

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Wednesday  
12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 6.00 pm at the Business Development Centre, Stafford Park,  
Telford, TF3 3BA**

### **PRESENT**

Councillors C Mason (Chair), A Mackenzie, R. Scammell, J Seymour, M Smith, J Thompson and C Turley

Officers in attendance: L Noakes (Assistant Director: Health, Wellbeing and Public Protection), S Fisher (Principal Licensing Officer), M Cumberbatch (Legal Services Manager), K. Fisher (Legal Services Team Leader) and P Smith (Democratic Services Team Leader)

### **LC-14      MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

### **LC-15      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors T Hope, R Sloan and K Tomlinson

### **LC-16      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **LC-17      LICENCE FEES**

The Principal Licensing Officer presented the report of the Service Delivery Manager – Public Protection, which detailed the proposed level of fees and charges for 2014/15 for Hackney Carriages, the Private Hire trade, Gambling and General Licences.

The current level of licence fees was implemented by the Licensing Authority on 1 May 2013 following discussions with the taxi trade and a review of administrative processes. The level of fees set projected a budget shortfall on £178.7k against the number of licences. Since then, there had been a restructure within Public Protection, which had delivered savings to address the shortfall against income targets. It was also anticipated that, as a result of a reduction in fees in 2013, service improvements and revised hackney carriage and private hire conditions, some drivers and operators would be encouraged to return to be licensed locally rather than by a neighbouring council.

The annual review of licensing fees had taken into account the above factors, and in particular the need for the changes to “bed down” and take effect. It was therefore proposed that the licence fees be retained at their current level for the forthcoming financial year. A further review of licence fees would be undertaken at the end of

2014 when a fuller picture could be seen of the effect of the changes on the cost of administering the licensing service against income received. It was anticipated that income targets for 2014/15 would be achieved. A Community Impact Assessment had been carried out, and was appended to the report.

In order to allow time for consultation with licensees, it was advised that the date for implementation shown in the recommendation in the report be amended from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

During the ensuing debate, reference was made as to whether the projected income from licence fees would cover the costs of the service. The Principal Licensing Officer advised that, as a result of the savings made over the last 12 months, it was hoped that this would be the outcome, although the final year-end figures would not be known for a few weeks yet. The Principal Licensing Officer was asked why there were no fees listed for scrap metal dealers and for day licences for street trading, to which she responded that the new licences for scrap metal dealers had been introduced in October 2013, and the fees had been set at that time. In relation to street trading, the changes to the policy and conditions were still subject to consultation, but that the proposed licence fees had been approved in principle by the Committee at the last meeting.

**RESOLVED** - that the level of proposed fees, as shown at Appendix A of the report, be approved to come into force on 1 May 2014, subject to any consultation responses received. If there are any significant comments made as a result of the consultation, the matter will be brought back to the Committee for consideration.

The meeting closed at 6.10pm.

Chairman: .....

Dated: .....

## **Telford & Wrekin Council**

**Licensing Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

### **Application to Licence Rickshaws as Hackney Carriage Vehicles**

**Report of the Service Delivery Manager – Public Protection**

#### **1. Purpose**

For Members to consider an application to licence 3 rickshaws as Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

#### **2. Recommendations**

**2.1 For Members to consider the proposal to licence three rickshaws as Hackney Carriage Vehicles.**

**2.2 For Members to consider the attachment of the conditions set out in the report to the licences, if they are minded to accept the proposal.**

**2.3 For Members to consider limiting the use of the rickshaws to the proposed designated routes.**

**2.4 For Members to consider the proposed fare tariffs for consultation.**

#### **3. Previous Minutes**

3.1 There are no previous minutes for Members to consider.

#### **4. Information**

##### **4.1 Background.**

4.1.1 On 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014, the Licensing Service received a request from two individuals to licence rickshaws on pre-determined routes within Telford & Wrekin.

4.1.2 Both Mr Singh and Mr Lewis-Owen met with the Licensing Service to discuss their proposal and suggestions were provided by this department on what criteria would be required.

4.1.3 The applicants are seeking approval to licence three rickshaws along specified routes along the Silkin Way and Ironbridge.

4.1.4 All of the designated routes are based on existing cycle routes.

All rickshaws will be expected to adhere to the following :

- Hold a valid Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.
- All rickshaws will display a Hackney Carriage Vehicle plate which is fixed securely to the rear.
- All rickshaws are fully insured for the purposes of hire and reward and a certificate of cover must accompany any application to the Licensing Service.

4.1.5 The applicants have suggested consideration of the inclusion of the following conditions:-

- The licence holder will ensure that rickshaws comply with the Pedal Cycle (Construction & Use) Regulations 1983.
- Lap Belts should be fitted to the rear seat of all licensed rickshaws. They shall be readily available for use by all passengers and shall be maintained in a good condition.
- All licensed rickshaws will display lights to the front and rear of the vehicles which are always fully operational.
- Rickshaws will have indicators which are handlebar mounted and fully operational.
- Rickshaws will have the use of a bell which is always fully operational.
- Licensed rickshaws will be liable for an annual inspection which will be undertaken by an approved cycle maintenance repair centre. A copy of the maintenance report will be provided to the Licensing Service on any application for a rickshaw. The costs in respect of the vehicle test will be the responsibility of the proprietor of the rickshaw.
- All rickshaws will provide a tool kit which will include a First Aid Kit, Puncture Repair Kit, Bicycle Pump, Wheel Jack, Rain Cover, Blanket, Torch, and Spare Batteries.

