

Report to Regulatory Panel

Agenda
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Meeting Date: 26th October 2016
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.58/16

Purpose / Summary:

The members are asked to consider reviewing the Hackney Carriage Tariff for the period October 2016 until September 2017. The Panel last reviewed the tariff on the 9th September 2015.

Recommendations:

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

Tracking

Executive:	-
Overview and Scrutiny:	-
Council:	-

HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES REVIEW

1. HISTORY

On the 9th September 2015 the Regulatory Panel reviewed the Hackney Carriage Tariff. The retail price index in relation to transport costs had risen by 1% since the last increase and Members agreed that the tariff rate should remain unchanged. The last increase was in September 2014 when 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 -1.1% 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 1.8%.

3 2016-2017 TARIFF

In view of the decrease in transport related inflation (-1.1%) it is not recommended that an increase to the 2016/2017 tariff is made.

4 TABLE OF COSTS

Main Costs Per Year	August 2015	August 2016	Variance	Weighting	Total
Fuel & Oil	334.20	319.20	-4.49	18.95	-85.03
Insurance	573.20	675.50	17.85	4.95	88.41
Maintenance	409.20	414.90	1.39	9.34	13.00
Labour & Wages			2.20	54.49	119.88
Vehicle Purchasing	93.10	90.90	-2.36	11.05	-26.11
Licensing (Badge, Plate, COC & Taxi Test x 2)	330	330	0.00	1.23	0.00
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Average
Increase/decrease **-1.10%**
RPI Inflation **1.8%**

5 CUMBRIA COMPARISON

If the tariff is left unchanged Carlisle would still be ranked 3th 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 2015
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 2016-2017 remain 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)	£2.85p
For each subsequent 170yds or uncompleted part thereof (Approx. 155 metres)	£0.20p

WAITING TIME

For each period of one minute or uncompleted part thereof.	£0.25p
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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**