## 1. SUMMARY

1.1 A request by 127 Hackney Carriage drivers has been received by Warwick District Council (WDC) Licensing Department to increase the current hackney carriage fares and for these fares to be reviewed on an annual basis.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Executive approves the increase of hackney carriage fares as set out in the report and appendix 3.
2.2 That Executive agree an implementation date for the new fare subject to an advertisement of the proposed change and taking into consideration 2.3.
2.3 That Executive agree if representations are received following 2.2, a further report be submitted to Executive after the consultation period to review the representations received.


#### Abstract

2.4 The Executive agree further reports are submitted to Executive every year reviewing hackney carriage fares, taking into consideration the rate of inflation and Consumer Price Index.


## 3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATI ON

3.1 Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows a Licensing Authority to fix the fares and all other charges in connection with the hire of a hackney carriage vehicle in their area. This Authority is therefore responsible for regulating fares in Warwick District.
3.2 Under the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities)(England) Regulations 2000, as amended, this is an Executive function. However, the report has been submitted to Regulatory Committee to enable them to pass comments onto the Executive.
3.3 There is no prescribed timetable in the legislation for revisions of hackney carriage fares, therefore, the fares in WDC were last reviewed in February 2008, with an increase in these fares coming into effect in March 2008. The current fare card is shown as appendix 1.
3.4 Since 2008 the cost of fuel has increased by around $33 \%$ and the cost of insurance has increased by around 67\%. Licence fee's and maintenance costs have also risen since 2008 with drivers paying on average $£ 75$ a year more for their Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licenses.
3.5 Appendix 2 is an extract from Private Hire and Taxi Monthly and shows the cost of a two mile journey throughout Councils within the UK. WDC comes in at 293 of 364 Councils with the fare being $£ 5.00$ and below the national average of $£ 5.56$. The table shows neighbouring District Stratford-On-Avon at 172 and Coventry City Council at 210. Fare cards for Stratford-On-Avon and Coventry City Council are attached as appendices 3 and 4.
3.6 In September 2013 WDC Licensing Department received a request from 127 drivers for the increase of the hackney carriage fares and the inclusion of a further tariff as set out below. WDC currently licence 204 hackney carriage vehicles.
3.7 Tariff 1 is for use by all saloon style vehicles, which carry four or less passengers, and larger vehicles when carrying less than five passengers at other times than in 3.7 and 3.8 below. This is the equivalent to the current WDC hackney carriage fares.

| Distance | Cost |
| :--- | :--- |
| For any Distance up to 1232 yards (1/7 of a mile) | $£ 3.40$ |
| For each Subsequent 176 Yards (1/10 of a mile) | $£ 0.20$ |
| Waiting time for up to every 30 seconds | $£ 0.10$ |

3.8 Tariff 2 is for use by all saloon style vehicles on evenings, Sunday and Bank Holidays. This tariff will also be used when a larger vehicle carries five or more passengers outside of the evening charge and not on Sundays or Bank Holidays. WDC currently have a second tariff which adds $50 \%$ on to the fare shown on evening, Sundays, Bank Holidays and when a suitable vehicle carries 5 or more passengers. However, the evening hours are currently between 23:00 and 05:00.

| Distance | Cost |
| :--- | :--- |
| For any Distance up to 1232 yards (1/7 of a mile) | $£ 5.10$ |
| For each Subsequent 176 Yards (1/10 of a mile) | $£ 0.30$ |
| Waiting time up to every 3 seconds | $£ 0.15$ |

3.9 Tariff 3 is for use by all vehicles at Christmas and New Year and when a larger vehicle carries five or more passengers during the evening hours or on Bank Holidays and Sundays. This is a new tariff which WDC does not currently operate.

| Distance | Cost |
| :--- | :--- |
| For any Distance up to 1232 yards (1/7 of a mile) | $£ 6.80$ |
| For each Subsequent 176 Yards (1/10 of a mile) | $£ 0.40$ |
| Waiting time for up to every 30 seconds | $£ 0.20$ |

* Between 18:00 on 24 December to 06:00 27 December and 18:00 31

December and 06:00 $2^{\text {nd }} J$ anuary.
3.10 The tariffs are set out to allow all vehicles to have a day charge, evening and holiday charge and a charge for larger vehicles which can carry five or more passengers. The table below shows when each tariff would come into effect.

|  | Day | Evening \& Bank Holiday | Christmas and New Year |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4 or less <br> passengers | Tariff 1 | Tariff 2 | Tariff 3 |
| 5 or more <br> passengers | Tariff 2 | Tariff 3 | Tariff 3 |

3.11 Appendix 5 shows various example journeys and the cost increase for passengers using a hackney carriage licenced by WDC.
3.12 Appendix 6 shows the new fare card which would be displayed in every WDC hackney carriage vehicle would replace the existing fare card should the recommendations be accepted.
3.13 During the 14 day consultation period any person may write in with a representation against the fare increase and, should this happen, if agreed, all representations will be presented to the Executive who shall decide whether or not to modify the proposed table of fares. If no objections are received the new fare tariff will commence 14 days from the date of the public notice.
3.14 Appendix 7 shows all paper work submitted by the licensed WDC drivers. A petition signed by the drivers was also submitted and a copy of this will be available at the meeting. Each driver who has signed the petition has been notified of the meeting and invited to attend.