- Alterations or modifications to any rickshaw will not be permitted without the prior consent of an authorised Officer of Telford & Wrekin Council.
- Drivers will be expected to undertake routine safety checks of their rickshaw which include ensuring all tyres are at 60psi (4 bar); checks made to ensure all brakes are fully functional, check brake pads are in good condition, ensure all safety guards are in place. Any advertising on the rickshaw must be approved by the Licensing Service.

4.1.6 To support the application, Mr Singh and Mr Lewis-Owen have submitted a Business Proposal. This proposal is attached as **Appendix A**.

4.1.7 In addition, to assist Members, the applicants have provided a series of routes that they intend to operate. These routes are attached as **Appendix B**.

4.1.8 Members should note that the applicants have approached a number of affected bodies. It can be confirmed that the applicants have obtained approval from:-

- Telford Town Park.
- Rights of Way Officer.
- Gorge Parish Council.

4.1.9 At the time of preparing this report, the applicants were consulting with the Highways Department. Members will be provided with an update at the hearing.

4.1.10 Members will be aware that Hackney Carriage Vehicles operate to an agreed tariff structure approved by the local authority. As part of the Business Proposal, the applicants have provided details of other licensing authority charges and have indicated the proposed fare tariffs in relation to each cycle route. Members should be mindful of the fact that any separate tariff for rickshaws would require advertising and a period of consultation would be undertaken.

## **4.2 Equal Opportunities.**

4.2.1 A Community Impact Assessment has been carried out on this review of Council's Policy and Conditions in respect of licensing rickshaws and is attached at **Appendix C**.

### **4.3 Environmental Impact**

4.3.1 There is little if any environmental impact arising from this report.

### **4.4 Legal Comment**

4.4.1 Section 38 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 defines a Hackney Carriage as a wheeled carriage, whatever may be its form or construction, used in standing or plying for hire in any street within a prescribed distance.

4.4.2 The local authority can to impose conditions under Section 47 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

4.4.3 Any vehicle operates as a Hackney Carriage for hire & reward requires a licence for that purpose from the licensing authority for the area in which they operate.

4.4.4 In 1999 in the case of R v Cambridge City Council, the Court of Appeal held that a Pedi cab (rickshaw) was a Hackney Carriage Vehicle for the purposes of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847, if the rickshaw is to be used to ply for hire & reward.

### **4.5 Links with Corporate Priorities**

4.5.1 This report has links to the following Corporate Priorities:

Protect and Create Jobs as a 'Business Supporting Winning Council'

### **4.6 Opportunities and Risks**

4.6.1 The following key risks and opportunities associated with this action have been identified and assessed and arrangements will be put in place to manage them.

- (i) The Financial risks to the Council in the event of a legal challenge to the grant or refusal of the application.

### **4.7 Financial Implications**

4.7.1 The fee for applying for the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence covers administration costs for processing and therefore this application is included within the current cost of business operations.

4.7.2 Costs relating to the advertising and consultation on a new tariff for Rickshaws will be an additional cost to this service. This is due to not being a tariff in existence when the last review was

undertaken. The next annual licence fee review is due to take place in 2015/16 and this will incorporate so as to recover related costs.

## **5. Ward Implications**

5.1 This report has implications for all wards within the District.

## **6. Background Papers**

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Town Police Clauses Act 1847

T&WC Conditions of Licence for Hackney Carriages.

T&WC Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Policy

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# **Silkin Rickshaw Business Proposal**

## **MR. SIRVAN SINGH AND MR JOSEPH LEWIS -OWEN TO LICENCE**

### **Concept**

We would like to be able to provide members of the public and tourists an alternative choice of transport...Silkin Rickshaw.

### **Aims**

Our aim as a company would be to provide an alternative means of transport with zero emissions, this aspect will be our unique selling point. We also want to bring a new twist to the Telford tourism industry by providing a historic tour with guides bringing the old Telford back to life.

### **Why we chosen this business?**

We have chosen this business as it is unique form of transport and a will show a perspective of Telford. We plan to offer two types of Rickshaw Taxi Services; the first being an alternative to everyday day to day travel within Telford, the other being an idyllic ride through the Historic Town of Telford.

### **Areas**

We will be situated in Telford Town Centre and Ironbridge where we could offer customers a variety of locations to travel to. There is the choice of a leisurely ride to Telford's historic Ironbridge, a stroll through the idyllic Silken Way or the surrounding areas of Telford Town Centre.

### **Benefits**

- Leisure Taxis have zero emissions and leave no carbon footprint
- Locations around Telford would be:
  - Ironbridge
  - Silken Way
  - Blists Hill Museum
  - Coalport China Museums
  - Jack Field Tile Museums
  - Dale End Park
  - Ironbridge Gorge Museums Trust.
- The business could be expanded therefore local people could be employed to ride tourists around Telford's historic spots!

businessman Mike Harris executive, Roland Pickstock. They are providing gigabit internet connectivity, a revolutionary system of providing high speed fibre technology to towns and cities via in a multi-million pound deal. Mr Pickstock is the managing director of the Pickstock Group of companies.

# Pair's new venture hopes to let pedal power take strain **Bid to take town's tourists by rickshaw**

Report by Thom Kennedy  
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**YOU** might expect to see travellers taking in the tourist trail by rickshaw if you were in Tokyo or Hong Kong, but in Shropshire it's an altogether more unlikely sight.

But two young entrepreneurs hope that a new service offering trips around of Telford's tourist hot-spots using the pedal-powered transport will find a captive audience among visitors to the town.

