

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH 2005

Title of report	HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TABLE
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Purpose of report	To advise members of a recommendation made by the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Group to vary the hackney carriage fare table.
Strategic aims	To review the hackney carriage fare table
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	The cost of a public notice published in at least one local newspaper specifying any change to the hackney carriage table of fares.
Health/Anti-Poverty	Some drivers may be on low incomes. However the Council has no evidence that taxi drivers as a profession are any more badly paid than other small businesses.
Crime and Disorder	None.
Risk Management	None.
Human Rights	Under Article 1 of the First Protocol, licence holders are entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of their possessions.
E-Government	None.
Comments of monitoring and section 151 officers	No comments.
Consultees	Hackney carriage and private hire drivers and operators.
Background papers	Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Group 23 February 2005.
Recommendations	That the hackney carriage fare table be varied as follows:- (a) The distance fare for up to and including one mile be increased to £3.00.

	<p>(b) The waiting time fare for each completed period of 1 minute be increased to 25p.</p> <p>(c) The extra charge of normal fare + 33% for each journey begun or ended on a Bank Holiday Monday be extended to all Bank Holidays.</p> <p>(d) The soiling charge be increased to £50.00.</p>
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The District Council has power under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to set fares for hackney carriages.
- 1.2 A review of the hackney carriage fare table is usually undertaken with representatives of the hackney carriage trade at a meeting of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Consultative Forum between January and March of each year.
- 1.3 This report is presented following the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Consultative Forum meeting held on Wednesday, 23 February 2005.
- 1.4 The Council's current hackney carriage fare table is attached as Appendix A.
- 1.5 After discussion on the current hackney carriage table of fares, the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Consultative Forum agreed that the Licensing Committee be asked to consider several variations to the hackney carriage fare table.
- 1.6 If the Committee approves the recommendations, officers will need to publish the proposed variations in a local newspaper, giving at least 14 days for objection. If objections are not received then the new fares will take effect on a date specified in the notice. However the local authority must consider any objections received and can either revise the fare table in the light of those objections or the fare table as originally proposed will come into effect on a new date, within 2 months of the original date.

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