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ITEM No

COMMITTEE: Licensing

DATE: 6th December 2004

DRAFT REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

SURVEY OF UNMET DEMAND

1 SUMMARY

This report is to advise Members of the commission of a survey to assess any unmet demand in relation to the provision of hackney carriage licences. The survey is to be undertaken by consultants Halcrow Fox.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to note the report

3 BACKGROUND

Members will recall that at a meeting of this Committee on 20th September. It was resolved that the chair and vice chair, in conjunction with opposition spokesperson, would consider information relating to a survey of unmet demand. After considering that information the Members determined to commission an unmet demand survey by consultants Halcrow Fox.

4 PROPOSALS

It is proposed to contact Halcrow Fox and confirm both their availability and preparedness to undertake the survey of unmet demand.

5 TIMESCALE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSALS

It is anticipated that the survey will be conducted by Halcrow Fox with the minimum of delay, but in any event before the deadline of May 2005 when the Council must publicise its reasons for not issuing any additional hackney carriage licences.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of the survey is £8,128.00p net of VAT. There will be additional costs incurred by the Licensing Section, these will relate to mailing and other associated matters, but it is felt that the survey and additional costs can be contained within the current budget.

7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8 OBSERVATIONS OF OTHER OFFICERS

None

9 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

The Councils existing policy is that all hackney carriages must be wheelchair accessible. It is proposed to maintain this condition.

10 STRATEGIC AIMS

None

11 BEST VALUE

Halcrow Fox have experience in undertaking unmet demand surveys and are the same company that undertook the previous survey to assess any unmet demand which was commissioned by the Council.

12* List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information

None

13 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

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