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Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the EXECUTIVE was held on Tuesday, 7 June 2022. The Decisions taken at the meeting are set out below.

The deadline for call-in of any of these decisions for scrutiny (within five working days) will be **NOON ON WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2022**. Members must notify Robin Taylor, Head of Policy and Governance, by e-mail, telephone or letter if they wish to refer a decision to the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Constitution requires that **five non-Executive Members may call-in** a decision of the Executive for scrutiny.

Members should contact their Chairman or Vice-Chairman before calling any items in.

Yours sincerely

ROBIN TAYLOR

Head of Policy and Governance

## **NOTE FOR MEMBERS**

The item numbers below correspond to the item numbers on the Executive Agenda.

### **AGENDA**

6. **APPROVAL OF THE DISCRETIONARY "ENERGY REBATE" SCHEME**

**RESOLVED that the Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme set out in the report be approved.**

Reason: Waverley has been allocated discretionary funding of £216,600 to support those suffering financial hardship as a result of the rising cost of living, but not eligible for the main energy rebate scheme.

Councils can decide locally how best to use the funding to support those suffering financial hardship as a result of the rising cost of living. This could include households living in property valued in council tax bands E to H that are on income related benefits or those where the energy bills payers are liable for council tax.

The discretionary fund should be paid out by 30<sup>th</sup> November, any remaining funding will be required to be returned to the government.

**[Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee]**

7. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF FARE SCALES - REVIEW**

**RESOLVED**

1. **that the Executive considers the comments, the Licensing & Regulatory Committee recommendation and the maximum fare tariff (with modification to retain the existing 60p booking fee) be agreed.**
2. **the agreed maximum fare tariff comes into effect on the 17 June 2022 (within 2 months of the first specified date - last date for objections on the scale of fares consultation, 18 April 2022).**
3. **the frequency of future reviews in line with DFT current guidance consultation of every 12 months be agreed.**

Reason: The recommendation is in response to the request from the Hackney Carriage Operators for a review of fares and subsequent comments made following consultation on the scale of fares. It is important to find a balance between the income generated by Taxi Drivers, to cover their day to day costs and the costs associated with the licensing process, as well as setting fares which meet the needs of residents and visitors to the area.

The hackney carriage fare review process has been carried out historically on an ad hoc basis and upon request. Department for Transport guidance on 'Taxi and private hire vehicle licensing: best practice guidance' (March 2022) confirms that fare scales should be 'designed with a view to practicality' and it is good practice 'to review the fare scales at regular intervals'. The guidance also suggests that 'Authorities may wish to consider adopting a simple formula for deciding on fare revisions as this will increase understanding and improve transparency of the process'. Further, that in reviewing fares authorities should 'pay particular regard to the needs of their travelling public, with reference both to what it is reasonable to expect people to pay but also to the need to give taxi drivers sufficient incentive to provide a service when it is needed'.

**[Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee]**

8. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUPS

**RESOLVED that the establishment of a Cost of Living Working Group as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report and with the Terms of Reference attached at Annexe 1, be agreed.**

**Reason:** To establish a working group under the current protocol to investigating the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and make recommendations to the Executive as appropriate.

**[Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee]**

9. ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY UPDATE

**RESOLVED that the progress made to date on the delivery of the EV strategy as outlined in Annex 1 be noted. Subsequent progress updates will be incorporated within the annual Carbon Neutrality Action Plan progress reporting.**

**Reason:** To update the Executive on changes to the EV Strategy in the response to the increased demand for electric charging and changes to the building regulations.

**[This matter is for noting and is not subject to the call-in procedure.]**

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