

LICENSING COMMITTEE - 20 OCTOBER 2008**PETITION AGAINST MAXIMUM FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES**

Report of the: Community and Planning Services Director

Status: For Decision

Executive Summary: On the 9 September 2008 Members considered a report to increase the hackney carriage maximum fares. On the 30 September 2008 a petition was received consisting of fourteen signatures requesting a change to the maximum fares agreed by Members on the 9 September 2008 for hiring begun between 23:00 and 07:00 (except all Bank & Public Holidays) that the extra charge be £1.50 and not £1.80.

This report supports the Key Aim of safe communities and effective management of Council Resources.

Portfolio Holder Cllr. K. Loney

Head of Service Head of Environmental and Operational Services –
Mr. Richard Wilson

Recommendation: It be RESOLVED that:

Members instructions are requested

AGREED HACKNEY CARRIAGE MAXIMUM FARES (as per committee report from 9 September 2008)

DISTANCE	POUNDS	PENCE
Charge for the first 1,287.2 metres approx (8/10 mile) or part thereof	3	50
Then for each additional 160.9 metres approx (1/10 mile)	0	21
WAITING TIME (STANDARD RATE)		
For each period of 1 minute		35

WAITING TIME (WITH INDICATED EXTRA CHARGES)

APPLIED AS BELOW: for each period of 1 minute	(ii)	50
	(iii)	50
	(iv)	65

EXTRA CHARGES

(i)	Additional Passengers	
	For each person in excess of four persons	25% of prescribed fare
(ii)	For hiring begun between 11pm and 7am (except all Bank & Public Holidays)	£1.80 per fare
(iii)	For hiring on Public & Bank Holidays (other than Christmas & New Year holidays)	£2.00 per fare
(iv)	For hiring on Christmas & New Year Holidays (commencing 6pm on Christmas Eve to 6am 27 December and 6pm New Year's Eve to 6am 2 January)	100% of prescribed fare
(v)	For carriage of pets (other than dogs for registered disabled people)	£3.00 per fare

Background

- 12 On the 30 September 2008 a petition was received consisting of fourteen signatures requesting a change to the maximum fares agreed by Members on the 9 September 2008.
- 13 The petition received from the fourteen signatories' requests that for hiring begun between 23:00 hours and 07:00 hours (except all Bank & Public holidays) the extra charge be £1.50, and not £1.80.
- 14 The eighty pence increase referred to in the petition refers to the Increase for the first 1,287.2 metres approx (8/10 mile) from £3.00 to £3.50, and the Increase for hiring begun between 23:00 and 07:00 from £1.50 to £1.80. Copy of petition shown in Appendix A

Requested change to fare table from petition

- (ii) For hiring begun between 11pm and 7am
(except all Bank & Public Holidays) £1.50 per fare

Key Implications

- 15 The need for the public to make more use of public transport should not be affected by the recommended fare rise which will be the first for nearly three years.

Risk Assessment Statement

- 16 All drivers may not be in agreement to the changes to the maximum fares which may result in further applications.

Sources of Information:

Licensing Committee minutes 23/01/2006

Licensing Committee minutes 09/09/2008

Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1976.

Taxi Licensing Policy

Private Hire & Taxi Monthly Magazine

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