

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

**HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES
PROPOSED INCREASE 2012**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Licensing Committee that the North Lincolnshire Taxi and Private Hire Association has requested an increase to the Table of Fares.
- 1.2 To request that the Committee considers the proposed Table of Fares for Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states that the council may set the table of fares for hackney carriage vehicles.
- 2.2 North Lincolnshire Council has previously determined to set a maximum table of fares. The setting of a maximum table of fares allows drivers to charge less than the fare on the meter should they wish too.
- 2.3 The current Table of Fares was agreed in January 2011, a copy of which is attached to this report as Appendix A.
- 2.4 Periodically, the Council can review the table of fares, or the Hackney Carriage Associations may request an increase.
- 2.5 A request was made by the North Lincolnshire Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Association to increase the Table of Fares. A copy of the proposed Table of Fares is attached to this report as Appendix B.
- 2.6 The proposed table of fares has been compared with the fares charged in neighbouring authorities. The details of this comparison are attached to this report as Appendix C.

- 2.7 Should the proposed table of fares be agreed, then it will be advertised in accordance with statutory requirements. Should there be any objections, then the table of fares will be re-presented to this committee for consideration.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option 1 – To retain the current table of fares.
- 3.2 Option 2 – To approve the proposed table of fares as attached at Appendix B.
- 3.3. Option 3 – To approve an increase to the table of fares other than as determined at Appendix B.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 –. The current table of fares was set in January 2011. Maintaining this as the maximum Table of Fares would not allow for any increase in the cost of living.
- 4.2 Option 2 – The proposed table of fares includes an allowance for an increase in the cost of living, fuel and insurance and VAT.
- 4.3 Option 3 – Increasing the tariff by an alternative amount would result in the need re-calculate the full table of fares.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 New table of fare cards will need to be ordered at a cost of approximately £400. This will be contained within current budgets.

5.2 Staffing

5.2.1 There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

5.3 Property and IT

5.3.1 There are no property or IT implications arising from this report.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

6.1 Statutory

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
Town Police Clauses Act 1847

6.2 Environmental and Other

6.2.1 There are no environmental or other implications arising from this report.

6.3 Section 17 Crime and Disorder

6.3.1 There are no Crime and Disorder implications arising from this report.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation has been carried out with both trade representatives.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the Committee approves the proposed table of fares attached to this report as Appendix B.

8.2 That the table of fares be advertised in accordance with statutory requirements.

8.3 That any objections be reported back to the next Licensing Committee.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report – N/a

North Lincolnshire Council
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976
SECTION 65 and 66

FIXING OF MAXIMUM FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

Notice is hereby given that North Lincolnshire Council intends to vary the rates or fares in accordance with the provisions of section 65 and 66 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The proposals for rates or fares will be as follows: -

Present Tariff One

For journeys commenced after 07:00 hours and before 21:00 hours

First 195 yards (approx. 178 metres) or part thereof	£1.60
Each subsequent 195 yards (approx. 178 metres) or part thereof	£0.20

Present Tariff Two

For journeys commenced after 21:00 hours and before 07:00 hours and from 07:00 hours to 21:00 hours on Sundays, and all public holidays excluding those covered by tariff three.

First 159 yards (approx. 145 metres) or part thereof	£2.40
Each subsequent 160 yards (approx. 146 metres) or part thereof	£0.20

Present Tariff Three

For journeys commenced after 18:00 hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and before 06:00 hours the following morning, and for journeys commenced after 06:00 hours on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day and before 06:00 hours the following morning.

First 125 yards (approx. 114 metres) or part thereof	£2.60
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Additional Charges

Fares for time	£15.00 per hour & pro rata thereof
Waiting time (at any time of day)	£0.50 each 2 minutes or part thereof
Additional passengers in excess of four	£1.00 for each additional passenger
Journeys crossing the Humber Bridge	Twice the current toll
Soiling charges -Where the taxi is soiled by any passenger or animal which necessitates cleaning before the vehicle can be used again for public hire	up to £50.00
Each animal	£0.50 each animal
Charge for payment by Credit Card	Maximum of 10% of the Fare

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Appendix C

Name of Authority	Tariff 1			Tariff 2			Date of Last Increase
	Flag	1 Mile Journey	2 Mile Journey	Flag	1 Mile Journey	2 Mile Journey	
Lincoln	£2.60	£4.00	£5.40	£3.40	£5.20	£7.00	2008
East Lindsey	£3.00	£4.00	£5.60	£4.50	£6.00	£8.40	2011
Selby	£3.50	£3.90	£5.40	£3.70	£4.20	£5.90	2011
North East Lincolnshire	£2.00	£3.80	£5.30	£2.20	£4.40	£6.30	2011
East Riding	£2.20	£3.60	£5.00	£2.40	£4.20	£6.20	2008
Bassetlaw	£3.60	£3.60	£5.35	£3.00	£5.10	£7.55	2011
North Lincolnshire (Proposed Increase)	£1.80	£3.60	£5.40	£2.60	£4.80	£7.00	*2012
Kingston-upon-Hull	£2.20	£3.50	£4.90	£2.20	£3.90	£5.70	2008
West Lindsey	£2.60	£3.50	£5.00	£3.60	£4.80	£6.80	2011
North Lincolnshire (Current)	£1.60	£3.40	£5.20	£2.40	£4.60	£6.80	2011
Doncaster	£2.10	£3.30	£4.80	£2.55	£3.40	£5.10	2008
Local Average	£2.54	£3.47	£4.94	£3.00	£4.38	£6.33	*Proposed Increase
National Average	£2.62	£3.57	£5.34	£3.49	£4.73	£7.06	