

Crawley Borough Council

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Report to the Licensing Committee

2 November 2011

Hackney Carriage Fares, 2011 - 2012

1. Key Points

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to consider proposals for increases to the Hackney Carriage table of fares for 2011 – 2012.
- 1.2. The last increase in the Hackney Carriage fares took place in December 2010 and a copy of the current table of fares is set out at Appendix A.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Committee is requested to consider the following proposal put forward by the Executive of the Crawley Hackney Carriage Association:

- (i) That the starting tariff (for Tariff 1) which is currently £3.40 be increased to £3.60, with the current “running mile being £2.11 (on Tariff 1) and “waiting time being £15.00 per hour (on Tariff 1). The effect equating to an overall rise of 20p per journey regardless of distance.
- (ii) If the Committee decide to accept the proposals, that it grants permission to advertise the above recommendations in the local press and resolve to adopt the table of fares as set out in the Appendices together with any inclusion or exclusion resolved by Members.
- (iii) Following the advertisement, it is recommended that the Committee meet to consider any objection that may be lodged within the specified time period, if no objection is received it is recommended that the Committee resolve to approve the proposals with an implementation date set for 1 December 2011.

ANGELA TANNER
Head of Planning and Environmental Services

3 Background

- 3.1 The Council as Licensing Authority for the Borough of Crawley is the appropriate authority for the purposes of setting Hackney Carriage fares in accordance with Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976,(referred to in this report as "the Act").
- 3.2 It is the Council's informal policy to consult with the relevant trade association when establishing an appropriate 'table of fares' for the forthcoming financial period.
- 3.3 Following consultation with the trade a report is drafted and presented for the consideration of the Licensing Committee.
- 3.4 The report includes the trade's proposals with officer's views and may also propose alternative options.
- 3.5 Following Committee approval based on the information provided, the fare structure for the coming period is published in the form of a public notice on the local press. A statutory period of not less than 14 days is allowed for any objection to be submitted.
- 3.6 A copy of the notice shall at all reasonable times be available to the public for inspection without payment at the Town Hall for a period of 14 days from the date of first publication.
- 3.7 If objections are received, they are reported back to the Licensing Committee for due consideration. The Committee may then decide to proceed with the advertised table of fares or amend it, having taken into account any objection.
- 3.8 If no objection is received, the proposed table of fares takes effect on the date specified by the Committee.
- 3.9 The table of fares set by the Committee will continue in that form until such time as the Committee determine. The Council's standard practice is to review these fares annually.

4 Content

- 4.1 The last increase in the Hackney Carriage fare took place on 1 December 2010. The Hackney Carriage trade requested a 20p increase on the initial flag fare and Committee decided that an increase of 20p on the flag fare would be approved. The current table of fares is shown in Appendix A.
- 4.2 Following consultation with the trade, the Council received a letter dated 5 October 2011 which outlined the trade's proposal (as set out in Appendix B).
- 4.3 The Council may propose an alternative table of fares, however it is felt that the proposals put forward by the trade this year are reasonable and require no further amendment.
- 4.4 The report includes the trade's proposals (Appendix B) and a comparison of charges with that of the neighbouring authorities can also be viewed at (Appendix C). These are based on last year's tariffs and it is not known whether or not our neighbouring authorities are planning an increase for the forthcoming year

5. Ward Members' Views

5.1. The Council on this occasion has not consulted or sought the views of Ward Members as this matter is not ward specific. There is also a formal consultation process, as described above.

6. Staffing, Financial and Legal Implications/Powers

- 6.1. The increase of Hackney Carriage fares is controlled by statute and set independently of the procedure used to set the Council's general fees and charges.
- 6.2. The legislation sets out a statutory period regarding the time allowed for objection. Unlike other sections of the Act which allow for objectors or aggrieved persons to appeal to a magistrates court, Section 65(4) requires all objections to the proposed table of fares to be referred to the licensing authority which made the original decision.
- 6.3 There are no extra staffing or financial implications to the Council.
- 6.4. **Article 1** of the First Protocol of the Human Rights Act 1998 entitles every person to the right to peaceful enjoyment of their possessions, which includes their livelihood or their means of earning it. The impact of a fare tariff may affect a person's livelihood or their means of earning it. In setting a fare tariff the Council must consider the impact on both the public and those whose livelihood may be affected.

