

## GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE – 10 SEPTEMBER 2010

### HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 To consider a request from Hackney Carriage Proprietors for an increase in the general tariff.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 The Council is empowered to set the maximum fares for hackney carriages pursuant to the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. Whilst these fares only apply to hackney carriage tariff many private hire operators also voluntarily adopt this scale.
- 2.2 To safeguard the general public from overcharging, the Council has for many years considered it prudent to follow this course of action and set a maximum tariff of fares. The policy of this committee is to review the fare tariff every two years and only increase it based on the index figures produced in the Monthly Digest of Statistics, unless exceptional reasons exist.
- 2.3 The last increase to the tariff was implemented on 18 March 2008.

#### 3. Motoring Expenditure

- 3.1 The policy of this Committee is to review the fare tariff a minimum of every two years when requested by the New Forest Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Owners' Association. Any increase in the tariff will be based on the intervening rate of inflation taken from the monthly digest of statistics for motoring expenditure.
- 3.2 The Retail Prices Index (RPI) taken from the Government's monthly digest of statistics for motoring expenditure is shown in table 1 below. This uses figures from the last period measured for the purpose of tariff calculation to the latest figures available. The table indicates that during this period there was an overall increase of costs of **23.51%**.

<u>RPI</u>	<b>Sept 07</b>	<b>Dec. 08</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>Changes</b>	<b>%</b>
Vehicle Expenses	188.6	179.7	224.40	(+35.8)	<b>17.92%</b>
Vehicle Purchase	101.8	87.9	104.0	(+2.2)	<b>2.16%</b>
Vehicle Maintenance	311.8	334.1	355.5	(+43.7)	<b>14.01%</b>
Petrol & Oil	276.7	266.7	353.8	(+77.1)	<b>27.86%</b>
Vehicle Tax & Insurance	297.9	310	415.8	(+117.9)	<b>39.57%</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>1176.8</b>	<b>1178.4</b>	<b>1453.5</b>	<b>(+276.7)</b>	<b><u>23.51%</u></b>

#### 4. New Forest Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Owners' Association

- 4.1 The proposal for a tariff increase was discussed at the most recent meeting of the Association held on Monday 12 April. The Association have requested

that the Committee consider a request for a tariff fare increase of 10%. There is no request to increase any of the incidental charges (waiting time, luggage, animal, additional persons or soiling).

4.2 The table below sets out the current charges and several examples of tariff increase changes.

- Tariff A – 10% overall increase as requested by the taxi trade (for further calculation details see Appendix I);
- Tariff B – 20% increase to the initial charge only (see Appendix II);
- Tariff C – 10% increase to the initial charge and 5% increase to the measured distance thereafter (see Appendix III).

OPTIONS	Tariff 1				Tariff 2			
	Flag	1 mile	2 miles	5 miles	Flag	1 mile	2 miles	5 miles
<b>Current</b>	£2.00	£3.20	£5.40	£11.80	£2.50	£4.30	£7.60	£17.20
<b>Tariff A</b>	£2.20	£3.41	£5.76	£12.80	£2.70	£4.52	£8.04	£18.60
<b>Tariff B</b>	£2.40	£3.50	£5.64	£12.04	£3.00	£4.65	£7.85	£17.45
<b>Tariff C</b>	£2.20	£3.37	£5.65	£11.64	£2.70	£4.46	£7.87	£18.09

## 5. Regional Comparison

5.1 Each month the Private Hire & Taxi monthly trade journal publishes a national league table of hackney tariff fares which can be used for comparative purposes. The figures published for March 2010 showing the current fares for neighbouring authorities are shown in table 2 below. The figure for the New Forest shows the current schedule of charges.

Council	TARIFF 1				TARIFF 2			
	Flag-fall	1 mile	2 miles	5 miles	Flag-fall	1 mile	2 miles	5 miles
Salisbury	£2.50	£3.90	£5.70	£11.10	£3.40	£4.90	£7.30	£14.50
Christchurch	£2.40	£3.60	£5.60	£11.20	£3.00	£5.00	£7.50	£15.00
Eastleigh	£2.20	£3.80	£5.50	£10.60	£2.60	£4.80	£7.20	£14.40
Southampton	£2.20	£4.00	£5.40	£9.60	£2.95	£5.20	£6.95	£12.20
East Dorset	£2.10	£3.30	£5.10	£10.50	£2.80	£4.30	£6.80	£13.35
Test Valley	£3.40	£3.40	£4.80	£9.00	£5.10	£5.10	£7.20	£13.50
I.O.W.	£3.00	£3.00	£4.60	£9.00	£6.00	£6.00	£9.20	£18.80
<b>New Forest</b>	<b>£2.00</b>	<b>£3.20</b>	<b>£5.40</b>	<b>£11.80</b>	<b>£2.50</b>	<b>£4.30</b>	<b>£7.60</b>	<b>£17.20</b>
Regional Ave.	£2.71	£3.70	£5.50	£10.91	£3.76	£5.17	£7.67	£15.10
National Ave.	£2.51	£3.40	£5.07	£10.19	£3.34	£4.51	£6.71	£13.30