Sirvan Singh and Joe Lewis-Owen, both 27, are setting up the service to travel the length of the Silkin Way with visitors on board their vehicle.

The pair will hope to replicate the success of rickshaw runs in other visitor-friendly destinations such as Edinburgh and Bath by introducing what is a very new idea for Shropshire.

"We wanted to start from town, and take tourists and even local people to Ironbridge, Coalport and other local places that will make for nice little sightseeing trips," said Mr Singh, who lives in Brookside.

## Route

"We thought it would be something nice that might bring Telford to life with another way of getting around instead of just by car, something that's a bit different, and eco-friendly as well."

He added: "It's hard to find a job these days, so we are doing this because we wanted to try to make a job for ourselves."

The Silkin Way is usually a cycle path, stretching from the town centre to the banks of the River Sever in the Ironbridge Gorge.

Because the rickshaw, which the pair will buy from a manufacturer in London, is pedal-powered, it can be used on such a route. Now the duo are awaiting clearance from Telford & Wrekin Council to get it up and running, and could be ready to roll in time for the late summer season.

Mr Singh and Mr Lewis-Owen, from Leegomery, have known each other since childhood, and have always hoped to go into business together. Mr Singh added: "We are confident that there's a market out there."



Idea - Sirvan Singh and Joe Lewis-Owen on the Silkin Way



The pair want to follow the example of cities like Edinburgh

## Transport scheme nets £7.6m

Report by Thom Kennedy

A major scheme to introduce Formula 1 technology to public transport vehicles, which is being developed with a team in Shropshire, has been handed a £7.6 million Government grant.

The Telford base of vehicle parts maker GKN has been involved in a project with F1 team Williams to develop energy storage technology for large vehicles.

Used by the F1 team in its own cars since 2009, the "flywheel" technology was acquired by GKN for an undisclosed, multi-million pound sum last month.

Now GKN Land Systems and its partners have been awarded a £7.6 million grant as

part of a wider £15.6 million project to apply F1 technology for use in public transport, initially city buses.

The project is aimed at delivering a 25 per cent fuel saving for bus operators on inner city routes, potentially leading to lower fares for passengers and allowing operators to keep some less economic routes open, while reducing traffic pollution in cities across the country.

GKN's Gyrodrive system is designed to store the energy generated by a bus as it slows down to stop, and use that energy to

help accelerate again, generating significant fuel savings.

The hybrid technology could be used in various vehicles, which are all served by the Hadley Park base in Telford, which makes items such as wheels, chassis, clutches and gearboxes for larger equipment like diggers.

It is part of the Advanced Propulsion Centre programme, which will see government and the industry each invest £500 million in the automotive sector.

GKN chief executive Nigel Stein said: "These technologies will keep the UK's automotive sector at the forefront of the global industry for many years to come."

# **APPLICATION BY MR. SIRVAN SINGH AND MR JOSEPH LEWIS -OWEN TO LICENCE PEDAL CYCLE RICKSHAWS (SILKIN RICKSHAW) AS HACKNEY CARRIAGES IN TELFORD.**

## **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the suggested policy & appropriate regulations to cover the operational activities of Silkin Rickshaw trading as a Hackney Carriage; all the information needed to obtain a Hackney Carriage will be outlined below. A Rickshaw is essentially an unmotorised tricycle powered by one human on the front, whilst up to three fare paying passengers can be transported on the rear seat.

## **Proposal**

Mr. Singh and Mr. Lewis – Owen intend to operate three Rickshaws along routes such as The Silkin Way and Ironbridge. All routes have been predetermined. Two Rickshaws will be fully utilised in the first year whilst the third will be kept as a back up in case of breakdown. Mr. Singh and Mr. Lewis – Owen will be developing a series of presentations to accompany the Rickshaw journey.

Silkin Rickshaw is a sustainable, independent business venture operated by two young entrepreneurs with support from a local business development organisation and skilled mentors.

The principals:

- **Local Employment:** The applicants can show that self employment is a productive route out of the current difficult youth unemployment that blights not only this Borough, but the country
- **Telford Regeneration:** Silkin Rickshaw can be a part of the new attractions in Telford (The Southwater park project) as well as a reconnection to the historic, under used asset that Telford boasts, the longest cycle path in Great Britain - The Silkin Way.
- **Climate Change** – Rickshaws are CO2 friendly and a sustainable transportation vehicle.
- **Tourism** – An opportunity at no cost to the Council to enhance the visitor experience in Telford.
- **Scenery** – Showcase and promote a superb, historic environment.
- **Health Benefits** – A Rickshaw trip would encourage people to explore the great outdoors and reap the health benefits via fun exercise!

## **Routes**

All of the designated routes are based upon existing cycle ways, see attached (Silkin Rickshaw Routes) document for full details of all routes.

## **Riders**

All Rickshaws riders will need to meet the following requirements:

- Aged 18 or over.
- Fluent English speaker.
- Hold full UK driving license.
- Holder of Hackney Carriage License.

- Obtained National Cycle Standard – Level 3: This independent qualification is the nearest equivalent to a motor vehicle driving license, and demonstrates that a Rickshaw rider has completed a competence based qualification that is relevant to the type of vehicle being ridden. Public Carriage Office June 2006.
- Enhanced Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) checked
- Pass physical fitness test – Having considered various alternative means of assessing the physical fitness of rickshaw riders, the City Council’s Licensing Team is of the opinion that rickshaw riders will be required to undertake the same medical examination currently required of black cab and private hire drivers to determine whether they are acceptably fit.
- Undertake routine repairs i.e. mend punctures, replace tyres and batteries.

