## HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

Licensing Committee		13 November 2013
Hackney Carriage Unmet Demand Survey		
Report of the Licensing Officer		
For Decision:	Yes	
Environment and Neighbourhood Quality Portfolio: Councillor Collins		
Key Decision:	N/A	

### 1.0 Purpose of Report

**1.1** The purpose of this report is to outline the findings of the unmet demand survey for Hackney Carriages which was conducted in July and August 2013

#### 2.0 Recommendation

**2.1** That members resolve to adopt one of the two options suggested in the report regarding the current limit of forty Hackney Carriage licenses issued by Havant Borough Council.

#### 3.0 Summary

- **3.1** In order to retain a limit on the number of Hackney Carriage licenses issued by Havant Borough Council, Department for Transport (DfT) best practice guidance and previous case law requires that a survey is conducted to determine whether there is any latent or patent unmet demand within the area of the licensing authority.
- **3.2** The survey was conducted during July and August 2013 by CTS Traffic & Transportation Ltd who have carried such surveys for many licensing authorities across the country.
- **3.3** The final report of the survey concludes that there remains no unmet demand within the area of Havant Borough Council.
- **3.4** The report is shown at appendix A.

#### 4.0 Subject of Report

**4.1** The final report of the survey concludes that there remains no unmet demand within the area of Havant Borough Council.

- **4.2** This enables Havant Borough Council, if it so wishes, to retain its current limit of forty Hackney Carriage licenses issued within its controlled district.
- **4.3** The report provides several options for members to consider. The options are shown on pages 75 and 76 of the agenda .

In brief:

- Option 1 – retain the limit of forty Hackney Carriage vehicles.

- Option 2 – remove the limit on the number of Hackney Carriage vehicles.

However, should the Licensing Authority remove the limitation, the current policy specifying the number of wheelchair accessible vehicles would no longer be appropriate. Further, with a unrestricted number of vehicles, it may be appropriate to reconsider the vehicle specifications. Should members prefer this option a further report will be brought back to Committee proposing a change in vehicle specifications and policy.

#### 5.0 Implications

#### 5.1 **Resources:**

No additional work created for HBC staff

- 5.2 **Legal:** The report enables HBC to comply with DfT best practice guidance
- 5.3 **Strategy:** No impact on HBC strategy
- 5.4 **Risks:** None for Havant Borough Council
- 5.5 **Communications:** Survey conducted amongst the service users and stakeholders
- 5.6 For the Community: None

# 5.7 The Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) has been completed and concluded the following:

Not required at this stage. The committee should have regard to the analysis of the impact of retaining or removing the limit on the number of hackney carriages set out on page 42 of the attached report.

Should the Committee opt for option 2 (removal of the limit), an assessment will be carried out and proposals will be made to the Committee on any changes that would be required to other existing policies.

#### 6.0 Consultation

As per the report at appendix A.

**Appendix A** – CTS Traffic & Transportation Ltd Unmet Demand survey report.

Agreed and signed off by:

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