

REPORT FOR DECISION

MEETING:	LICENSING & SAFETY PANEL
DATE:	23rd July 2020
SUBJECT:	Request from the Hackney Carriage Drivers Association to request a review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table
REPORT FROM:	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS)
CONTACT OFFICER:	MR M BRIDGE
TYPE OF DECISION:	COUNCIL
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is in the Public Domain.
SUMMARY:	The report relates to a request from the Hackney Carriage Drivers Association to review the Hackney Carriage Fare Table
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	<p>Members are requested to consider:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table and if no objections are received during the review implement the request. • To approve the review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table and if objections are received, a further report will be considered by the Licensing and Safety Panel. • To reject the review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table

IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	There are no specific issues from the report other than potential costs/risks associated with legal appeals.
Statement by Executive Director of Resources and Regulation:	The cost of the licensing function are funded through the fees and charges levied by the Council. There may be additional costs if appeals are lodged with the Magistrates and Crown Courts.
Equality/Diversity implications:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments
Are there any legal implications?	The report is in accordance with the appropriate legislation.
Staffing/ICT/Property:	None
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	Internal Scrutiny Panel

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR:

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Executive Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Scrutiny Committee	Committee	Council	

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows a district Council to fix the rates or fares within the local authority for Hackney Carriage Vehicles by the production of a table of fares.
- 1.2 The Act requires the council to advertise a notice in a local newspaper for 14 days any proposal to change Hackney Carriage fares and the production of a table of fares to allow any objections to be made.
- 1.3 If no objections are received the Table of Fares shall come into effect after the 14 day notice period.

- 1.4 If any objection is received a further date has to be set, not later than 2 months after the first specified date, on which the Table of Fares shall come into force with or without modifications as decided by them after consideration of the objections.

2.0 ISSUES

- 2.1 The Licensing Service have received a request from Hackney Carriage Drivers Association to increase the Hackney Carriage Fare Table within the Borough of Bury. This was last revised in 2008.
- 2.2 The current Fare Table came into operation in 2008 a copy of which is attached at appendix 1. The proposed increases are achieved by reducing the distance travelled / waiting time. The proposed fare table is attached at appendix 2.

3.0 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Members are requested to consider the options
 - To approve the review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table and if no objections are received during the review implement the request.
 - To approve the review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table and if objections are received, a further report will be considered by the Cabinet.
 - To reject the review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table

List of Background Papers:-

Not Applicable

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TABLE OF FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

FARES FOR DISTANCE OR TIME OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH	DAYTIME RATE (except Sundays) (TARIFF 1) 6am to 10pm	NIGHT TIME RATE (TARIFF 2) 10pm to 6am & All day Sunday and Bank Holidays	CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR RATE (TARIFF 3) From 6pm on 24th December to 6am on 27th December & from 6pm on 31st December to 6am on 2nd January
TO HIRE THIS TAXI FOR THE FIRST HALF MILE	£1.90	£2.30	£3.20
FOR THE FIRST 1718 YARDS (approx 1 mile)	£3.10	£3.70	£5.40
FOR EACH approx MILE THEREAFTER	£2.10	£2.50	£3.80
WAITING TIME (Traffic lights etc).	20p (45 seconds)	20p (45 seconds)	30p (68 seconds)
Fare Guide (excluding any waiting time)	Approximate to the appropriate flag fall	Approximate to the appropriate flag fall	Approximate to the appropriate flag fall
1 mile	£3.10	£3.70	£5.40
2 mile	£5.20	£6.20	£9.20
3 mile	£7.30	£8.70	£13.00
4 mile	£9.40	£11.20	£16.80
5 mile	£11.50	£13.70	£20.60
10 mile	£22.00	£26.20	£39.60

- 1. GUIDE DOGS TRAVEL FOR FREE.**
- 2. YOU ARE LIABLE TO A £30 CHARGE IF YOU FOUL THE INSIDE OF THIS TAXI**
- 3. THE ABOVE ARE THE MAXIMUM CHARGES THAT MAY BE MADE.**

In the event of a complaint, please note the taxi licence number on the window signs / licence plates which start with the letter H.

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TO HIRE THIS TAXI FOR THE FIRST 440 yards	£1.90	£2.30	£3.20
FOR THE FIRST 1760 YARDS (approx 1 mile)	£3.70	£4.50	£6.50
WAITING TIME (Traffic lights etc).	20p (40 seconds)	20p (40 seconds)	30p (60 seconds)
Fare Guide (excluding any waiting time)	Approximate to the appropriate flag fall	Approximate to the appropriate flag fall	Approximate to the appropriate flag fall
1 mile	£3.70	£4.50	£6.50
2 mile	£6.10	£7.30	£10.70
3 mile	£8.50	£10.10	£14.90
4 mile	£10.90	£12.90	£19.10
5 mile	£13.30	£15.70	£23.30
10 mile	£26.60	£31.40	£46.60

- Note 1 Hiring by time: If the Hackney Carriage is hired by time such fare shall be agreed with the hirer at the commencement of the journey.
- Note 2 Journeys ending outside the district: If no rate of fare is agreed before the commencement of the hiring, no fare greater than that indicated on the taximeter and which shall be in accordance with this fare table shall be charged.
- Note 3 Hackney Carriages being used for Private Hire: No Hackney Carriage shall be used under a contract or purported contract for Private Hire Except at a rate not greater than that fixed by this fare table and shall be charges from the point in the district where the hirer commences the journey.
- Note 4 Guide dogs/assistance dogs travel for free.
- Note 5 You are liable to a £40 charge if you foul the inside of this Taxi.
- Note 6 The above are the maximum charges that may be made.

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