

# Report to Regulatory Panel

Agenda  
Item:

**A.1**

Meeting Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
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.62/15

## Purpose / Summary:

The members are asked to consider reviewing the Hackney Carriage Tariff for the period October 2015 until September 2016. The Panel last reviewed the tariff on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2014

## Recommendations:

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

## Tracking

Executive:	-
Overview and Scrutiny:	-
Council:	-

To: **The Chairman and Members of the Regulatory Panel 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

## **HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES REVIEW**

### **1. HISTORY**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2014 the Regulatory Panel reviewed the Hackney Carriage Tariff. The retail price index in relation to transport costs had risen by 2.56% since the last increase. The members agreed to an increase of 15p on the flag fall which equated to an increase of 2.83% on the benchmark 2 mile journey.

### **2. INFLATION**

The Council's Financial Services have produced the changes in the RPI to the identified criteria for transport costs since the last increase (12mths). These changes have been multiplied by the "weighting" agreed with the Taxi Association previously and an overall decrease of -0.30% 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 a second year. See table 4 below. Inflation overall has risen by 1%.

### **3 2015-2016 TARIFF**

In view of the small increase in transport related inflation (1.0%) it is not recommended that an increase to the 2015/2016 tariff is made.

### **4 TABLE OF COSTS**

<b>Main Costs Per Year</b>	<b>July 14</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fuel & Oil	384.60	340.10	-11.57	18.95	-219.21
Insurance	535.10	563.00	5.21	4.95	25.83
Maintenance	400.70	409.10	2.10	9.34	19.57
Labour & Wages			3.20	54.49	174.36
Vehicle Purchasing	96.80	93.70	-3.20	11.05	-35.39
Licensing (Badge, Plate, COC & Taxi Test x 2)	318	330	3.77	1.23	4.63
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**Average**                                **-0.30%**  
**Increase/decrease**  
**RPI Inflation**                        **1.00%**

5        CUMBRIA COMPARISON

If the tariff is left unchanged Carlisle would still be ranked 3<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	Date Reviewed
South Lakeland	6.40	1	April 2014
Eden DC	5.50	2	Aug 2011
Carlisle	5.45	3	Oct 2014
Barrow BC	5.40	4	July 2012
Copeland	5.00	5	Aug 2013
Allerdale	4.85	6	June 2010

6        RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Hackney Carriage tariff for 2015-2016 remains unchanged.

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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 (Approx. 1126 metres)	<b>£2.85p</b>
For each subsequent 170yds or uncompleted part thereof (Approx. 155 metres)	<b>£0.20p</b>

##### WAITING TIME

For each period of one minute or uncompleted part thereof.	<b>£0.25p</b>
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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.	<b>Plus One Third of Tariff One rate of fare</b>
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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.	<b>Plus One Half of Tariff One rate of fare</b>
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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**