## **Fares**

A sample of fares and tariffs applied by some of the established UK rickshaw operators/riders are set out below.

### Licensed Rickshaw Hackney Carriage Operators:

- Hereford Rickshaws – operated on a Tip what you think its worth basis.
- South Lakeland – Maximum fare of £6.50 per each half hour.
- Durham Rickshaws - £3 per journey (within City Centre); £8 per half guided tour; £200 per day private hire, includes rider up to 8 hours (up to 3 people).

### Non Hackney Carriage Licensed Operators or Licensing Authority:

- The Cornish Rickshaw Co. – operated on a Tip what you think its worth basis.
- Edinburgh Rickshaws (B-Spokes.com) – Sightseeing Tour lasting 1hr 30mins = £35 per person (minimum 2 people). History Tour lasting 1hr 30mins = £35 per person (minimum 2 people).
- Shrewsbury (Shropshire Council) (license application) - £20 per hour; £60 per half day (4 hours); £100 per day (8 hours); £2.50 per person for a ride around the Quarry; £1.50 per person for any single trip within the loop of the river; £1.50 per person per mile for longer trips.
- Scarborough (East Lindsay District Council) (license application) – Enquiries have been made with other local authorities and the average single maximum fare adopted is between £8 and £10. It is recommended that a single maximum fare be set of £8 per each half an hour or part there of for each hiring (not per passenger).
- Transports for London – The majority of trips [in Rickshaws] were perceived to be under a mile with an average fare of £11.67.
- York City Council – Fares will be subject to a minimum charge of £3. Durham,
- East Lindsey and Herefordshire have successfully licensed Rickshaws as hackney carriages. (March 2008)
- Rickshaw Media.co.uk (London) – Bookings are made 24hrs in advance: between 1–15 minutes = £25; between 16-30 minutes = £40; between 31-45 minutes = £50; between 46-60 minutes = £55; above one hour each additional 15 minutes will be charged at £10.
- Cardiff City Council – Cardiff has a large fleet of pedal rickshaws which are free to visitors (a tip to the driver is usual). In Cardiff the local authority would not accept the Rickshaws at all unless they were licensed as Hackney Carriages. This was seen as unreasonable as the current regulations are written with motor vehicles in mind and the licenses were prohibitively

expensive. The operators responded by offering free rides and making their income through advertising.

**The proposed prices for Silkin Rickshaw have been predetermined on routes the price range would be between £6.00 and £30.00**

### **Safety**

It is acknowledged that public safety is of paramount importance in terms of personal safety of passengers, riders and other users of the pedestrian/cycleway upon which the Silkin Rickshaw proposal would operate.

### **Mitigation measures**

- The license holder to ensure that the rickshaws comply with the Pedal Cycle (Construction and Use) Regulations 1983.
- Lap belt - A lap belt shall be fitted to the rear seat in all licensed rickshaws. They shall be readily accessible for use by all passengers and shall be maintained in good condition and a useable state of repair at all times. The rider of a rickshaw shall ensure that passengers are offered the safety/lap belt before commencing a journey. If a passenger is a child i.e. under the age of 14, they will be required to wear a seat belt at all times).
- Lights - front and rear
- Indicators - handlebar mounted
- Bell.
- Training – In order to obtain a Rickshaw hackney carriage license, each rickshaw rider is required to pass The National Standard for Cycle Training Level 3, and hold a current full UK driving license. Each rider will also be required to undertake specific training provided by the Silkin Rickshaw operator in how to operate the rickshaw in a safe and controlled manner.
- Independent annual inspection of each rickshaw to be undertaken by local cycle shop authorised by Telford City Council's Licensing Team. A copy of the rickshaw manufacturer's maintenance manual has been produced for the purpose of assisting the mechanics at the authorised cycle shop. All costs in respect of the vehicle test will be borne by the proprietor of the rickshaw.
- Onboard toolkit to include: First Aid Kit; puncture repair kit; bicycle pump; wheel jack; rain cover; blanket; torch and range of spare batteries. Although there would be no requirement for rickshaws to carry this equipment they would be carried by each rickshaw on a voluntary basis and in line with good practice.

Alterations to equipment, dimensions or other specifications on the rickshaws will not be permitted without the prior consent of an authorized officer of the Licensing Authority. For the avoidance of doubt alterations includes both additions to and the removal of any equipment in, or on, any licensed rickshaws.

It is recommended that the following daily safety checks are carried out on the rickshaws by each of their respective riders prior to the start of each shift:

1. Make sure all tyres are at 60psi (4 bar); check tyres have useable tread and are in generally good condition.
2. Check front brake is operating properly and examine brake pads for wear.
3. Check rear brakes are operating properly and that the brake pads are in good condition.
4. Safety guards: ensure that all safety guards are in place. This includes the wheel discs, wheel guards, and the diff guard.
5. Lights and Bell: both of these items should be working.
6. Safety Belts: check these are functioning properly.

It is the rider's responsibility to ensure the safety of passengers at all times.

Rickshaw riders must not carry passengers if they are likely to endanger themselves or the rickshaw, this includes passengers who are:

- Drunk;
- Uncontrollable or who refuse to accept the rickshaw riders instructions;
- Carrying unsuitable luggage that cannot be safely stowed;
- Too heavy for the 250kg payload limit;
- Disabled in such a way that the seat is unsuitable for them; and
- Minors who may not have the consent of their parent or guardian to travel.

