

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

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HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE REVIEWS

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 For Members to consider the consultation proposals for a review of Hackney Carriage fares.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 permits a District Council to fix the fares applicable to Hackney Carriages. The last review of fares was undertaken in 2012 where it was decided that no change to the fares was required.

2.2 The setting of taxi fares is a complex process as the fare itself is normally a combination of four elements. These elements are flag fall, tariff, distance travelled and waiting time.

2.3 In order to assist Members the table below shows a comparison with other local authorities. The trade magazine Private Hire and Taxi Monthly produces comparisons of charges for the country. The table below shows a comparison of fares for a 2 mile distances at tariff 1. A selection of fares have been gathered to enable a comparison to be made. This is made up of all the Nottinghamshire authorities and some of the surrounding Lincolnshire authorities.

Flag Fall and Distance	Area	Cost
Two Mile Fare T1	Lowest in country - Newcastle-Under-Lyme	£4.20
	Ashfield	£4.80
	Mansfield	£4.80
	South Kesteven	£5.30
	Newark and Sherwood	£5.40
	Gedling	£5.50
	North Kesteven	£5.60
	Rushcliffe	£5.60
	Bassetlaw	£5.90
	Broxtowe	£6.00
	Nottingham City	£6.75
	Highest in country - Watford	£8.40

2.0 Points for Consideration

2.2 Informal discussions have taken place with the trade and they have made some suggestions to how they would like to see the fares increased. Officers from the Licensing team have also made some calculations on how various percentage increases would impact on the fares. These options are set out in **Appendix 1**.

3.0 Proposals

3.1 It is proposed to undertake formal consultation with a range of taxi companies and individual drivers to ascertain their opinions on a small number of options to increase the fares. It is proposed that this consultation will last 4 weeks and that following that exercise, undertake a ballot of all drivers as to which method they would like to see introduced.

4.0 Equalities Impacts

4.1 There are no equalities impacts from this report.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that Members are asked to:

- (a) indicate which of the proposed fare review calculations they would wish to consult on; and**
- (b) support the proposed method for carrying out the fare review.**

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