

Crawley Borough Council

Report to the Licensing Committee

11 November 2019

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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