

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 18 JUNE 2008

Title of report	IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIATION TO 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.
Reason for Decision	
Strategic aims	Prosperous Communities Safer Communities
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	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.
Link to relevant CAT	Safer CAT
Risk Management	Not applicable
Equalities Impact Assessment	Not applicable
Human Rights	Not applicable
Transformational Government	Not applicable
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	Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Consultative Forum.
Background papers	Minutes of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Consultative Forum held on 6 March 2008.
Recommendations	<p>A) TO AGREE IN PRINCIPLE, PENDING THE RESULT OF A CONSULTATION PROCESS, THAT THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TABLE BE VARIED AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I) THE FARE FOR UP TO AND INCLUDING THE FIRST MILE IS INCREASED TO £3.40 AND</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">II) THE FARE FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT TENTH OF A MILE IS INCREASED TO 16P.</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, unanimously, to ask for the fare for up to and including the first mile to be increased from £3.30 to £3.40 and for every subsequent tenth of a mile to be increased from 15p to 16p. As the vote was carried it was agreed by officers to put this proposal to the Committee.
- 1.4 If the Committee approves the recommendation, 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.
- 1.5 The last increase in the hackney carriage fare table took place in December 2007. Since that date the price of a litre of fuel has risen over 20p and currently the cheapest local price is 127.9p for a litre of diesel.
- 1.6 The Council's current hackney carriage fare table is attached as Appendix A.

APPENDIX A

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HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

	FARE
1. DISTANCE	
Up to and including one mile (1.61 kilometres)	£3.30
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 Environment
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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