

Wolverhampton City Council

OPEN DECISION ITEM

Committee / Panel	<u>LICENSING COMMITTEE</u>	Date	16/1/2013
Originating Service Group(s)	<u>EDUCATION AND ENTERPRISE</u>		
Contact Officer(s)/	<u>COLIN PARR</u>		
Ext	<u>0105</u>		
Title/Subject Matter	<u>APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE IN HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES</u>		

Recommendations

The Licensing Committee are recommended to:

- (i) Approve the proposed increases in Hackney Carriage Fares as detailed in Appendix A and authorise the required publishing of a notice in a local newspaper detailing the proposed fare increase and stating a consultation period during which representations regarding the increase can be made.
- (ii) Note that if at the end of the consultation period there are no objections to the proposed fare increase, implementation of the proposed increases will occur.
- (iii) Agree to receive a further report if at the end of the consultation period there are objections to the proposed fare increase.

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise the Licensing Committee of an application by the Taxi Owners Association (Wolverhampton) Ltd and the Wolverhampton Hackney Carriage Drivers Association for an increase in Hackney Carriage Fares and to seek Committee's approval for the setting of appropriate fares.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 Under the provision of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the fares charged by Hackney Carriage services are determined and set by the Local Authority in which they are licensed to trade. The Local Authority has no legal power to control the fares charged by Private Hire Vehicles.
- 2.2 The current fares have applied since 6 February 2009.
- 2.3 Applications were received from the Taxi Owners Association (Wolverhampton) Ltd and Wolverhampton Hackney Carriage Drivers Association, requesting an increase in Hackney Carriage Fares. A copy of the proposed fares is attached at Appendix A.
- 2.4 A copy of the existing fare table is attached at Appendix B to the report. Following dialogue with the trade employees have sought to make the proposed table of fares clearer and easier to understand. The revised table will also, if approved, be issued to Hackney Carriages in an A4 format so it is more visible to customers.
- 2.5 Shown at Appendix C is a comparison of Wolverhampton's proposed fares with national averages by region.
- 2.6 In accordance with the Act a notice must be published in a local newspaper, stating the proposed fare increase and provide details of the route for representations. The notice must specify a date, which must not be less than 14 days from the date on which the notice is first published by which date any representations regarding the fare increase must be made to the Council.
- 2.7 A copy of the notice must be available at the Council Offices for inspection, free of charge, at all reasonable hours.
- 2.8 Once the consultation period (in this instance 14 days) has expired, if there have been no representations received, or any received have been subsequently withdrawn, then the new fares take effect, either at the end of the consultation period or when the last representation is withdrawn. However, if representations are made and are not withdrawn, then the Councillors must consider the representations and a further report will be presented to the Licensing Committee.

3.0 Financial Implications

- 3.1 The cost of the advertisement in the local newspaper is likely to be in the region of £1000 and there will be a small cost associated with the production of new fare cards. These costs will be met from within existing budgets. [ES/07012013/Q]

4.0 Equal Opportunities Implications

- 4.1 This report has no implications for the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

5.0 Environmental Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from this report.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE

TABLE OF FARES



TARIFF 1 (6.00am - 11.00pm Monday - Saturday)

INITIAL FARE (first ¼ mile) £2.80

Each subsequent mile (charged in 10p increments) £1.60

TARIFF 2 (11.00pm - 6.00am Sunday - Thursday and Bank Holidays
from 11.00pm until 6.00am the following morning)

INITIAL FARE (first ¼ mile) £3.50

Additional miles as Tariff 1 £1.60

TARIFF 3 (11.00pm - 6.00am Friday - Sunday and Bank Holidays
from 11.00pm until 6.00am the following morning)

INITIAL FARE (first ¼ mile) £3.50

Each subsequent mile £2.20

**CHRISTMAS EVE (only from 6pm) CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY,
NEW YEARS EVE AND NEW YEARS DAY**

1 ½ Times Tarrif 1

OTHER

Waiting time (every 30 seconds) £0.10

Soiling charge Up to £40.00

Fares and charges agreed by the Licensing Committee on

2013

HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES

TARIFF 1

Between 6.00 am - 11.00 pm Monday to Saturday

(i)	Mileage	£ p
	Up to an 6/10 th of a mile	3.00
	For each subsequent mile (charged in 10p increments at each 112.82 YDS or 103.16 MTRS or uncompleted part)	1.56
(ii)	Waiting Time	
	For each 30 seconds	0.10

