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IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives:	Priority 2 – Enhance the quality of people's lives Priority 3 – Enable a flourishing local economy
Consultation:	Informal consultation was carried out with the licensed taxi trade in East Herts.
Legal:	If a variation to the table of fares is approved then there is a statutory requirement for a 14 day public consultation. The authority must consider any objections received during the consultation before setting the final table of fares. It is important to note that the setting of fares is an Executive function rather than Council a council function.
Financial:	There are no financial implications for the authority. Copies of the new table of fares would need to be produced but the cost of this are recovered through the fees for hackney carriage proprietors licences.
Human Resource:	None identified by author.
Risk Management:	The authority has the statutory power to set taxi fares for the District. As long as the correct statutory process is followed there are no risks for the authority.
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	Often people with disabilities rely on taxis as their only form of transport, especially in rural communities. These individuals are often on fixed incomes so the impact of a dramatic increase in the cost of using a hackney carriage may deter them and add to any

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	feelings of isolation. The gradual increase suggested will, in part, mitigate this concern.
Equality Impact Assessment?	No