

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives (delete as appropriate):	<p>Priority 1 – Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities</p> <p>Priority 2 – Enhance the quality of people's lives</p> <p>Priority 3 – Enable a flourishing local economy</p>
Consultation:	<p>The Unmet Demand Survey was carried out between 14th March 2019 and 14th April 2019. During this period identified stakeholders were contacted by the commissioned consultant.</p> <p>Webpages were created for both the public and licensed trade to respond to the survey.</p> <p>Officers contacted the licensed trade directly in writing to notify them of the survey and request their involvement.</p> <p>As a result of the Unmet Demand Survey the Licensing Committee decided on 21st August 2019 that a limit on the number of Hackney Carriage Vehicle licences would be appropriate. The suggested level was 200 licences which is lower than the number of Hackney Carriage Vehicles currently licensed so a further consultation was held with the trade in relation to level at which the limit should be set.</p>
Legal:	<p>If a policy of limiting the number of Hackney Carriage licences is adopted then the refusal of a licence application can be appealed to court.</p>
Financial:	<p>If a policy of limiting the number of Hackney Carriage licences is adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If a refusal were appealed then there would be a cost to defending such an appeal.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To continue to maintain the policy a new Unmet Demand Survey would need to be conducted at least every 3 years. The majority of the associated costs can be recovered through licence fees.
Human Resource:	No issues identified by report author or contact officer
Risk Management:	No issues identified by report author or contact officer
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	<p>The survey was commissioned to identify any unmet demand for the services of East Herts licensed Hackney Carriages.</p> <p>By identifying any unmet demand, particularly in relation to persons mainly or wholly reliant on this service, the authority can consider measures to address this need.</p>
Equality, diversity and human rights considerations, and whether Equality Impact Assessment required:	<p>One of the reasons for commissioning the unmet demand survey was to identify any groups that may have issues with using the Hackney Carriage trade within East Herts, including wheelchair users.</p> <p>The survey did not identify any unmet needs that need to be addressed.</p>
Environmental Sustainability	If a diminishing limit is placed on the number of Hackney Carriages this could gradually lower the number of vehicles waiting in our Town Centres for the limited amount of work available. This could help to improve air quality.