TARIFF 2

After 11.00 pm or before 6.00 am Monday to Thursday, Sundays after 6.00 am and all day Bank Holidays

(i)	Mileage	3.50
	Up to an 6/10 th of a mile	
	For each subsequent mile (charged in 10p increments at each 112.82 YDS or 103.16 MTRS or uncompleted part)	1.56
(ii)	Waiting Time	
	For each 30 seconds	0.10

TARIFF 3

Between 11.00 pm - 6.00 am Friday to Sunday

(i)	Mileage	3.50
	Up to an 6/10 th of a mile	
	For each subsequent mile (charged in 10p increments at each 103.53 YDS or 94.65 MTRS or uncompleted part)	1.70
(ii)	Waiting Time	
	For each 30 seconds	0.10

TARIFF 4

Between 6.00 pm on 31 December and 6.00 am on 2 January 1 ½ Times Tariff 1 Charge

TARIFF 5

Between 6.00 pm on 24 December and 6.00 am on 27 December Double Tariff 1 Charge

Soiling Charge Up to 40.00

Dated: 6 February 2009



NATIONAL AVERAGES BY REGION

TARIFF ONE	
FLAGFALL AVERAGE BY AREA	ONE MILE FARE AVERAGE BY AREA
PROPOSED WOLVERHAMPTON	PROPOSED WOLVERHAMPTON
FARE £2.80	FARE £4.00
EAST ANGLIA £2.93	EAST ANGLIA £3.80
MIDLANDS £2.64	MIDLANDS £3.54
NORTH £2.41	NORTH £3.44
SOUTH £2.86	SOUTH £4.00
SOUTH WEST £2.67	SOUTH WEST £3.91
SCOTLAND £2.62	SCOTLAND £3.38
WALES £2.81	WALES £3.31
TWO MILE FARE AVERAGE BY AREA	FIVE MILE FARE AVERAGE BY AREA
PROPOSED WOLVERHAMPTON	PROPOSED WOLVERHAMPTON
FARE £5.60	FARE £10.40
EAST ANGLIA £5.54	EAST ANGLIA £10.63
MIDLANDS £5.23	MIDLANDS £10.29
NORTH £5.11	NORTH £10.14
SOUTH £5.92	SOUTH £11.69
SOUTH WEST £5.97	SOUTH WEST £12.64
SCOTLAND £5.08	SCOTLAND £10.19
WALES £5.14	WALES £10.59
TEN MILE FARE AVERAGE BY AREA	
PROPOSED WOLVERHAMPTON	
FARE £18.40	
EAST ANGLIA £19.21	
MIDLANDS £18.68	
NORTH £18.55	
SOUTH £21.76	
SOUTH WEST £22.40	
SCOTLAND £18.69	
WALES £19.66	

TARIFF TWO	
FLAGFALL AVERAGE BY AREA	ONE MILE FARE AVERAGE BY AREA
PROPOSED WOLVERHAMPTON	PROPOSED WOLVERHAMPTON
FARE £3.50	FARE £4.70
EAST ANGLIA £3.85	EAST ANGLIA £4.91
MIDLANDS £3.53	MIDLANDS £4.72
NORTH £2.98	NORTH £4.26
SOUTH £3.99	SOUTH £5.55
SOUTH WEST £3.69	SOUTH WEST £5.41
SCOTLAND £3.33	SCOTLAND £4.18
WALES £3.56	WALES £4.19
TWO MILE FARE AVERAGE BY AREA	FIVE MILE FARE AVERAGE BY AREA
PROPOSED WOLVERHAMPTON	PROPOSED WOLVERHAMPTON
FARE £6.30	FARE £11.10
EAST ANGLIA £7.16	EAST ANGLIA £13.84
MIDLANDS £6.96	MIDLANDS £13.63
NORTH £6.41	NORTH £12.79
SOUTH £8.29	SOUTH £16.09
SOUTH WEST £8.09	SOUTH WEST £16.48
SCOTLAND £6.06	SCOTLAND £11.70
WALES £6.55	WALES £13.57
TEN MILE FARE AVERAGE BY AREA	
PROPOSED WOLVERHAMPTON	
FARE £19.10	
EAST ANGLIA £25.00	
MIDLANDS £25.22	
NORTH £23.48	
SOUTH £29.56	
SOUTH WEST £30.46	
SCOTLAND £21.11	
WALES £25.28	