Agenda Item No: 9 Meeting: 22 June 2017

# NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

# LICENSING COMMITTEE

## HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES PROPOSED INCREASE 2017

## 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 A request was made by the North Lincolnshire Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Association to increase the Table of Fares. A copy of the request is attached to this report as Appendix A.
- 2.4 The current Table of Fares was agreed in 2012, a copy of which is attached to this report as Appendix B.
- 2.5 A copy of the proposed Table of Fares is attached to this report as Appendix C. Information as to how this compares booth nationally and locally will be available at the meeting.
- 2.6 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 C.
- 3.3. Option 3 To approve an increase to the table of fares other than as determined at Appendix C.

# 4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 –. The current table of fares was set in 2012. 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 There are no financial, staffing, property or IT implications from this report.

# 6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 Not applicable

# 7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

7.1 The request has been made by a representative body of the trade. Full consultation will be carried out in accordance with statutory requirements.

# 8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

# DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

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

APPENDIX A

Proposed Tariff Increase Amended

12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Proposal that the yardage charge remain at £0.20 on all tariffs

It is proposed that the first mile will be charged to customers regardless of whether they complete the first mile or not and that the meter will reflect this by displaying the first mile tariff for the time of day.

Tariff 1 £3.80

Tariff 2 £5.00

Tariff 3 £5.60

The meter would stay on the above start rates until the journey has completed the first mile then increase by the £0.20 increments for the correct tariff yardage.

Proposal that the distance covered be changed as follows

Tariff 1 From 195 yards to 176 yards thus giving each subsequent mile charge of  $\pm 2.00$  an increase of  $\pm 0.20$  on each subsequent mile.

Tariff 2 From 160 yards to 147 yards thus giving each subsequent mile charge of  $\pm 2.40$  an increase of  $\pm 0.20$  on each subsequent mile

Tariff 3 No Proposed increase

Waiting time would be charged at the increased rate of  $\pm 18.00$  per hour. (current rate  $\pm 15.00$ ) Charges for Animals be increased from the current  $\pm 0.50$  to  $\pm 1.00$ 

The proposed changes reflect the fluctuating fuel price, the increase in Insurance premiums and the general increase in wear and tear items and the National minimum wage increases

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## 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 excluding those covered by tariffs two and three.

| First 195 yards (approx. 178 metres) or part thereof           | £1.80 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 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           | £2.60 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 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           | £2.80 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Each subsequent 125 yards (approx. 114 metres) or part thereof | £0.20 |

#### **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 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           |

Please note – There shall be NO CHARGE for assistance, guide or hearing dogs.

# FARES SHOWN APPLY TO JOURNEYS WITHIN THE AREA OF NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

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| First 1759 yards (approx. 1608 metres) or part thereof         | £3.80 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Each subsequent 176 yards (approx. 161 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 1759 yards (approx. 1608 metres) or part thereof         | £5.00 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Each subsequent 146 yards (approx. 134 metres) or part thereof | £0.20 |

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| Each subsequent 125 yards (approx. 114 metres) or part thereof | £0.20 |

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| Additional passengers in excess of four      | £1.00 for each additional passenger  |
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| cleaning before the vehicle can used again   |                                      |
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