Rickshaw riders should make sure that their passengers have seen the safety notices behind the passenger handlebar and advise their passengers that they should keep limbs, luggage and loose clothing within the seating area, and remain seated at all times and that they are not to attempt to disembark until the rider has stopped the rickshaw and informed them it is safe to do so. If passengers wish to attract the attention of the rider during the journey then they should be instructed to do so verbally and in no circumstances try and tap the rider on the shoulder.

### **Equalities Impact**

The rickshaws would be available for hire to all residents and visitors to Telford. However, unlike most existing hackney carriages, they will not be accessible to wheelchair users.

If the rickshaws are to be licensed, they must be licensed as hackney carriages. However, Part V of the Disability Discrimination Act 1996 requires that new taxis be wheelchair accessible from January 2002; rickshaws clearly cannot meet this requirement. Some local authorities have licensed hackney carriages where this requirement has not been enforced. This was said to be due to the government's failure to provide a model specification for wheelchair accessible hackney carriages.

### **Insurance**

Before the licensed vehicle is used such insurance or securities as are required under Part V1 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 shall be obtained in respect of the vehicle and the certificate in respect of the policy of insurance shall be produced to the Licensing Section for inspection. The policy must show that the vehicles are suitably insured for hire and reward purposes. The license holder shall notify the Council of any change of insurer or any change to the insurance particulars and shall provide full details thereof within two working days of such change. There must be in place Third Party Public Liability Insurance (minimum £1,000,000 - one million pounds for any one event).

## **Advertising**

The position of advertising on the rickshaws is to be inspected and approved in writing by Telford & Wrekin Council's Licensing Team before any advertising is displayed on the rickshaws.

The content of the advertisements will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Non-sexual
- Non-religious
- Non-political
- Non-discriminatory
- Not to cause public offence
- Not misleading
- No cigarette advertising
- No alcohol advertising
- Location does not distract from council vehicle signs
- Not to obscure vision of the rider

## **Smoking**

The same No Smoking policy would apply to rickshaws as they do for regular hackney carriages.

## **Consultations**

During the pre-application feasibility study the following individuals, organisations and regulatory bodies were consulted:

- Rights of Way Officer (Highways) – Telford Council
- Licensing Officer – Telford Council
- Telford Town Park Manager

## **Conclusion**

### **The Silkin Rickshaw proposal will:**

- Create a new and high profile start up business in Telford operated by young entrepreneurs
- Be privately financed
- Operate along designated pedestrian/cycle networks
- Operate along pre-determined routes
- Enhance the tourism potential of Telford
- Provide a low carbon sustainable transport service
- Operate in accordance with the proposed conditions
- Provide an opportunity for greater connectivity in Telford
- Provide a safe, comfortable, efficient and informative service to fee paying members of the public whilst they enjoy the panoramic views of the natural and historic environment.

## 1-11 Routes

### Silkin Rickshaw Route 1

#### 1 Nature Trail

#### Distance in miles 1

- Starting off at Telford Town Park at the Woodland adventure Park
- Head down the hill towards Ranaly pool.
- Follow the Ranaly pool around along the side Stirchly Ave.
- When Path Forks Bear right.
- Then running along side Blue pool.
- With the Stirchly pool still on your right side.
- Follow Path around till you reach the spider junction.
- Cross over the bridge of Silkin Way.
- Head up the hill towards Dark Lane.
- Once at the top of the hill take a right.
- Heading back towards Telford Town Park
- Passing Telford Hornets Rugby Club.
- Going pass the car park for Wounder Land.
- Then Passing Witty Pool.
- Finishing off at the Telford Town Park.

## Silkin Rickshaw. Route 2

### 2 Nature Trail

Distance in miles 1.4

- Start point will be Telford Town Park near the new wood adventure park.
- Then heading off towards Withy pool on Route 55.
- Passing the Telford rugby club Hornets.
- 0.5 Miles on Route 55 turn left on to Silkin way/Route 55.
- Slight decline then first left Heading towards Stirchly pools.
- Then pass the horse field through small forest where there is some mine shafts.
- Joining the main Silkin way heading towards Stirchly lane Bridge.
- Then carry on the Silkin way/Route 55 towards Aqueduct
- Reaching the new revamped Train Station Platform at Southhall Road Bridge.

### Silkin Rickshaw. Route 3

#### 3 Nature Trail

#### Distance in miles 2

- Start point will be Telford Town Park near the new wood adventure park.
- Then heading off towards Withy pool on Route 55.
- Passing the Telford rugby club Hornets.
- 0.5 Miles on Route 55 turn left on to silkin way/Route 55.
- Slight decline then first left Heading towards Stirchly pools.
- Then pass the horse field through small forest where there is some mine shafts.
- Joining the main silkin way take a right towards Stirchly lane Bridge.
- Then carry on the Silkin way/Route 55 take first left towards Fletcher's pool.
- Reaching the bottom turn right.
- Then first left heading towards spider junction.
- On spider junction take second exit towards Blue pool
- Passing in the mild off Stirchly pool and Blue pool.
- After passing Blue pool follow the Stirchly pool around.
- Follow path up towards the hill heading back to start point at Telford Town Park near the new wood adventure park.

