

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 12 SEPTEMBER 2012

Title of report	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.
Strategic aims	Business and Jobs
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	Business CAT
Risk Management	Not applicable
Equalities Impact Assessment	Not applicable
Human Rights	Not applicable
Transformational Government	Not applicable
Comments of Head of Paid Service	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Section 151 Officer	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Monitoring	The report is satisfactory.

Officer	
Consultees	Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Consultative Forum.
Background papers	Minutes of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Consultative Forum held on 17 May 2012. Licensing Committee Report - Variation to Hackney Carriage Fare Table - March 2011
Recommendations	<p>TO AGREE IN PRINCIPLE, THAT THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TABLE BE VARIED AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>A)THE FARE FOR UP TO AND INCLUDING THE FIRST MILE IS INCREASED TO £3.70 FROM £3.60 WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT FOLLOWING CONSULTATION</p> <p>B)TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TEAM MANAGER TO RESOLVE ANY OBJECTIONS RECEIVED</p> <p>C) TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TEAM MANAGER TO DRAW UP A NEW FARE TABLE IF AGREED FOLLOWING CONSULTATION.</p> <p>D) TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TEAM MANAGER TO INCREASE THE FARE TO £3.75 IN APRIL 2013.</p>

1.0 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. A list of fares is collated in the Hackney Carriage Fare Table.
- 1.2 The last increase in the Hackney Carriage Fare Table took place on 25 April 2011 with a 10p increase in the fare up to and including the first mile.

2.0 Current Position

- 2.1 Representations have been received from the hackney carriage trade ("The Trade") at the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Consultative Forum on 17 May 2012. The Trade made the point at the meeting that they have found it difficult to absorb the rising costs in fuel, insurance and maintenance.

- 2.2 The trade were in agreement that there should be an increase of 10p in the fare table from £3.60 to £3.70 for up to and including the first mile. It was requested that this be presented to the District Council Licensing Committee for approval.
- 2.3 Should the Committee approve the recommendation, officers will 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.
- 2.4 If objections are received, the local authority must consider any objections received and can either revise the fare table in 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.
- 2.5 The Council's current hackney carriage fare table with the proposed fares is attached as **Appendix A**.
- 2.6 Should Members be minded to approve the proposed increase, the Committee is requested to delegate authority to the Environmental Health Team Manager to resolve any objections received.
- 2.7 The Committee are further requested to delegate authority to the Environmental Health Team Manager to approve the increase and adjust the Fare Table once the 14 day consultation has ended, enabling the decision making process to remain efficient.

3.0 Future Provision

- 3.1 The Hackney Carriage Trade have requested a further increase in the fare table from April 2013.
- 3.2 To give stability to the trade it is proposed that there is a 5 pence rise (in the first mile) in April 2013. It must be borne in mind that the usual advertisement of the increase and 14 day consultation period will still apply.
- 3.3 If Members are minded to approve this further increase, the Committee are requested to delegate authority to the Environmental Health Team Manager to adjust the Fare Table with this increase at that time.

APPENDIX A

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HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES{PRIVATE }

1.	DISTANCE	EXISTING FARE	PROPOSED FARE
	Up to and including one mile (1.61 kilometres)	£3.60	£3.70 (Immediate) £3.75 (Apr 2013)
	For each additional one tenth of a mile (161 metres)	16p	16p
2.	WAITING TIME		
	For each completed period of 1 minute	25p	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). For each journey begun or ended on Christmas Day, Boxing	Normal fare + 33%	Normal fare + 33%
(b)	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	Double fare
(c)	For all journeys made by vehicles which can accommodate between 5 and 8 passengers.	Normal fare + 50%	Normal fare + 50%
(d)	For each dog carried (except guide dogs which travel free)	58p per journey	58p per journey
(e)	Soiling charge	£50.00	£50.00

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

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

Environmental Health Team Manager
North West Leicestershire District Council
Council Offices
Coalville
Leicestershire
LE67 3FJ

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