

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

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

Date of Meeting:- 25th August 2010

Agenda Item No:-

Public

Operational

Delegated: Yes

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:-

GD 42/10

Summary:-

The members are asked to consider a recommendation for an increase in Hackney Carriage fares for the period October 2010 until September 2011. The Panel last reviewed the tariff on the 9th of September 2009 and decided that there should be no increase.

Recommendation:-

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

J A Messenger

Licensing Manager

CITY OF CARLISLE

To: The Chairman and Members of the Regulatory Panel 25th August 2010

HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES REVIEW

1. HISTORY

- 1.1 On the 9th September 2009 The Regulatory Panel reviewed the Hackney Carriage Tariff. As the retail price index in relation to transport costs had fallen by 1.17% over the last 12mths the members decided that there should be no change to the tariff but that the next review would be based on a two year period to take account of this.
- 1.2 It is now the practice for Licensing 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 increase of **4.64%** in transport costs has been identified. **See Appendix 1.**
- 3.2 Inflation overall has risen by 3.8%.

4. CUMBRIA COMPARISON

- 4.1 If the 20p increase on flagfall is granted, Carlisle would be ranked highest of the 6 Cumbrian Councils on the benchmark 2 mile journey.

| District of Cumbria | Charge for 2 Miles £ | 2 Miles Ranking 1=Highest | Date Reviewed |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Copeland | 4.30 | 6 | July 2008 |
| Barrow | 4.60 | 5 | April 2008 |
| Allerdale | 4.85 | 4 | June 2010 |
| Eden | 4.94 | 3 | Aug 2008 |
| South Lakes | 5.00 | 2 | May 2010 |
| Carlisle | 5.10 | 1 | Oct 2010 |

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider increasing the flagfall by 20p from £2.30 to £2.50 for the first 0.7 of a mile. This would equate to a 4.1% increase on a 2 mile journey. **See Table of Fares Appendix 2**
- 5.2 If the revised tariff were to be accepted then the implementation date, after advertising the changes in the local press, would be as follows
- (a) If no objections are received, or are subsequently withdrawn by the closing date of 10th September 2010, the new tariff will apply from the 6th of October 2010
- (b) Any objections will be heard by the Regulatory Panel on the 13th of October 2010 and the table of fares shall come into force, with or without modification, on the 18th of October 2010.

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APPENDIX 1

Taxi Indices

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| Main Costs Per Year | July 08 | June 10 | Variance | Weighting | Total |
|--|---------|---------|----------|-----------|--------|
| Fuel & Oil | 354.70 | 344.60 | -2.85 | 22.65 | -64.50 |
| Insurance | 308.10 | 434.90 | 41.16 | 4.58 | 188.49 |
| Maintenance | 327.60 | 356.00 | 8.67 | 6.37 | 55.22 |
| Labour & Wages | | | 3.70 | 54.96 | 203.35 |
| Vehicle Purchasing | 97.40 | 104.30 | 7.08 | 10.51 | 74.45 |
| Licensing (Badge, Plate & Taxi Test x 2) | 253.00 | 271.5 | 7.31 | 0.94 | 6.87 |
| | | | 65.07 | 100.01 | 463.90 |

Average Increase 4.64

Inflation 3.8%

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Christmas and New Years Eve.

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 **£0.10p**
the passenger compartment of the carriage.

A charge may be requested if the user soils **£35.00p**
the vehicle. This will not exceed:-

APPENDIX 2

HACKNEY CARRIAGE (MAXIMUM) FARES

MILEAGE

TARIFF ONE

| | |
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| If the distance does not exceed 0.7 mile (Approx. 1126 metres) | £2.50p |
| For each subsequent 0.1 mile or uncompleted part thereof (Approx. 161 metres) | £0.20p |

WAITING TIME

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 2010