

Forward Plan – Licensing Committee, 15 September 2022 - *Publication date: 7 September 2022*

Forthcoming meeting dates: 15 September 2022 / 8 December 2022 / 9 March 2023

	Subject	Purpose of report	Consultation	Report author(s)	Meeting date
1	Review of Hackney Carriage Maximum Fares and Charges Tariff	<p>A request has been received on behalf of BCP Taxi and Private Hire Association for an increase in the current Hackney Carriage Tariff.</p> <p>Any change in the tariff will be reflected across all three current Hackney Carriage zones within BCP Council conurbation.</p>	When a change is made to the fares and charges for hackney carriages, the Council must give notice, consider and respond to any objections received within the timescales and procedures set out in Section 65 (2 a and b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.	Trudi Barlow, Licensing Technician	15 September 2022
2.	Electric and Hybrid Vehicles – Taxi and Private Hire	<p>At its meeting on 10 March 2022 the Committee considered an update report on the implementation of the new BCP Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Policy and in relation to Electric/Hybrid vehicles the Committee asked about actions to progress the current lack of provision or incentives to provide for these vehicles, prior to a full review of the policy in 2025.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the Chair should write to the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Transport and</p>	<p>Transport and Sustainability team</p> <p>BCP Taxi and Private Hire Association</p>	Nananka Randle, Interim Head of Safer Communities	8 December 2022

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		<p>Sustainability on behalf of the Committee to ask whether there are any funding opportunities to address the lack of electric charging points at Hackney Carriage Ranks.</p> <p>The Committee also asked that officers (a) prepare some wording to include in the policy to indicate that the Council is keen to work with the Trade to increase provision of electric and hybrid licensed vehicles, and (b) add this item to the Committee's Forward Plan.</p>			
3.	Provision and Positioning of Taxi Ranks	<p>To report back on the outcome of discussions with the Taxi Trade in response to an issue being raised at the Committee meeting on 10 March 2022 questioning whether the provision and location of taxi ranks was meeting current need.</p>	BCP Taxi and Private Hire Association	Nananka Randle, Interim Head of Safer Communities	9 March 2023
4.	Unmet Needs Survey	<p>To consider the outcome of the latest Unmet Needs Survey and determine whether any change to the current number of Hackney Carriage vehicles is required.</p> <p>In accordance with Department for Transport best practice guidance dated April 2010, if a</p>	The format of the Unmet Needs Survey includes observation survey of taxi ranks and public and stakeholder consultation.	Nananka Randle, Interim Head of Safer Communities	9 March 2023

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		Local Authority places quantitative restrictions on the number of Hackney Carriage licences it needs to demonstrate that there is no significant unmet need, usually by means of carrying out a survey at no more than three-yearly intervals.			
5.	Wheelchair Accessibility Vehicles	To consider amendments to the vehicle policy to address concerns raised relating to the number and availability of licenced wheelchair accessible vehicles	<p>Passenger transportation service</p> <p>Disability consultation group Access Dorset</p> <p>BCP Taxi and Private Hire Association</p>	Nananka Randle Interim Head of Safer Communities	9 March 2023