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**APPLICATION TO INCREASE THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF  
FARES (TARIFF) (A410)**

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Meeting: APPEALS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

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Report by: LICENSING MANAGER

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**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To propose an increase in the tariff charged by the council's Hackney Carriage Table of Fares ; this follows a request by representatives from the hackney carriage trade.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 A local authority may fix the fares for Hackney Carriages within its area for time as well as distance under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Part II.

2.2 A local authority has no power to set the fares charged by private hire drivers or operators.

2.3 Hackney fares were last increased in April 2012; this request asks for an increase of around 10%, or 2% per year.

Current Fares	Proposed Fares
Tariff One Between 06.00 – 22.59 daily	Tariff One Between 06.00 – 22.59 daily
First $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 4 Minutes: £2.30	First $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 4 Minutes: £2.55
For each succeeding $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both: £0.23	For each succeeding $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both: £0.26
Tariff Two Between 23.00-05.59 daily, Sundays, Statutory and Bank Holidays excluding Christmas and New year as displayed in tariff 3.	Tariff Two Between 23.00-05.59 daily, Sundays, Statutory and Bank Holidays excluding Christmas and New year as displayed in tariff 3.
First $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 4 Minutes: £2.80	First $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 4 Minutes: £3.08
For each succeeding $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both: £0.28	For each succeeding $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both: £0.31
Tariff Three Between 18.00 on 24 December to 05.59 on 26 December; and 18.00 on 31 Decemner-05.59 on 2 January.	Tariff Three Between 18.00 on 24 December to 05.59 on 26 December; and 18.00 on 31 Decemner-05.59 on 2 January.
First $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 4 Minutes: £3.80	First $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 4 Minutes: £4.18
For each succeeding $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both: £0.38	For each succeeding $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both: £0.42

- 2.4 Should an increase in fares be approved it would be subject to consultation giving a period of 14 days for objections. If any objections are made then the committee will have to consider them at a further meeting. If there were no objections received then the increase in fares would take effect on the date of expiration of the period specified in the notice as advertised.
- 2.5 A proposed New Table of Fares is attached at Appendix A and a chart showing the impact of the fare increase over journeys of 3, 5 and 10 miles is at Appendix B.
- 2.6 The tariff was last increased in 2017, this increase asks for a rise of 10%, or 2% per year. The soiling charge has not been increased since 2008.
- 2.7 If possible, the hackney trade would like the new tariffs to be in place by April 2022.

### **3.0 ATTENDANCE BY APPLICANT**

- 3.1 Mr Chris Brown, who speaks on behalf of the trade, has been invited to attend this meeting in support of the application.

### **4.0 CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING THE APPLICATION**

- 4.1 Trade members may consider that the Council are denying the opportunity to maintain living standards resulting in a deterioration of relationships of the Council and possibility of a legal challenge.
- 4.1 The proposal that has been made is to ensure that licensed Hackney Carriage owners and drivers are able to support their businesses and to maintain vehicles to a roadworthy and acceptable standard but at the same time could result in fewer members of the public being able to afford to travel in a Hackney Carriage and opt for cheaper alternatives.

## **5 RECOMMENDATION.**

5.1 The proposed increase in the hackney tariff is approved.

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