

LICENSING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**19 SEPTEMBER 2018**

REPORT TITLE	REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES
REPORT OF	CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider representations received in respect of a proposed increase to the Hackney Carriage fare tariff advertised in accordance with the decision of this Committee on 18 July 2018.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That Members consider the representations made to the proposed Hackney Carriage fare tariff increase and determine whether to bring in to force a new table of fares, with or without modifications, as a result of the representations.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

1.1 It is a delegated function of this Committee to set Hackney Carriage Tariffs.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 section 65(1) gives the power to set hackney carriage fares to the local authority as follows:

- 1 A District Council may fix the rates or fares within the district as well for time as distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a vehicle or with the arrangements for the hire of a vehicle; to be paid in respect of the hire of a hackney carriage by means of a table (hereafter in this section referred to as a 'table of fares') made or varied in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- 2 When a District Council make or vary a table of fares they shall publish in at least one local newspaper circulating in the district a notice setting out the table of fares or the variation thereof and specifying the period, which shall not be less than fourteen days from the date of first publication of the notice, within which and the manner in which objections to the table of fares or variation can be made.

3.2 The last increase of hackney carriage fares was in February 2017 when the initial hiring distance on tariff 1 (standard day rate) was reduced. All other tariffs and distances remained unchanged.

3.3 On 18 July 2018 Members considered a proposal to increase the Hackney Carriage fare tariff. Members resolved that the proposal be approved, subject to any objections being received as part of the consultation process.

3.4 The proposed increase was advertised for a period of fourteen days and a newsletter was also sent to every hackney carriage and private hire driver, vehicle and operator licence holder informing them of the proposal.

3.5 A table comparing the current and proposed rates is shown at Appendix 1. A table showing the effect of the proposed increases is attached at Appendix 2.

3.6 During the consultation period five representations have been received in respect of the proposed increases. Two of the representations support the proposal, two of the representations object to the proposal and one of the representations expresses general concerns regarding the proposal. These representations are attached at Appendix 3.

3.7 Members are asked to consider whether to approve the proposed increase to the Hackney Carriage Tariffs in light of the representations received as part of the consultation process.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The cost of the public advertisement will be recovered from licence fees.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RISKS

7.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 The proposal must be advertised for a period of fourteen days.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Table comparing the current and proposed rates

Appendix 2 - Table showing the effect of the proposal

Appendix 3 - Representations

REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee	25 November 2015 27 January 2016 23 November 2016 25 January 2017 18 July 2018

Comparison of current and proposed Hackney Carriage tariffs

	Current rate	Proposed rate
TARIFF 1		
First 300 yards	£2.80	£3.20
Each subsequent 245 yards	20p	
Each subsequent 230 yards		20p
TARIFF 2		
First 900 yards	£3.30	
First 300 yards		£3.60
Each subsequent 205 yards	20p	
Each subsequent 175 yards		20p
TARIFF 3		
First 966 yards	£3.90	
First 300 yards		£3.80
Each subsequent 182 yards	20p	
Each subsequent 165 yards		20p
TARIFF 4		
First 966 yards	£5.20	
First 300 yards		£6.00
Each subsequent 137 yards	20p	
Each subsequent 230 yards		40p

Table showing effect of the proposal

	Distance	Fare based on current tariff	Fare based on proposed tariff	Percentage increase
Tariff 1	300 yards	£2.80	£3.20	14.3%
	1 mile	£4.00	£4.60	10.0%
	2 miles	£5.60	£6.00	7.1%
	3 miles	£7.00	£7.60	8.5%
	4 miles	£8.40	£9.20	9.5%
	5 miles	£9.80	£10.60	8.2%
	10 miles	£17.00	£18.40	8.2%
Tariff 2	300 yards	£3.30	£3.60	9.1%
	1 mile	£4.30	£5.40	25.6%
	2 miles	£5.90	£7.40	25.4%
	3 miles	£7.70	£9.40	22.1%
	4 miles	£9.30	£11.40	22.6%
	5 miles	£11.10	£13.40	20.7%
	10 miles	£19.70	£23.40	18.8%
Tariff 3	300 yards	£3.90	£3.80	-2.6%
	1 mile	£4.90	£5.60	14.3%
	2 miles	£6.90	£7.80	13.0%
	3 miles	£8.70	£10.00	14.9%
	4 miles	£10.70	£12.00	12.1%
	5 miles	£12.70	£14.20	11.8%
	10 miles	£22.30	£24.60	10.3%
Tariff 4	300 yards	£5.20	£6.00	15.4%
	1 mile	£6.40	£8.80	37.5%
	2 miles	£9.00	£11.60	28.9%
	3 miles	£11.60	£14.80	27.6%
	4 miles	£14.20	£18.00	26.8%
	5 miles	£16.80	£20.80	23.8%
	10 miles	£29.60	£36.40	23.0%