## 4. POLI CY FRAMEWORK

4.1 None

## 5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

5.1 If Executive agree the recommendations within the report the Council have a legal obligation to publish details of the proposed changes in a local newspaper for 14 days at a cost of around $£ 260$.
5.2 All hackney carriage drivers are required to display a current fare card in their vehicle. Therefore there would be a cost of producing the cards and sending them to each owner.
5.3 The cost of the calibration for all taxi meters would be the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle.
6. ALTERNATI VE OPTI ON(S) CONSI DERED
6.1 Executive can take the decision to refuse the recommendations in the report.
6.2 Executive can agree to a fare increase of their choosing subject to an advertisement of the proposed change and representations being presented at the next Executive.

## 7. BACKGROUND

7.1 None.

## CURRENT FARES.

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HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES EFFECTIVE FROM 20th MARCH 2008

| DISTANCE | FOR ANY DISTANCE UP TO ONE MILE <br> FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT 220 YARDS (1/8 OF A MILE) | $\begin{aligned} & £ 3.40^{*} \\ & £ 0.20^{*} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WAITING TIME | FOR EACH PERIOD OF 45 SECONDS OR PART OF 45 SECONDS | E0.10* |
| EXTRAS | SOILING CHARGE | £50.00 |
| BETWEEN 23:00 AND 05:00 AND SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS AND WHEN A SUITABLE VEHICLE CARRIES 5 OR MORE PASSENGERS THE RATES MARKED* IN THE BOXES ABOVE ARE INCREASED BY 50\%. THE ONLY RATES CHARGEABLE AT ANY TIME ARE FLAT RATE OR 50\% EXTRA. |  |  |


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# The full tables and percentages can be found on the Private Hire and Taxi Monthly and National Private Hire Association websites: www.phtm.co.uk www.npha.org.uk 

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## HACKNEY CARRIIAGE FARES IN COVENTRY

1. For journeys commencing and ending within the City of Coventry Unless a lower fare is agreed before the journey starts:

| Day-Time | Night-Time | Holidays |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (6am to 10pm) | (10pm to 6am) | (See below) |
| $£ 2.80$ | $£ 3.60$ | $£ 3.90$ |

or 6 minutes (or part)
Then for every 0.162 Km (Approx. ${ }^{1 / 10}$ mile) 20 p or 48 seconds (or part)

Night-Time
(10pm to 6am) $£ 3.60$

20p

When the speed is below approximately 8 miles per hour only the time charge applies.
Soiling/Cleaning Charge: £40

2. For journeys ending outside the City of Coventry

The law does not permit a taxi driver to charge more than the price shown on the meter (which will be calculated at the rates shown above) unless the journey ends outside the City boundary and you and the driver have agreed a different fare BEFORE the journey commences.

IN CASE OF COMPLAINT - Note the driver's badge number \& taxi number and Telephone 02476832183 or write to the Taxi Licensing Office, Whitley Depot, 259 London Road, Coventry CV3 4AR or email: taxi.licensing@coventry.gov.uk

Example Fare increases to Journeys within Warwick District
Journey from Smack Nightclub to Gibbet Hill, Warwick University at 3am (8miles)

| Current Tariff 2 | Proposed Tariff 2 (Four or less passengers) | Proposed Tariff 3 <br> (Fivet passengers) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| £21.90 | £27.00 | $£ 36.00$ |

Journey from Golf Lane, Whitnash to Warwick Hospital at 11am on a weekday or Saturday (4.5miles)


Journey from Premier Inn, Warwick to Birmingham Airport (16miles)

| Current Tariff 1 | Proposed Tariff 1 | Current Tariff 2 <br> (11pm-5am \& $5+$ | Proposed Tariff 2 ( 10 pm - 6am) | Proposed Tariff 3 (5+) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| £27.40 | $£ 34$ | £41.40 | $£ 51$ | $£ 68$ |



| For the first $7 / 10$ of a mile (1232 yards) | Tariff 1 | Tariff 2 | Tariff 3 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| For each subsequent $1 / 10$ of a mile (176 yards) | $£ 3.40$ | $£ 5.10$ | $£ 6.80$ |
| Waiting Time for up to every 30 seconds | $£ 0.20$ | $£ 0.30$ | $£ 0.40$ |
| Soiling/Cleaning Charge | $£ 0.10$ | $£ 0.15$ | $£ 0.20$ |

\section*{For use on any day except as below

For use on Sundays, Bank Holidays and between the hours of 22:00 and $06: 00$ or when a vehicle carries five or more passengers outside the above hours
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## Tariff 1 <br> Tariff 2 <br> Tariff 3

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# Warwick District Hackney Carriage Owners / Drivers <br> Wednesday $18^{\text {th }}$ September 2013 

## RE: Proposed Taxi Fare Increase 2013

Dear Madam / Sir,

It has been almost 5 years and 6 months since the taxi fares were last reviewed. Since this time the costs of living, fuel prices, insurances, maintenance, VAT, council licence fees and every household bill have significantly increased.

