

Licensing Committee

28 November 2018

HACKNEY CARRIAGES – APPLICATION FROM RICHMONDSHIRE TAXI DRIVERS ASSOCIATION FOR AN INCREASE IN TARIFF

Report of the Corporate Director (Strategy and Regulatory)

**All Wards
Key Decision = N**

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of an application by Richmondshire Taxi Drivers Association (the Association) made on 5 November 2018 following a meeting on 30 October 2018 requesting an increase in tariff of 4% from £2.50 to £2.60 for Tariff 1 and from £3.50 to £3.65 for Tariff 2.

2.0 Decisions Sought

- 2.1 The determination of the application made by ‘the Association’ for an increase in Hackney Carriage tariffs.

3.0 Introduction & Background

- 3.1 A request was made via email on 5 November 2018 following a meeting on 30 October 2018 requesting an increase in tariff of 4% from £2.50 to £2.60 for Tariff 1 and from £3.50 to £3.65 for Tariff 2 - Email Request attached as Appendix 2.
- 3.2 The current Tariffs have been in use since July 2015 as per Appendix 3.
- 3.3 All Hackney Carriage Owners and Drivers have been consulted in writing about the application made by ‘the Association’. The letter is shown at Appendix 4. Any representations will be presented at the Licensing Committee meeting.
- 3.4 Should Members be minded to approve the application the Council must publicise its decision and the amended tariff for 14 days and must consider any objections it receives at the next available Licensing Committee meeting.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 That Members determine the application made by ‘the Association’ to increase Hackney Carriage tariffs to £2.50 to £2.60 for Tariff 1 and from £3.50 to £3.65 for Tariff 2.

5.0 Corporate Implications

Scrutiny Consultation	None
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Community Engagement	The public and trade will be consulted on relevant fees by means of a notice published in the local press.
Environment and Sustainability	None
Financial Implications	Appropriate fees and charges
Legal Implications	Failure to properly advertise any increase in tariff would render the decision invalid.
Risk Implications	None
Human Resource Implications	None
Equalities Implications	None
Health and Safety Implications	None

6.0 Further Information

6.1 Background Papers – None

6.2 File Reference – None

6.3 Appendices – Appendix 1 The Current Hackney Carriage Tariff

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PROPOSED TABLE OF FARES:

For all vehicles:

Tariff 1

For journeys with no more than 4 passengers

From 6am until 11pm on any day except Public holidays, Easter Sunday, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

£2.60 First Half Mile or Part thereof
19p Each additional 1/10 mile or part thereof
40p Waiting Time for each two minutes or part thereof

Tariff 2

For journeys with no more than 4 passengers

From 11pm until 6am on any normal day and at any time on Public holidays, Easter Sunday, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

£3.65 First Half Mile or Part thereof
25p Each additional 1/10 mile or part thereof
60p Waiting Time for each two minutes or part thereof

To be added only to vehicles licensed to carry 5 or more passengers:

Tariff 3

For journeys with 5 or more passengers

From 6am until 11pm on any day except Public holidays, Easter Sunday, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

£4.50 First Half Mile or Part thereof
25p Each additional 1/10 mile or part thereof
60p Waiting Time for each two minutes or part thereof

Tariff 4

For journeys with 5 or more passengers

From 11pm until 6am on any normal day and at any time on Public holidays, Easter Sunday, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

£5.50 First Half Mile or Part thereof
30p Each additional 1/10 mile or part thereof
60p Waiting Time for each two minutes or part thereof

Extras:

Soiling Charge

A maximum soiling charge of £60.00 is payable to cover cleaning the vehicle and loss of earnings when a passenger(s) soils a vehicle by whatever means.

Booking Fee

A maximum booking fee of £3 (one way only) is payable provided the amount is agreed with the hirer at the time of booking.

The meter must be engaged for each and every journey, whether the vehicle has been pre-booked or not. The driver cannot charge in excess of this table of fares for any journey within the district of Richmondshire.

If the hiring takes the journey outside the district of Richmondshire, the driver cannot charge any more than this table of fares allows unless a fare has been agreed with the hirer before the commencement of the journey.

These are maximum charges and drivers are permitted to negotiate a fare provided they do not charge any more than the table of fares allows.

