

# Report to Regulatory Panel

Agenda  
Item:

**A.1**

Meeting Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014  
Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources  
Key Decision: Not Applicable:  
Within Policy and  
Budget Framework NO  
Public / Private Public

Title: HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES REVIEW  
Report of: Director of Governance  
Report Number: GD.41/14

## **Purpose / Summary:**

The members are asked to consider reviewing the Hackney Carriage Tariff for the period October 2014 until September 2015. The Panel last reviewed the tariff on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2013

## **Recommendations:**

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

## **Tracking**

Executive:	
Overview and Scrutiny:	
Council:	

## CITY OF CARLISLE

To: The Chairman and Members of the Regulatory Panel 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014

### HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES REVIEW

#### 1. HISTORY

- 1.1 On the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2011 The Regulatory Panel reviewed the Hackney Carriage Tariff. The retail price index in relation to transport costs had risen by 5.9% over the last 12mths, mainly because this was at the height of the fuel price rises. With the support of the local Taxi Association the members agreed to raise the taxi tariff by only 3.9%.
- 1.2 On the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2012 the members again reviewed the tariff..As the RPI for transport costs had only risen by a further 0.99% no increase in the tariff was approved.
- 1.3 On the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2013 the tariff was further reviewed. The RPI had barely changed over the last 12mths (0.02%) and the tariff therefore was left unchanged.

#### 2. INFLATION

- 2.1 The Council's Financial Services have produced the changes in the RPI to the identified criteria for transport costs since the last increase (36mths). These changes have been multiplied by the "weighting" agreed with the Taxi Association previously and an overall increase of **2.56%** in transport costs has been identified. The 2 main costs are fuel and labour and although fuel prices have continued to fall, wages have increased for the first time recently. Overall inflation is currently running at 2.5%. See table 4 below.

#### 3 2014-2015 TARIFF

- 3.1 An increase of 15p on the flagfall will achieve an overall increase of **2.83%** on the benchmark 2 mile journey.
- 3.2 Waiting time has not been increased since 2008 and it is recommended that this be increased from the current 20p for 51.3secs (£14.04p per hour) to 25p for 1min (£15 per hour).

#### 4 TABLE OF COSTS

Main Costs Per Year	July 11	July 14	Variance	Weighting	Total
Fuel & Oil	393.10	384.60	-2.16	18.95	-40.97
Insurance	521.70	535.10	2.57	4.95	12.72
Maintenance	375.30	400.70	6.77	9.34	63.18
Labour & Wages			4.10	54.49	223.40
Vehicle Purchasing	98.40	96.80	-1.63	11.05	-17.97
Licensing (Badge, Plate, COC & Taxi Test x 2)	283	318	12.37	1.23	15.17
				100	255.55

Average Increase      2.56%

#### 5 CUMBRIA COMPARISON

- 5.1 If the tariff is increased in line with the recommendation Carlisle would be ranked 4<sup>th</sup> highest of the 6 Cumbrian Councils for the benchmark 2 mile journey.

District of Cumbria	Charge for 2 Miles £	2 Miles Ranking 1=Highest	Date Reviewed
Copeland	5.00	6	Aug 2013
Barrow	5.40	5	Aug 2012
Allerdale	5.80	2	June 2010
Eden	5.50	3	Aug 2011
South Lakes	6.40	1	April 2014
Carlisle proposed	5.45	4	Oct 2014

#### 6 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 That the Tariff One flagfall for the minimum distance of 0.7mile be increased to £2.85p.
- 6.2 That the waiting time be increased to 25p per minute.

## 7 TIMESCALE

- 7.1 If no objections are received, or are subsequently withdrawn by the closing date of the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2014, the new tariff will apply from the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2014.
- 7.2 Any objections will be heard by the Regulatory Panel on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2014 and the tariff shall come into force, with or without modification, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2014.

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**Appendices A Current Table Of Fares  
attached to report:**

**Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:**

### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS:**

**Chief Executive's – N/A**

**Community Engagement – N/A**

**Economic Development – N/A**

**Governance – Included within report**

**Local Environment – N/A**

**Resources – N/A**

## APPENDIX A

### HACKNEY CARRIAGE (MAXIMUM) FARES

#### MILEAGE

##### TARIFF ONE

If the distance does not exceed 0.7 mile **£2.70p**  
(Approx. 1126 metres)

For each subsequent 170yds or **£0.20p**  
uncompleted part thereof (Approx. 155 metres)

##### WAITING TIME

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

##### 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**

##### 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**

#### EXTRA CHARGES

For each **ADULT** (17 yrs & over) in excess of four **£0.50p**

For each perambulator or dog conveyed. **£0.10p**  
(Other than Assistance Dog)

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**

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2011**