

## **HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TARIFF**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report asks Members to consider an increase in the existing authorised fare tariff submitted by the Hackney Carriage Drivers Association and recommended by the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 At recent meetings of the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee, Members considered proposals from the taxi trade to increase the authorised fare tariff. Three options were considered and Members accepted an option that would give the trade an overall increase of approximately 4%. It was felt that the night rate extra charge, currently implemented at 10.30 pm, should remain at that time, and not be implemented earlier.

### **3 COMPARISONS**

- 3.1 Comparisons of fare tariffs were made with other Local Authorities, together with comparative data of journeys between 1 and 4 miles. The current fare tariff is attached at Appendix 1 and the proposed tariff is attached at Appendix 2.

### **4 THE PROPOSED FARE INCREASE**

- 4.1 The proposed fare change is to increase the starting rate from £1.80 for the first 213.5 yards or 57 seconds to £2.10 for the first 882 yards or 3 minutes 4 seconds.
- 4.2 Then from 20p for each 286 yards or 60 seconds until a fare of £6.70 is shown, increasing to 20p for every 214.52 yards or 45 seconds when a fare of £6.70 is shown.
- 4.3 There was a request from the trade to reduce the charge for the carriage of animals from £1.10 to 40p, this excludes guide dogs and hearing dogs, which are carried free of charge.
- 4.4 Finally for the extra charges to be increased by 10p to 40p for luggage and extra passengers and for the night rate, Sundays and Bank Holidays to be increased to £1.60, while keeping, however, the implementation time of the night rate at 10.30pm.

**5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Staff are required to test all the taximeters once the fare increase is implemented. This can be completed in one day by 4 members of staff. Recent changes to the establishment of the Transportation Team means that there would not be a diminution of service whilst testing takes place.

**6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There is a statutory requirement to advertise the proposed fare increase and invite objections. There may, however, be further implications if objections are received.

**7 IMPLIMENTATION DATE**

- 7.1 If accepted by Members, the new authorised fare tariff would need to be advertised, giving fourteen days for objections. If objections are received they must be considered by the Council. An appropriate implementation date would therefore be Monday, 3 November 2003.

**8 RECOMMENDATION**

- 8.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**
- (1) That the proposed fare increase, as set out at Appendix 2, be approved and advertised.
  - (2) That the new fare tariff be implemented on Monday, 3 November 2003.

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**Background Papers:**

Letters requesting a fare increase from the Hackney Carriage Drivers Association.

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