## Silkin Rickshaw. Route 4

### Distance in miles 4.2

- Start point will be Telford Town Park near the new wood adventure park.
- Then heading off towards Withy pool on Route 55.
- Passing the Telford rugby club Hornets.
- 0.5 Miles on Route 55 turn left on to Silkin way/Route 55.
- Slight decline then first left Heading towards Stirchly pools.
- Then pass the horse field through small forest where there is some mine shafts.
- Joining the main Silkin way heading towards Stirchly lane Bridge.
- Then carry on the Silkin way/Route 55 towards Aqueduct
- Passing under the bridge.
- Then crossing over Chapel Lane.
- Crossing over foot path bridge that links Aqueduct and Brookside.
- Running along Queensway till going under the bridge off Queensway.
- Then over the Train Track Bridge.
- Bearing left at the chimney.
- Carrying on the Silkin way over both Bridges in Madley.
- Heading under the underpass off legges way.
- Then on the Silkin way ajason to Leggs way then joining on to Leggs way passing Blist Hill Victoria Town.
- Carrying on leggs way till you reach on to Coalport Rd.
- Straight down on to Coalport High Street.
- Then coming to a fork in the road head left on Coalport High Street.
- Running along side the River Severn.
- Finish up on your right hand side at the car park of Coalport China Museums.

## Silkin Rickshaw. Route 5

Distance in miles 4.7

- Start point will be Telford Town Park near the new wood adventure park.
- Then heading off towards Withy pool on Route 55.
- Passing the Telford rugby club Hornets.
- 0.5 Miles on Route 55 turn left on to Silkin way/Route 55.
- Slight decline then first left Heading towards Stirchly pools.
- Then pass the horse field through small forest where there is some mine shafts.
- Joining the main Silkin way heading towards Stirchly lane Bridge.
- Then carry on the Silkin way/Route 55 towards Aqueduct
- Passing under the bridge.
- Then crossing over Chapel Lane.
- Crossing over foot path bridge that links Aqueduct and Brookside.
- Running along Queensway till going under the bridge off Queensway.
- Then over the Train Track Bridge.
- Bearing left at the chimney.
- Carrying on the Silkin way over both Bridges in Madley.
- Heading under the underpass off legges way.
- Then on the Silkin way ajason to Leggs way you will reach the desnation of Blist Hill Victoria Town

## Silkin Rickshaw. Route 6

### Distance in miles 5.3

- Start point will be Telford Town Park near the new wood adventure park.
- Then heading off towards Withy pool on Route 55.
- Passing the Telford rugby club Hornets.
- 0.5 Miles on Route 55 turn left on to Silkin way/Route 55.
- Slight decline then first left Heading towards Stirchly pools.
- Then pass the horse field through small forest where there is some mine shafts.
- Joining the main Silkin way heading towards Stirchly Lane Bridge.
- Then carry on the Silkin way/Route 55 towards Aqueduct
- Passing under the bridge.
- Then crossing over Chapel Lane.
- Crossing over foot path bridge that links Aqueduct and Brookside.
- Running along Queensway till going under the bridge off Queensway.
- Then over the Train Track Bridge.
- Bearing left at the chimney.
- Carrying on the Silkin way over both Bridges in Madley.
- Heading under the underpass off legges way.
- Then on the Silkin way ajason to Leggs way then jioning on to Leggs way passing Blist Hill Victoria Town.
- Carrying on leggs way till you reach on to Coalport Rd.
- Straight down on to Coalport High Street.
- Then coming to a fork in the road head Right sight posted Coalbrookdale Museums and Ironbridge Museums.
- On to The Lloyds Road Which runs along the bank of the River Severn

- After 0.5 bear left on to Waterloo Street.
- At the Give way junction take a left over the River Severn (B4373)
- When over bridge take first left on to Coalford.
- Then Slight left on to Lloyds Head passing the Black Swan Pub.
- Crossing old railway line carry on Lloyds Head.
- Take left on to Church Road.
- Arriving at Jack Field Tile Museums

## Silkin Rickshaw. Route 7

### Distance in miles 5.6

- Start point will be Telford Town Park near the new wood adventure park.
- Then heading off towards Withy pool on Route 55.
- Passing the Telford rugby club Hornets.
- 0.5 Miles on Route 55 turn left on to Silkin way/Route 55.
- Slight decline then first left Heading towards Storchly pools.
- Then pass the horse field through small forest where there is some mine shafts.
- Joining the main Silkin way heading towards Storchly lane Bridge.
- Then carry on the Silkin way/Route 55 towards Aqueduct
- Passing under the bridge.
- Then crossing over Chapel Lane.
- Crossing over foot path bridge that links Aqueduct and Brookside.
- Running along Queensway till going under the bridge off Queensway.
- Then over the Train Track Bridge.
- Bearing left at the chimney.
- Carrying on the Silkin way over both Bridges in Madley.
- Heading under the underpass off Legges way.
- Then on the Silkin way a jason to Leggs way then joining on to Leggs way passing Blist Hill Victoria Town.
- Carrying on leggs way till you reach on to Coalport Rd.
- Straight down on to Coalport High Street.
- Then coming to a fork in the road head Right sight posted Coalbrookdale Museums and Ironbridge Museums.
- On to The Lloyds Road Which runs along the bank of the River Severn
- After 0.5 bear left on to Waterloo Street.