## 6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Whilst it is acknowledged that situations and requirements differ between districts, comparisons can be a useful indicator of trends.
- 6.2 The last tariff increase was on 18 March 2008.
- 6.3 The RPI for motoring costs indicates that there has been an overall inflation increase of 23.51% during the intervening period.
- 6.4 The Association has asked that the Council consider a 10% increase to the general tariff rates only.

6.5 Before any increase agreed by this Committee is implemented, it must be advertised in a newspaper circulating in the district. Should there be any objections either from members of the public or by taxi traders, those objections will have to be considered at the next meeting of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee.

## **7. Financial Implications**

7.1 The cost of conducting a tariff change exercise on a two year basis is taken into consideration when setting the cost of licences.

## **8. Environmental Implications**

8.1 No environmental considerations directly arise as a result of this report.

## **9. Crime and Disorder Implications**

9.1 No crime and disorder considerations directly arise as a result of this report.

## **10. Equality and Diversity Implications**

10.1 No equality and diversity considerations directly arise as a result of this report.

## **11. Recommendations**

11.1 It is recommended that the Committee considers this report and the request from the New Forest Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Owners' Association for a 10% increase in the general taxi fare tariff and decide whether to:

- a) accept the proposal (tariff option A) as requested;
- b) accept the proposal in a modified form (i.e. tariff options B or C); or
- c) reject the proposal.

### **Further information:**

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### **Background Papers:**

Monthly Digest of Statistics  
Private Hire & Taxi monthly, March 2010

## Taxi Tariffs

	Current Tariff					APPENDIX I - Option A Average of 10% increase					APPENDIX I - Option A				
	Flag Yards	Flag Cost	Next yards	Next Cost		Flag Yards	Flag Cost	Next yards	Next Cost		Flag Yards	Flag Cost	Next yards	Next Cost	
Tariff 1:	850	£ 2.00	165	£ 0.20		850	£ 2.20	150	£ 0.20		850	£ 2.20	150	£ 0.20	
Tariff 2:	850	£ 2.50	165	£ 0.30		850	£ 2.70	150	£ 0.30		850	£ 2.70	150	£ 0.30	
Tariff 3:	850	£ 3.30	165	£ 0.40		850	£ 3.60	150	£ 0.40		850	£ 3.60	150	£ 0.40	

	Current			Proposed				Current			Proposed		
	Yards	Cost	%	Yards	Cost	%		Yards	Cost	%	Yards	Cost	%
Base Yards Per Mile	1760	1760		1760	1760			1760	1760		1760	1760	
First Click (yards)	850	850		850	850			850	850		850	850	
Flagfall (£)	£ 2.00	£ 2.20	10%	£ 2.50	£ 2.70	8%		£ 3.30	£ 3.60	9%	£ 3.30	£ 3.60	9%
Subsequent Clicks (yards)	165	150		165	150			165	150		165	150	
Cost Per Click (£)	£ 0.20	£ 0.20	0%	£ 0.30	£ 0.30	0%		£ 0.40	£ 0.40	0%	£ 0.40	£ 0.40	0%

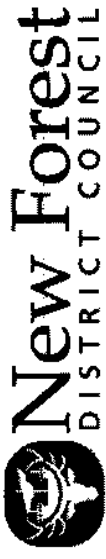
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3 Mile Journey	£7.37	£8.11	10%	£10.55	£11.56	10%	£14.04	£15.41	10%
5 Mile Journey	£11.64	£12.80	10%	£16.95	£18.60	10%	£22.57	£24.80	10%
10 Mile Journey	£22.30	£24.53	10%	£32.95	£36.20	10%	£43.91	£48.27	10%
25 Mile Journey	£54.30	£59.73	10%	£80.95	£89.00	10%	£107.91	£118.67	10%
Waiting time	20p / 50sec	20p / 50sec		30p / 75sec	30p / 75sec		40p / 100sec	40p / 100sec	
Waiting time £ per hour (A)	£14.40	£14.40	0%	£22.50	£22.50	0%	£24.00	£24.00	0%

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850	685	2.20		850	700	£ 2.40	
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520	355	2.60		550	400	£ 2.80	
355	190	2.80		400	250	£ 3.00	
190	25	3.00		250	100	£ 3.20	
25	-140	3.20		100	-50	£ 3.40	

