

Crawley Borough Council

Licensing Committee

Supplementary Agenda

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NOTE: The Chair has agreed that, although this report and information was not available for at least five clear days before the meeting, there are special circumstances justifying its urgent consideration.



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Replacement to Appendix B of Agenda item 5 – Hackney Carriage Fares 2020-2021 - Proposed Fare Tariff Card

Report of the Head Community Services HCS/19a

1. Explanation

- 1.1 On 28th October 2019, a request was received from the Chairman of the Crawley Hackney Carriage Association (CHCA) to amend the proposed Hackney Carriage Tariff Card as this is not what his members requested. This was after the Vice Chairman had signed off the proposed tariffs as originally published. The Chairman has requested that the original proposal in the report be further revised as follows:
- A 10p per mile increase on Tariff 1
 - No change to the charges relating to Tariffs 2 and 3
 - A new Tariff 4 for Multi-purpose vehicles (MPV's) to be entitled to charge time and a half between 06:00 – 23:59 hours. This was subject to earlier discussion and agreed it would only apply when 5 or more passengers are being transported.
- 1.2 The Licensing Team have explored the Committee Members' request to simplify the tariff card during this year's review. These discussions resulted in a representative from Digitax a current taximeter provider advising such a proposal would not be possible due to technological limitations resulting from the age of some of the taximeters currently in use. The Licensing Team will therefore seek to update the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy to find a remedy by phasing in new taximeters over a graduated time scale to prevent any hardship to currently licensed drivers in an attempt to simplify the fare card at a future point.
- 1.3 In attempting to amend the extant tariff card to enable the changes originally proposed for 2020 (as set out in the original Appendix B to Report HCS/19), Digitax amended the initial flag drop, mileage and waiting times to deal with the 10p increase in tariff 1 in tariff 2 and tariff 3 also. These changes are considered unnecessary due to the subsequent information provided by the CHCA and it is therefore suggested these amendments are removed.
- 1.4 To assist the public's understanding of how the tariffs will apply (if the proposed revisions are approved by the committee) more explanation has been provided within the fare card itself.

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Crawley Hackney Carriage Fares

The table of fares made by the Council under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Valid from

<p>Tariff 1</p> <p>Applies to all hirings except those mentioned in tariffs 2, 3 and 4</p>	
Initial distance not exceeding 183 metres (200 yards) or 61 seconds or un-completed part thereof	£4.10
For the next 1426 metres (1560 yards) or 479 seconds (7 minutes and 39 seconds) or un-completed part thereof	20p
For each subsequent 134 metres (147 yards) or 45 seconds or un-completed part thereof	20p
<p>Tariff 2</p> <p>Applies to all hirings begun between midnight and 06:00 including all Bank Holidays, and all hirings from 18:00 to 23:59 hrs. on the 24th December and from 18:00 on New Year's Eve to 23:59 on 1st January, except any hirings under Tariff 4</p>	
Initial distance not exceeding 183 metres (200 yards) or 54 seconds or un-completed part thereof	£4.80
For the next 1426 metres (1560 yards) or 423 seconds (7 minutes 3 seconds) or un-completed part thereof	30p
For each subsequent 152 metres (166 yards) or 45 seconds or un-completed part thereof	30p
<p>Tariff 3</p> <p>Applies to all hirings all day on 25 and 26 December</p>	
Initial distance not exceeding 183 metres (200 yards) or 52 seconds or un-completed part thereof	£8.00
For the next 1426 metres (1560 yards) or 409 seconds (6 minutes 49 seconds) or un-completed part thereof	40p
For each subsequent 154 metres (168 yards) or 44 seconds or un-completed part thereof	40p
<p>Tariff 4</p> <p>Applies to all hirings between 06:00am and 23:59 where there are 5 or more passengers in the vehicle except on 25 and 26 December (when Tariff 3 will apply)</p>	
Initial distance not exceeding 183 metres (200 yards) or 61 seconds or un-completed part thereof	£6.15
For the next 1426 metres (1560 yards) or 479 seconds (7 minutes 39 seconds) or un-completed part thereof	30p
For each subsequent 134 metres (147 yards) or 45 seconds or un-completed part thereof.	30p
<p><u>Extra Charges</u></p> <p>A soilage charge of £75 (maximum)</p> <p>Where 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).</p>	

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