

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE – 21st NOVEMBER 2007

Title of report	IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIATION TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TABLE
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Purpose of report	<p>To advise members of a recommendation made by the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Forum to vary the hackney carriage fare table.</p> <p>To ask the Licensing Committee to consider approving a change to the hackney carriage fare table.</p>
Strategic aims	Safer Communities Stronger Communities
<p>Implications:</p> <p>Financial/Staff</p> <p>Link to relevant Corporate Action Team</p> <p>Risk Management</p> <p>Equalities Impact Assessment</p> <p>Human Rights</p> <p>Transformational Government</p>	<p>The Local Authority is required to pay for a public notice in at least one local newspaper specifying any change to the hackney carriage table of fares</p> <p>Safer CAT</p> <p>Not applicable</p> <p>Not applicable</p> <p>None</p> <p>This relates to the new ways in which council's are being asked to deliver their services.</p>
Comments of Head of Paid Service	Report is satisfactory

Comments of Section 151 Officer	Report is satisfactory
Comments of Monitoring Officer	Report is satisfactory
Consultees	Taxi Drivers
Background papers	Minutes of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Consultative Forum held on 21 March 2007
Recommendations	<p>(A) AGREE IN PRINCIPLE, PENDING THE RESULT OF A CONSULTATION PROCESS, THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TABLE BE VARIED AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>THE MINIMUM DISTANCE OF UP TO AND INCLUDING ONE MILE BE INCREASED TO £3.30.</p> <p>(B) TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE LICENSING TEAM LEADER TO RESOLVE ANY OBJECTIONS RECEIVED AND TO DECIDE WHETHER TO DRAW UP A NEW FARE TABLE.</p>

1. Background

- 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 This report is presented after representations were made by the trade at the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Consultative Forum.
- 1.3 At this meeting, after some debate, it was agreed by the drivers to request a change be made to the fare table. The drivers requested the fare for a minimum distance of up to and including one mile be increased from £3.00 to £3.30 (10%).
- 1.4 In reaching their decision to request a fare increase the following issues were taken into consideration:
 - The last fare increase was introduced in April 2005.
 - Fuel prices have risen considerably since April 2005.
- 1.5 If the committee approves the recommendation to increase the fare, Officers will need to publish the proposed variations in a local newspaper, giving at least 14 days for objection. If no objections are 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.
- 1.6 The Council's current hackney carriage fare table is attached as Appendix A.

2. Recommendation

- § That the increase in fare is agreed in principle pending the result of a consultation process.
- § To delegate Authority to the Licensing Team Leader to resolve any objections received and to decide whether to draw up a new fare table.

APPENDIX A

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

**The Head of Environment
North West Leicestershire District Council
Council Offices
Coalville
Leicestershire
LE67 3FJ**

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

6 April 2005

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