Almost every taxi driver feels the same way and supports this proposal for a taxi fare increase.

Even members of the public who use taxis on a regular basis sympathise with the situation and support the application for a fare rise.

With a lot of consultation and careful consideration we the undersigned Warwick District hackney carriage owners and drivers propose the following attached fare increase proposal.

We urge Warwick District Council to approve this proposal and implement it as soon as possible.

Kind Regards
Undersigned
Warwick District Licenced Hackney Carriage Owners And Drivers.

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## Proposed Fare Increase 2013

The Hackney Carriage owners and drivers of Warwick District Propose a fare increase which is set out below.

The Last Fare Increase was in March 2008.
TARIFF 1

| Distance | For Any Distance up to 7/10 of a mile (1232 yards) <br> For Each Subsequent $1 / 10$ of a mile (176 yards) | £3.40* £0.20* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Waiting Time | For Each Period of 30 seconds or part of 30 seconds | £0.10* |
| Between 22.00 And 06.00 | Soiling Charge |  |
| Between 22.00 And 06:00 And Sundays And Bank Holidays And When A Suitable Vehicle Carries 5 Or More Passengers The Rates Marked * In The Boxes Above Will Be Increased By 50\% (Tariff 2) |  |  |
| When Tariff 2 is Applicable And During This Time A Suitable Vehicle Carries 5 Or More Passengers The Rates Marked * In The Boxes Above Will Be Increased By 100\% (Tariff 3) |  |  |
| Tariff 3 Also Applicable For All During The Following Christmas / New Year Dates: Between 18:00 $24^{\text {th }}$ December And 06:00 $27^{\text {th }}$ December Between 18.00 $31^{\text {st }}$ December And 06:00 2nd January |  |  |

## TARIFF 2

| Distance | For Any Distance up to $7 / 10$ of <br> a mile (1232 yards) <br> For Each Subsequent $1 / 10$ of a <br> mile (176 yards) | $\mathbf{£ 5 . 1 0 ^ { * }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Waiting Time | For Each Period of 30 seconds <br> or part of 30 seconds | $\mathbf{£ 0 . 3 0 ^ { * }}$ |
| Extras | Soiling Charge | $\mathbf{£ 0 . 1 5 *}$ |

TARIFF 3

| Distance | For Any Distance up to 7/10 of <br> a mile (1232 yards) <br> For Each Subsequent $1 / 10$ of a <br> mile (176 yards) | $\mathbf{£ 6 . 8 0 ^ { * }}$ |
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| Waiting Time | For Each Period of 30 seconds <br> or part of 30 seconds | $\mathbf{£ 0 . 4 0 ^ { * }}$ |
| Extras | Soiling Charge | $\mathbf{£ 0 . 2 0 *}$ |

Additionally we request that each year the taxi fares be reviewed by the committee and adjusted accordingly in line with CPI and Inflation.

## Tariff 3 Cost Saving Example

Example based on more than 4 passengers either choosing to hire 2 saloon taxis that can carry upto 4 passengers each or hiring one MPV taxi that can carry up to 8 passengers.

## 2 Saloon Taxis -



1 to $\mathbf{4}$ Passengers $\mathbf{£ 5 . 1 0}$


1 to 4 Passengers - $\mathbf{£ 5} .10$

## ALTERNATIVE -

## 1 MPV Taxi -



5 to 8 Passengers $£ 6.80$
Total $-\mathbf{£ 6 . 8 0}$
Total Customer Saving - $£ 3.40$ within the initial hiring period
Saving after 1 mile would be $£ 4.00$
Saving after $\mathbf{2}$ miles would be $\mathbf{£ 6 . 0 0}$
Saving after $\mathbf{5}$ miles would be $\mathbf{£ 1 2 . 0 0}$

## FARE EXAMPLES

|  | 1 Mile | 2 Miles | 5 Miles | 10 Miles |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Tariff 1 | 3.40 | 5.00 | 9.80 | 17.80 |
| Proposed Tariff 1 | 4.00 | 6.00 | 12.00 | 22.00 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Tariff 2 | 5.10 | 7.50 | 14.70 | 26.70 |
| Proposed Tariff 2 | 6.00 | 9.00 | 18.00 | 33.00 |
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| Proposed Tariff 3 | 8.00 | 12.00 | 24.00 | 44.00 |

