

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 12 APRIL 2006

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 Drivers' Consultative Forum 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 a 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	Article 1 of Protocol 1 of the European Convention of Human Rights provides that everyone is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions, except in the public interest and subject to conditions provided for by law.
E-Government	None.
Consultees	Hackney carriage and private hire drivers and operators.
Comments of Monitoring Officer	Report is satisfactory.
Comments of Section 151 Officer	Report is satisfactory.

Comments of Head of Paid Service	Report is satisfactory.
Background papers	Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Consultative Group meeting of 22 February 2006.
Recommendations	THAT THE FORUM'S REQUEST NOT TO VARY THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TABLE OTHER THAN BY REMOVING THE 58P PER JOURNEY EXTRA CHARGE FOR EACH DOG CARRIED (EXCEPT GUIDE DOGS WHICH TRAVEL FREE) BE CONSIDERED.

1. LEGISLATION

- 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 at a meeting of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Consultative Forum each year. All licensed hackney carriage and private hire drivers and operators of private hire and hackney carriage companies were invited to attend the February Forum meeting. It was attended by 8 licensees.
- 1.3 This report is presented following the discussion at the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Consultative Forum meeting held on Wednesday, 22 February 2006.
- 1.4 The Council's current hackney carriage fare table is attached as appendix A to the report.
- 1.5 At the meeting, the Chairman invited any proposals to amend the hackney carriage fare table. Two proposals were made. Firstly, it was proposed that the hackney carriage fare table not be amended. It was felt that a meaningful increase in the fares would actually harm the trade. Secondly, drivers at the meeting agreed that the extra charge of 58p per journey for each dog carried (except guide dogs which travelled free) was an irrelevance and it was proposed that this extra charge be removed from the hackney carriage fare table.
- 1.6 If the Committee approves the request to vary the table of fares then officers would need to publish the proposed variation in a local newspaper giving at least 14 days for objection. If objections are not received then the variation 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, would come into effect on a new date within 2 months of the original date.

2. OPTIONS

2.1 The local authority may decide to make or not make any changes to the fare table.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

	FARE
1. DISTANCE	
Up to and including one mile (1.61 kilometres)	£3.00
For each additional one tenth of a mile (161 metres)	15p
2. WAITING TIME	
For each completed period of 1 minute	25p
3. EXTRA CHARGES	
(a) For each journey begun or ended on a bank holiday or begun or ended between midnight and 6.00am (other than Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day).	Normal fare + 33%
(b) For each journey begun or ended on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day and for each journey made after 6.00pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and for each journey begun or ended between midnight and 6.00am on 27 December and 2 January.	Double fare
(c) For all journeys made by vehicles which can accommodate between 5 and 8 passengers.	Normal fare + 50%
(d) For each dog carried (except guide dogs which travel free)	58p per journey
(e) Soiling charge	£50.00

This fare table has been fixed by the Council. These fares are to be charged per vehicle per journey, **NOT** per person.

ANY COMPLAINT ABOUT THIS VEHICLE OR DRIVER SHOULD BE MADE TO:

**The Head of Environmental Health
North West Leicestershire District Council
Council Offices
Coalville
Leics
LE67 3FJ**

PLEASE QUOTE THE NUMBER OF THE VEHICLE AND/OR THE DRIVER'S BADGE

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