

# Report to Regulatory Panel

Agenda  
Item:

**A.1**

Meeting Date: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
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 55/17

## Purpose / Summary:

The members are asked to consider reviewing the Hackney Carriage Tariff for the period October 2017 until September 2018. The Panel last reviewed the tariff on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2016.

## Recommendations:

Members are requested to approve the recommendation:

That the Tariff One flagfall for the minimum distance of 0.7mile be increased by 15p from £2.85 to £3.00.

## Tracking

Executive:	N/A
Overview and Scrutiny:	N/A
Council:	N/A

## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 The Regulatory Panel reviewed the Hackney Carriage Tariff. The retail price index in relation to transport costs had risen by 1.8% and there was an overall decrease of -1.1% in transport costs identified. Members agreed that the tariff rate should remain unchanged.
- 1.2. The last review of Hackney Carriage fares when Regulatory Panel members agreed to raise the tariff was on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014, when an increase of 15p on the flagfall was agreed which achieved an overall increase of 2.83%. At that time transport costs had increased by 2.56% and RPI inflation was 1.8%.

## 2. CURRENT POSITION

- 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. These changes have been multiplied by the "weighting" agreed with the Taxi Association previously and an overall increase of **3.28%** in transport costs has been identified. The main costs are fuel, labour and insurance. Overall inflation is currently running at **3.6%**.

### TABLE OF COSTS

Costs per year	August 2016	July 2017	Variance	Weighting	Total
Fuel and Oil	319.20	331.50	3.85	18.95	73.00
Insurance	675.50	799.90	18.42	4.95	91.22
Maintenance	414.90	427.60	3.06	9.34	28.58
Labour and Wages			2.30	54.49	125.32
Vehicle Purchasing	90.90	91.40	0.55	11.05	6.08
Licensing	330	341	3.33	1.23	4.09
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**Average Increase 3.28%**

**RPI Inflation 3.6%**

## 3. 2017 – 2018 TARIFF PROPOSAL

- 3.1. It is proposed to increase the flagfall by 15p which will achieve an overall increase of **2.75%** on the benchmark 2 mile journey. The local Taxi Association has been consulted and support this proposal.
- 3.2. If the tariff is increased in line with this proposal Carlisle would be ranked 3rd of the 6 Cumbrian Councils for the benchmark 2 mile journey.

<b>District</b>	<b>Charge for 2 Miles £</b>	<b>2 Miles Ranking</b>	<b>Date Reviewed</b>
South Lakes	6.40	1	April 2014
Allerdale	5.80	2	June 2010
<b>Carlisle proposed</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Oct 2017</b>
Eden	5.50	4	Aug 2011
Barrow	5.40	5	Aug 2012
Copeland	5.00	6	Aug 2013

#### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1. That the Tariff One flagfall for the minimum distance of 0.7mile be increased by 15p from £2.85 to £3.00.

#### **5. CONSULTATION AND TIMESCALE**

- 5.1. Where there has been a determination to change any part of the current fare a Public Notice must be placed in a local newspaper stating the proposed fares or variation of the fare. The consultation period is a minimum of 14 days.
- 5.2. If no objections are received, or are subsequently withdrawn by the closing date of the 22nd of September 2017, the new tariff will apply from the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2017.
- 5.3. Any objections will be heard by the Regulatory Panel on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 and the tariff shall come into force, with or without modification, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2017.

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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**

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS:**

**Community Services -**

**Corporate Support and Resources –**

**Economic Development –**

**Governance and Regulatory Services –**



## APPENDIX A

### HACKNEY CARRIAGE (MAXIMUM) FARES

#### **MILEAGE**

##### TARIFF ONE

If the distance does not exceed 0.7 mile (Approx. 1126 metres)	<b>£3.00p</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**