswich will be re-programmed with the new tariff, tested over a measured distance and sealed by a Council Officer.

Age: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: Hackney carriage drivers can only charge the fare shown on the taxi meter.

Disability: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: Hackney Carriage drivers cannot charge more than the fare shown on the taxi meter and no additional charge can be made due to a passenger's disability.

Marriage & Civil Partnership: No impact

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Race: No impact

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Pregnancy & Maternity: No impact

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Religion or Belief: No impact

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Gender Reassignment: No impact

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Sex: No impact

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Sexual Orientation: No impact

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The report helps us to 'eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment & victimisation' in the following way(s): No matter which hackney carriage vehicle carries out a journey, the fare will be the same.

The report helps us to 'advance equality of opportunity...' in the following way(s): No matter which hackney carriage vehicle carries out a journey, the fare will be the same

The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s): No matter which hackney carriage vehicle carries out a journey, the fare will be the same

The new provisions will be reviewed in the following way(s): If fares are set too high, the travelling public will not use hackney carriage vehicles, which will result in the number of hackney carriage vehicles licensed reducing. The number of hackney carriage vehicles licensed will be monitored.
