

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- **The Chairman and Members of the Regulatory Panel**

Date of Meeting:- 9th September 2009

Agenda Item No:-

A2

Public	Operational	Delegated: Yes
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Accompanying Comments and Statements	Required	Included
Cumbria Fire Service	No	No
Cumbria Constabulary	No	No
Environmental Services	No	No

Title:- **HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES REVIEW**

Report of:- **LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

Report reference:- **LDS 70/09**

Summary:-

The members are asked to consider a recommendation for no increase in Hackney Carriage fares for the period October 2009 until September 2010. The Panel last considered an application for an increase on the 10th September 2008 which came into effect on the 6th October 2008.

Recommendation:-

Members are requested to approve the recommendation outlined on page 3 of the report.

J A Messenger
Licensing Manager

CITY OF CARLISLE

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HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES REVIEW

1. HISTORY

- 1.1 On the 10th September 2008 The Regulatory Panel approved an increase to the Hackney Carriage tariff of 4.3% based on an average 2 mile journey. This was a larger than normal increase due to a significant increase in the price of fuel since the fare was last reviewed.
- 1.2 It is now the practice for the Licensing Manager to bring a report to the Regulatory Panel each year rather than wait for an application from the trade.

2. LEGISLATION

- 2.1 The local authority's power to set hackney carriage tariffs is contained in Section 65 of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

3. INFLATION

- 3.1 The Council's Financial Services have produced the changes in the RPI to the identified criteria for transport costs since the last increase. These changes have been multiplied by the "weighting" agreed with the taxi associations previously and an overall change of **-1.17%** in transport costs has been identified. **See Appendix 1.**
- 3.2 Inflation overall has fallen by -1.60%.

4. CUMBRIA COMPARISON

- 4.1 The table below shows the cost of a 2 mile journey throughout the County. If the current rate was not changed Carlisle would be ranked 2nd in the County.

District of Cumbria	Charge for 2 Miles £	2 Miles Ranking 1=Highest	Date Reviewed
Allerdale	4.40	5	April 2009
Barrow	4.60	4	April 2008
Carlisle	4.90	2	Oct 2008
Copeland	4.30	6	July 2008
Eden	4.94	1	Aug 2008
South Lakes	4.70	3	May 2008

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider making no change to the current table of fares as set out in the table at **Appendix 2**
- 5.2 If the members decide to make no change to the tariff, next years calculation of the RPI to be based on the change over a two year period, ie July 2008 until June 2010

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Appendix 1

Taxi Indices

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Main Costs Per Year	July 08	June 09	Variance	Weighting	Total
Fuel & Oil	354.70	298.50	-15.84	22.65	-358.88
Insurance	308.10	329.90	7.08	4.58	32.41
Maintenance	327.60	340.80	4.03	6.37	25.67
Labour & Wages			3.70	54.96	203.35
Vehicle Purchasing	97.40	95.10	-2.36	10.51	-24.82
Licensing (Badge, Plate & Taxi Test x 2)	253.00	266.00	5.14	0.94	4.83
			1.74	100.01	-117.44

Average Increase

-1.17 %

Inflation

-1.6 %

Appendix 2

HACKNEY CARRIAGE (MAXIMUM) FARES

MILEAGE

TARIFF ONE

If the distance does not exceed 0.7 mile (Approx. 1126 metres)	£2.30p
For each subsequent 0.1 mile or uncompleted part thereof (Approx. 161 metres)	£0.20p

WAITING TIME

For each period of 51.3 seconds or uncompleted part thereof.	£0.20p
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TARIFF TWO

For hirings commenced between 2300 hours and 0700 hours, and between 1200 hours and 1800 hours on Christmas and New Years Eve.	Plus One Third of Tariff One rate of fare
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TARIFF THREE

All day of Bank and Public Holidays and between 1800 hours and 2400 hours on Christmas and New Years Eve.	Plus One Half of Tariff One rate of fare
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EXTRA CHARGES

For each ADULT (17 yrs & over) in excess of four	£0.50p
For each perambulator or dog conveyed. (Other than Assistance Dog)	£0.10p
For each article of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the carriage.	£0.10p
A charge may be requested if the user soils the vehicle. This will not exceed:-	£35.00p

6th October 2008