- **At the Give way junction take a Right On to Waterloo Street (B4373)**
- **Passing Ye Olde Robin Hood Inn.**
- **Carry on Waterloo Street till you reach a round about with the Pondicherry restraurt.**
- **Take first exit on to High Street.**
- **Follow for 0.1 miles.**
- **Arriving at Ironbridge gorge**

## Silkin Rickshaw. Route 8

### Distance in miles 6

- Start point will be Telford Town Park near the new wood adventure park.
- Then heading off towards Withy pool on Route 55.
- Passing the Telford rugby club Hornets.
- 0.5 Miles on Route 55 turn left on to Silkin way/Route 55.
- Slight decline then first left Heading towards Stirchly pools.
- Then pass the horse field through small forest where there is some mine shafts.
- Joining the main Silkin way heading towards Stirchly lane Bridge.
- Then carry on the Silkin way/Route 55 towards Aqueduct
- Passing under the bridge.
- Then crossing over Chapel Lane.
- Crossing over foot path bridge that links Aqueduct and Brookside.
- Running along Queensway till going under the bridge off Queensway.
- Then over the Train Track Bridge.
- Bearing left at the chimney.
- Carrying on the Silkin way over both Bridges in Madley.
- Heading under the underpass off legges way.
- Then on the Silkin way a jason to Leggs way then joining on to Leggs way passing Blist Hill Victoria Town.
- Carrying on leggs way till you reach on to Coalport Rd.
- Straight down on to Coalport High Street.
- Then coming to a fork in the road head Right sight posted Coalbrookdale Museums and Ironbridge Museums.
- On to The Lloyds Road Which runs along the bank of the River Severn
- After 0.5 bear left on to Waterloo Street.

- At the Give way junction take a Right On to Waterloo Street (B4373)
- Passing Ye Olde Robin Hood Inn.
- Carry on Waterloo Street till you reach a round about with the Pondicherry restraut.
- Take first exit on to High Street.
- Passing the Ironbrigde gorge.
- Down on to Tontine Hill
- Then at bottom of hill join on to Wharfage.
- Running Next to River Severn.
- Arriving at Jack Field Tile Museums

## Silkin Rickshaw. Route 9

### Distance in miles 6.3

- Start point will be Telford Town Park near the new wood adventure park.
- Then heading off towards Withy pool on Route 55.
- Passing the Telford rugby club Hornets.
- 0.5 Miles on Route 55 turn left on to silkin way/Route 55.
- Slight decline then first left Heading towards Stirchly pools.
- Then pass the horse field through small forest where there is some mine shafts.
- Joining the main silkin way heading towards Stirchly lane Bridge.
- Then carry on the Silkin way/Route 55 towards Aqueduct
- Passing under the bridge.
- Then crossing over Chapel Lane.
- Crossing over foot path bridge that links Aqueduct and Brookside.
- Running along Queensway till going under the bridge off Queensway.
- Then over the Train Track Bridge.
- Bearing left at the chimney.
- Carrying on the Silkin way over both Bridges in Madley.
- Heading under the underpass off legges way.
- Then on the Silkin way ajason to Leggs way then joining on to Leggs way passing Blist Hill Victoria Town.
- Carrying on leggs way till you reach on to Coalport Rd.
- Straight down on to Coalport High Street.
- Then coming to a fork in the road head Right sight posted Coalbrookdale Museums and Ironbridge Museums.
- On to The Lloyds Road Which runs along the bank of the River Severn
- After 0.5 bear left on to Waterloo Street.

- At the Give way junction take a Right On to Waterloo Street (B4373)
- Passing Ye Olde Robin Hood Inn.
- Carry on Waterloo Street till you reach a round about with the Pondicherry restraut.
- Take first exit on to High Street.
- Passing the Ironbrigde gorge.
- Down on to Tontine Hill
- Then at bottom of hill join on to Wharfage.
- Running Next to River Severn.
- Passing Merrythought.
- Once at the Round about at the end of Wharfage.
- Take First exist staying on Wharfage.
- Take First left on to car park.
- Arriving Ironworks of Ironbrigde and Dale End Park.

## Silkin Rickshaw. Route 10

### Distance in miles 7.1

- Start point will be Telford Town Park near the new wood adventure park.
- Then heading off towards Withy pool on Route 55.
- Passing the Telford rugby club Hornets.
- 0.5 Miles on Route 55 turn left on to Silkin way/Route 55.
- Slight decline then first left Heading towards Storchly pools.
- Then pass the horse field through small forest where there is some mine shafts.
- Joining the main Silkin way heading towards Storchly lane Bridge.
- Then carry on the Silkin way/Route 55 towards Aqueduct
- Passing under the bridge.
- Then crossing over Chapel Lane.
- Crossing over foot path bridge that links Aqueduct and Brookside.
- Running along Queensway till going under the bridge off Queensway.
- Then over the Train Track Bridge.
- Bearing left at the chimney.
- Carrying on the Silkin way over both Bridges in Madley.
- Heading under the underpass off Legges way.
- Then on the Silkin way a jason to Leggs way then joining on to Leggs way passing Blist Hill Victoria Town.
- Carrying on leggs way till you reach on to Coalport Rd.
- Straight down on to Coalport High Street.
- Then coming to a fork in the road head Right sight posted Coalbrookdale Museums and Ironbridge Museums.
- On to The Lloyds Road Which runs along the bank of the River Severn
- After 0.5 bear left on to Waterloo Street.

- At the Give way junction take a Right On to Waterloo Street (B4373)
- Passing Ye Olde Robin Hood Inn.
- Carry on Waterloo Street till you reach a round about with the Pondicherry restraut.
- Take first exit on to High Street.
- Passing the Ironbrigde gorge.
- Down on to Tontine Hill
- Then at bottom of hill jion on to Wharfage.
- Running Next to River Severn.
- Passing Merrythought.
- Once at the Round about at the end of Wharfage.
- Take second exist on to Dales End.
- 0.3 on Dales End till you merge on to Wellington Road
- Heading though the traffic light pass the pubs on Wellington Road.
- Then Left on to Darby Road Passing under Railway bridge.
- After bridge take left on Darby Road.
- Arriving Ironbrigde Gorge Museums Trust.