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Each subsequent 150 yards (or 137.16 metres) or part thereof	<b>20p</b>	<b>30p</b>	<b>40p</b>
Waiting time	<b>20p</b> for each 50 seconds	<b>30p</b> for each 75 seconds	<b>40p</b> for each 100 seconds
Equivalent cost of the first mile (or 1609 metres) with no waiting time or extras added	<b>£3.41</b>	<b>£4.52</b>	<b>£6.03</b>

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	Current Tariff					APPENDIX II - Option B 20% increase in Flag Cost only					APPENDIX II - Option B				
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Tariff 1:	850	£ 2.00	165	£ 0.20		850	£ 2.40	165	£ 0.20		850	£ 2.40	165	£ 0.20	
Tariff 2:	850	£ 2.50	165	£ 0.30		850	£ 3.00	165	£ 0.30		850	£ 3.00	165	£ 0.30	
Tariff 3:	850	£ 3.30	165	£ 0.40		850	£ 4.00	165	£ 0.40		850	£ 4.00	165	£ 0.40	

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First Click (yards)	850	850		850	850			850	850		850	850	
Flagfall (£)	£ 2.00	£ 2.40	20%	£ 2.50	£ 3.00	20%		£ 3.30	£ 4.00	21%	£ 3.30	£ 4.00	21%
Subsequent Clicks (yards)	165	165		165	165			165	165		165	165	
Cost Per Click (£)	£ 0.20	£ 0.20	0%	£ 0.30	£ 0.30	0%		£ 0.40	£ 0.40	0%	£ 0.40	£ 0.40	0%

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2 Mile Journey	£5.24	£5.64	8%	£7.35	£7.85	7%	£9.77	£10.47	7%
3 Mile Journey	£7.37	£7.77	5%	£10.55	£11.05	5%	£14.04	£14.74	5%
5 Mile Journey	£11.64	£12.04	3%	£16.95	£17.45	3%	£22.57	£23.27	3%
10 Mile Journey	£22.30	£22.70	2%	£32.95	£33.45	2%	£43.91	£44.61	2%
25 Mile Journey	£54.30	£54.70	1%	£80.95	£81.45	1%	£107.91	£108.61	1%
Waiting time	20p / 50sec	20p / 50sec		30p / 75sec	30p / 75sec		40p / 100sec	40p / 100sec	
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Tariff 3:	850	£ 3.30	165	£ 0.40		850	£ 3.60	155	£ 0.40		850	£ 3.60	155	£ 0.40	

	Current		Proposed			Current		Proposed			Current		Proposed	
Base Yards Per Mile	1760	1760	1760	1760		1760	1760	1760	1760		1760	1760	1760	1760
First Click (yards)	850	850	850	850		850	850	850	850		850	850	850	850
Flagfall (£)	£ 2.00	£ 2.20	10%		£ 2.50	£ 2.70	8%		£ 3.30	£ 3.60	9%		£ 3.30	£ 3.60
Subsequent Clicks (yards)	165	155			165	155			165	155			165	155
Cost Per Click (£)	£ 0.20	£ 0.20	0%		£ 0.30	£ 0.30	0%		£ 0.40	£ 0.40	0%		£ 0.40	£ 0.40

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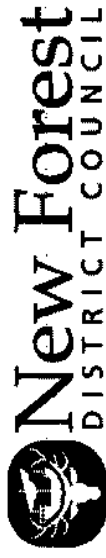
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3 Mile Journey	£7.37	£7.92	7%	£10.55	£11.27	7%	£14.04	£15.03	7%
5 Mile Journey	£11.64	£12.46	7%	£16.95	£18.09	7%	£22.57	£24.12	7%
10 Mile Journey	£22.30	£23.81	7%	£32.95	£35.12	7%	£43.91	£46.83	7%
25 Mile Journey	£54.30	£57.88	7%	£80.95	£86.22	6%	£107.91	£114.95	7%
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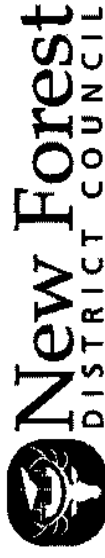


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Equivalent cost of the first mile (or 1609 metres) with no waiting time or extras added	<b>£3.37</b>	<b>£4.46</b>	<b>£5.95</b>

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# Taxi Fares

Maximum charges from xx.xx.2010 (inclusive of VAT where appropriate)



Period applicable	7.00am to 11.00pm	11.00pm to 7.00am and on all Public Holidays with the exception of those covered by Tariff 3	Between 6.00pm on 24 <sup>th</sup> December and 7.00am on 27 December and between 6.00pm on 31 <sup>st</sup> December and 7.00am on 2 January
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