7. Risk Implications

7.1 None.

8. Environmental Implications

8.1 None.

9. Links to the Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Plan

9.1 The proposals contained in this report relate to the following key areas of the Sustainable Community Strategy

Community Cohesion	Community Safety	y
Young People and Children	Health and Well Being	
Older People	The Environment	y
The Local Economy	Social Inclusion	y

The following key principles are applicable:-

- (i) Working together y
- (ii) Dignity, respect and opportunities for all y
- (iii) Involving People y
- (iv) Making it last y

The report relates to the following areas in which the Council operates to enhance the town and the quality of life of local people:-

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| (i) | Prosperity | y |
| (ii) | Community | y |
| (iii) | Environment | y |
| (iv) | Value for Money | y |

10. Reasons for the Recommendation

- 10.1. Members of the Hackney Carriage Trade have requested that the Council consider the current fare structure, in the light of the rising cost of inflation.
- 10.2. The procedure for changing the fares requires the Committee to consider the matter and decide a fare structure that they consider to appropriate. This needs to be carried out bearing in mind those affected, namely the Members of the Trade and their customers, the public. The proposed fares are then subject to consultation using an advertisement in the local newspaper, as required by the legislation.
- 10.3 Although the views of the trade are particularly relevant they are only one factor to be considered.
- 10.4 The Committee may also make any changes to the table that it considers reasonable and appropriate.
- 10.5 A decision needs to be made at this meeting, therefore, in order to commence the statutory consultation.

11. Background Papers

- 11.1 Letter from the Crawley Hackney Association dated 5th October 2011. 2010 -2011 Hackney Carriage Fares Tariff Card. Taxi Tariffs from neighbouring authorities.

Contact Officer: Bill Nailen
Direct Line: 01293 438734

CRAWLEY HACKNEY CARRIAGE –FARES

Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Valid from the 1st December 2010

Tariff 1 Applies to all hiring's except those mentioned in tariff 2 & 3	
Initial distance not exceeding 1,608 meters (1,759 yards) or 8 minutes 25 seconds or un-completed part thereof	£3.40
For a distance of 1,609 meters (1,760 yards) or 8 minutes 25 seconds or un-completed part thereof	£3.60
For each subsequent 153 meters (167 yards) or 48 seconds or un-completed part thereof	20p

Tariff 2 Applies to all hirings begun between midnight and 06am including all Bank Holidays, and all hiring's from 18:00hrs to 23:59 hrs on the 24th December and from 18:00hrs on New Years Eve to 23:59 on 1st January	
Initial distance not exceeding 1,608 meters (1,759 yards) 8 minutes or un-completed part thereof	£4.50
For a distance of 1,609 meters (1,760 yards) or 8 minutes or un-completed part thereof	£4.80
For each subsequent 161 meters (176 yards) or 48 seconds or un-completed part thereof	30p

Tariff 3 Applies to all hiring's from 00:01 on the 25th December to midnight on the 26th December	
Initial distance not exceeding 1,608 meters (1,759 yards) or 8 minutes or un-completed part thereof	£6.00
For a distance of 1,609 meters (1,760 yards) or 8 minutes or un-completed part thereof	£6.40
For each subsequent 161 meters (176 yards) or 48 seconds or un-completed part thereof	40p

Extra Charges

A soilage charge of £55 (minimum)

Subject to the licensing capacity of the vehicle, the driver when carrying more than 4 persons may be entitled to charge tariff 2.

When a Hackney Carriage is hired by distance the proprietor or driver shall not be entitled to demand and take a fare greater than that recorded on the face of the taximeter, save for any extra charges authorized by the above table which may not be recorded on the face of such meter. The driver may charge any "road charge or tolls" where applicable (this must be agreed with the customer before hire commences).

Licensing Section 2010/2011

6 Spring Plat,
Pound Hill,
Crawley.
RH10 7BE

5th October 2011

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Licensing Office
Town Hall,
The Boulevard,
Crawley.
RH11 1UZ

For the attention of Bill Nailen.
Licensing Officer.

Dear Bill

At the Annual General Meeting of the Crawley Hackney Association, members voted for the following tariff proposal to be submitted to the licensing committee for their consideration as fare tariff for the year 2011/2012.

Tariff One Initial Hiring (up to 1759 yards) figure to be increased from the current £3.40 to £3.60. Running mile to remain unchanged.

Tariff Two To remain unchanged from current figure.

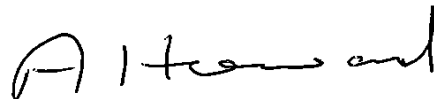
Tariff Three To remain unchanged from current figure.

Waiting Time To remain unchanged from current figure.

We respectfully request that your department present this proposal, on our behalf, to the next Licensing Committee meeting for their consideration.