**Silkin Rickshaw. Route 11**

**Distance in miles 18miles**

- The Silkin way full of route 55 18mile of beautiful woodlands.

## Community Impact Assessment

It is intended that you complete this form if you have identified a high negative impact to our communities and employees.

Sections 1 & 2 should be completed early in policy development and before any consultation/engagement activity takes place

Sections 3 & 4 should be completed before policy approval.

**You will find the information from this assessment useful for the Equality Implications section of any report you are completing.**

### Impact Assessment

#### a) Community Impact

1. Will the policy contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?

Yes (go to Q2)

2. The Policy contributes to the following [Priority Plan objectives](#)

#### **1. Creating a safer community**

#### **(b) Safeguard health and safety of the community**

3. Will this policy have a significant impact on any of the following groups of people? Please mark all boxes indicating whether an impact has occurred, this could be **positive** or **negative**. Mark **None** if there is no impact. Help boxes are available to assist.

People of different ages

[Helpbox - Age](#)

People with ill health or people with a disability

[Helpbox - Disability](#)

People of different gender

[Helpbox - Gender \(Sex\)](#)

People who are transgender

[Helpbox - Transgender](#)

Different racial groups

[Helpbox - Race](#)

People with different religion or beliefs

[Helpbox - Religion or Beliefs](#)

Impact (X)		
Positive	Negative	None
		X
	x	
		x
		X
		X
		X

People of different sexual orientation  
[Helpbox - Sexual Orientation](#)

Women who are pregnant or breast-feeding  
[Helpbox -Pregnancy and Maternity](#)

People that are married or in a civil partnership  
[Helpbox - Marriage or Civil Partnership](#)

People affected by deprivation  
[Helpbox - people affected by deprivation](#)

		X
		X
		X
		X

4. What is the expected impact?

This policy may have a negative impact on the following characteristic :  
**People with a Disability.**  
 If rickshaws are to be licensed they must be licensed as Hackney Carriages. However, rickshaws cannot accommodate wheelchairs. It should be pointed out that although proposed rickshaws will not be wheelchair accessible, they could be used by a significant proportion of people with other disabilities who are ambulant and able to negotiate the step up to the rear seat. For many of these individuals, the use of rickshaws will enable them to see far more of the surrounding natural and historic landscape than they might otherwise have been able to access or view.

I have no evidence which indicates that this policy will impact on the following characteristics:

**People of different ages**  
**People of different gender**  
**People who are transgender**  
**People with different religion or beliefs**  
**People of different sexual orientation**  
**Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding**  
**People that are married or in a civil partnership**  
**People affected by deprivation.**

5. What engagement and consultation have you already carried out?

The applicants have already gained approval to operate within the Parks Area (Telford Town Park). In addition, the Rights of Way Officer and the Gorge Parish Council have agreed in principle to the operation of rickshaws in the specified areas.

You can contact the Community Engagement team for support – 82131

**You are at the end of Section 2 - have you completed all questions in this section?**

**Please ensure all questions are answered and then send your information to;**  
[Equalityanddiversity@telford.gov.uk](mailto:Equalityanddiversity@telford.gov.uk)

The Equality and Diversity Team will help you address/respond to any issues in  
**Section 3 – Mitigating Actions**

### **Section 3 – Mitigating Actions**

1. For any significant **negative** impacts identified in Section 2 (Questions 3 & 4), what action have you taken or will you be taking to reduce/manage these impacts?

It should be pointed out that although proposed rickshaws will not be wheelchair accessible, they could be used by a significant proportion of people with other disabilities who are ambulant and able to negotiate the step up to the rear seat. For many of these individuals, the use of rickshaws will enable them to see far more of the surrounding natural and historic landscape than they might otherwise have been able to access or view.

2. The policy contributes to the following aims of the General Equality Duty

- **advance equality of opportunity**
- **foster good relations between different groups**

### **Section 4 – Review and Monitoring**

1. From what date will this policy be implemented?

Any agreement to licence rickshaws will be implemented by the Members of the Council's Licensing Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

2. When will the actual impacts of the policy be monitored and reviewed?

Members of the Council's Licensing Committee will consider the application and Business Proposal before they make a decision whether or not to licence rickshaws.

3. How will the actual impact of the policy be monitored and reviewed?

Any changes to the Council's conditions of licence resulting from this policy will be monitored by the Licensing Service in relation to data retained on licensed drivers and licensed vehicles on the Council's Licensing databases. This will include the numbers of drivers/vehicles licenced, the number and nature of complaints from service users relating to drivers and/or vehicles.

In addition, we will collate any negative responses from affected organisations and if the need requires, we will refer matters back to the Licensing Committee.

### **Line Manager/Head of Service Agreement**

Community Impact Assessments will be published online and available on request. This will include the subject document, equality analysis, data sources and consultation evidence.

Please make sure that your Line Manager/Head of Service has been made aware of the content of the impact assessment and that they agree with it.

Arrange for your Line Manager/Head of Service to e-mail confirmation of agreement to; [equalityanddiversity@telford.gov.uk](mailto:equalityanddiversity@telford.gov.uk)

The Equality and Diversity team will create a summary for ease of access, please make sure that you forward any relevant documentation you have referred to with the e-mail.

**Thank you conducting this Community Impact Assessment, should you have any questions please contact 01952 382104 or e-mail [equalityanddiversity@telford.gov.uk](mailto:equalityanddiversity@telford.gov.uk)**