In expectation that the licensing committee approve this modest proposal we look forward to its implementation as soon as usual formalities can be completed.

Yours Sincerely



Alan Howard
Crawley Hackney Association

Horsham

Effective from 17th November 2008

TABLE OF MAXIMUM FARES

FOR VEHICLES CARRYING 1-4 PERSONS

TARIFF ONE - Effective for hiring begun between 07.00am and 11.29pm	
For the first 1350m or 6min 25 secs or combination of distance & time (or part)	£3.40
For each additional 90m or 20 secs or combination of distance & time (or part)	£0.10
TARIFF TWO - Effective for hiring begun between 11.30pm and 06.59am	
For the first 1350m or 6 min 25 secs or combination of distance & time (or part)	£5.10
For each additional 90m or 20 secs or combination of distance & time (or part)	£0.15
TARIFF THREE - Effective from midnight to midnight on Bank Holidays, Public Holidays, Christmas Day and Good Friday	
For the first 1350m or 6min 25 secs or combination of distance & time (or part)	£6.80
For each additional 90m or 20 secs or combination of distance & time (or part)	£0.20

EFFECTIVE FOR CARRYING 5 - 8 PASSENGERS

TARIFF 4 - Effective for hiring begun between 07.00am and 11.29pm	
For the first 1350m or 6 min 25 secs or combination of distance and time (or part)	£5.10
For each additional 90m or 20 secs or combination of distance and time (or part)	£0.15
TARIFF 5 - Effective for hiring begun between 11.30pm and 06.59am	
For the first 1350m or 6 min 25 secs or combination of distance & time (or part)	£7.65
For each additional 90m or 20 secs or combination of distance and time (or part)	£0.22
TARIFF 6 - Effective for hiring from midnight to midnight on Bank Holidays, Public Holidays, Christmas Day and Good Friday.	
For the first 1350m or 6 min 25 secs or combination of distance & time (or part)	£10.20
For each additional 90m or 20 secs or combination of distance or time (or part)	£0.30

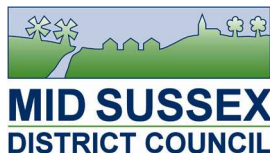
EXTRA CHARGES

Where licensed to carry 1-4 passengers, each passenger in excess of two	£0.10
Where licensed to carry 5-8 passengers, each passenger in excess of six	£0.10
For each box or package carried outside the passenger compartment of the vehicle	£0.10

SOILAGE CHARGE

If this vehicle is damaged or soiled by a passenger the driver or proprietor is entitled to recover all costs of cleaning or repairing such damage or soiling from the passenger/person responsible.

**Please report any comments or complaints to:
The Licensing Officer, Park House, North Street, Horsham, RH12 1RL
Tel: 01403 215471**



MAXIMUM HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

WITH EFFECT FROM 1st April 2011
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 65

Tariff 1

Applies to all hiring's except those mentioned in Tariff's 2 & 3

Initial distance not exceeding 385 metres (422 yards) or a combination of distance and time or part thereof.

£2:80p

For each subsequent 161 metres (176 yards or part thereof)

20p

Waiting Time for each period of 40 seconds

20p

Tariff 2

Applies to all hiring's begun between 12 midnight and 6 a.m. on weekdays and 12 midnight and 8:30 a.m. on Sundays, after 8 p.m. on 24th and 31st December, all day 26th December, Good Friday Easter Sunday and Public and Bank Holidays, and all Sundays which are followed by a Bank Holiday in Lieu.

Initial distance not exceeding 385 metres (422 yards) or a combination of distance and time or part thereof.

£4:20p

For each subsequent 161 metres (176 yards or part thereof)

30p

Waiting Time for each period of 40 seconds

30p

Tariff 3

Applies to all hiring's from 00.01 hours on December 25th to midnight December 25th

Initial distance not exceeding 385 metres (422 yards) or a combination of distance and time or part thereof.

£5:60p

For each subsequent 161 metres (176 yards or part thereof)

40p

Waiting Time for each period of 40 seconds

40p

Additional Charges

Subject to the Licensed capacity of the vehicle, the driver when carrying **5 or more passengers** is entitled to charge

Tariff 2

Soiling charge

£40

Emergency Fuel Surcharge

To be applied to each £5 of indicated metered fare or part thereof **during periods** when pump prices reach

A **£1:40p** to **£1:64p per litre** **25p**

B **£1:65p** to **£1:89p per litre** **40p**

C **£1:90p per litre** **60p**

In the event of a complaint please contact :

The Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Licensing Officer

Mid Sussex District Council, Oaklands, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1SS, Tel. 01444 458166

MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

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HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARESFor journeys within the District of Mole Valley. From 1st September 2008. The Tariff below is the maximum

<u>DISTANCE</u>	
First Mile (1609.34 metres) or part thereof	£3.90
Each subsequent 184 yards (168.25 metres) or part thereof	.20p
<u>WAITING TIME</u>	
Each 42 seconds or part thereof	.20p

Hiring commencing within the following times:	
23:00hrs (11pm) – 07:30am Monday to Saturday	1½ x normal fare
23:00hrs (11pm) Saturday to 07:30am Monday	1½ x normal fare
All Bank Holidays (Except Christmas & New Year)	1½ x normal fare
18:00hrs (6pm) Christmas Eve to Midnight Christmas Day	2 x normal fare
18:00hrs (6pm) New Year's Eve to Midnight New Year's Day	2 x normal fare

<u>EXTRA CHARGES</u>	
Each passenger in excess of two	.30p
Booking Charge for hiring involving a separate journey to pick up hirer	£1.00
THE FARE ON THE METER, WHEN IN USE, MUST BE CLEARLY VISIBLE TO THE PASSENGER AT ALL TIMES	
The table of fares shall not apply to Hackney Carriages hired in pursuance of a written contract with the local education authority for the conveyance of children to and from school.	
N.B. If the journey takes the cab outside the Mole Valley district the driver must still charge in accordance with the above scale unless he/she has agreed otherwise with the hirer BEFORE the journey started.	
THE DRIVER OF THIS VEHICLE IS REQUIRED TO WEAR AN IDENTITY / LICENCE BADGE	
ANY COMPLAINTS should be reported to Mole Valley District Council, Pippbrook, Dorking, Surrey, quoting if possible the Vehicle Plate No. and / or the Driver's name.	

Borough of Reigate & Banstead
HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF
FIXED BY THE COUNCIL

The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall be entitled to demand and take for the hire of the carriage the rate or fare prescribed by the following table, the rate or fare being calculated by distance unless the hirer expresses at the commencement of the hiring his desire to engage by time. Provided always that where a hackney carriage furnished with a taximeter shall be hired by distance the proprietor or driver thereof shall not be entitled to demand and take a fare greater than that recorded on the face of the taximeter, save for any extra charges authorised by the following table which it may not be possible to record on the face of the taximeter.

FARES FOR DISTANCE (including VAT)

All distance and time charges include uncompleted parts thereof

RATE 1	
Hirings between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays (excluding 24 December and 31 December 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.)	
£3.60	for the first 1609.34 metres (one mile)
20p	for each additional 162 yards
20p	waiting time for each period of 39 seconds
RATE 2	
Hirings between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Mondays to Fridays Hirings between 10 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. Monday Hirings begun on Bank Holidays (excluding Christmas Day, Boxing Day) Excluding 10pm.to midnight 24 and 31 December	
£4.50	for the first 1609.34 metres (one mile)
20p	for each additional 130 yards
20p	waiting time for each period of 31 seconds
RATE 3 - Christmas and New Year	
Double of Rate 1 - Hirings between 8p.m. on 24 December and 7a.m. on 27 December and hirings between 8p.m. on 31 December and 7 a.m. on 1 January	
£7.20	for the first 1609.34 metres (one mile)
40p	for each additional 162 yards
40p	waiting time for each period of 39 seconds

EXTRAS

- 20p** For each shopping carrier bag conveyed outside of the passenger compartment of the carriage, subject to maximum charge of 60p per passenger.
- 20p** For each article of luggage (excluding carrier bags) conveyed outside of the passenger compartment of the carriage (no maximum charge)
- 20p** For each person in excess of one (2 children under the age of 10 shall be regarded as one person and children under the age of 3 shall not be reckoned but each must occupy a seat).
- £2.40** Booking charge for a hiring involving a separate journey to pick up hirer.
- £100** Soiling of the carriage leaving it unfit for immediate subsequent hiring unless cleaned.

THIS SCALE OF CHARGES APPLIES ONLY TO JOURNEYS UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE AREA OF THE BOROUGH OF REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

If the taxi is used in the licensed area for a contract of private hire, where the hiring was not arranged with or through the driver while the carriage was plying for hire or waiting, then the above fares or charges may only be calculated from the point in the district at which the hirer commences the journey. If any journey ends outside of the licensed area **and no rate of fare was agreed before the hiring was effected** then the driver may not charge a fare greater than shown in this table.

R N Clifford, Chief Executive

3rd December 2011