



Ward: N/A

Proposed Hackney Carriage Tariff: Objections

Report by the Executive Head of Housing, Health & Community Safety

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Following proposals from the taxi trade, the Committee set a revised tariff, subject to public consultation, for the hire of hackney carriages.
- 1.2 As required by law, the tariff was advertised for consultation and 2 objections were received.
- 1.3 The Committee are asked, after considering the objection, what tariff to set and, when it should come into effect, though not later than 20 October 2008

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows the Council to set a table of fares by time and/or distance, together with all other charges, in connection with the hire of a hackney carriage.
- 2.2 Any variation needs to be published in at least one local newspaper, setting out the table of fares and allowing at least 14 days for objections to be made.
- 2.3 If no objections are received or if made have been withdrawn, then the table of fares come into force on the date set out in the newspaper notice.
- 2.4 If objections are made, and are not withdrawn, then after consideration of the objections, the table of fares, with or without modification, come into force at a date set by the Council, the date being not later than 2 months after the original date
- 2.5 When considering the tariff structure the Council must take into account the following:-
 - (i) General inflation
 - (ii) The cost of fuel (typical prices in the district are: unleaded petrol 112.7 p/l, diesel 124.4 p/l)
 - (iii) Any increase in Hackney Carriage Fees imposed by the Council
 - (iv) the likely effect on the trade
 - (v) the likely effect on the public
 - (vi) any other matter likely to have an effect on fares.

3.0 Tariff and objection

- 3.1 The proposed tariff accepted by the Committee is shown in annex 1. (min. L/116/08-09).
- 3.2 This was duly advertised.
- 3.3 Two objections to the proposed tariff were made within the time allowed for responses and are shown in annex 2.
- 3.4 The tariff sets out the maximum fees and charges that can be demanded by from the passengers of hackney carriages. It is a criminal offence to demand charges that exceed that shown on the taximeter.
- 3.5 Statute and case law have determined that charges lower than the tariff can be demanded. Consequently it is open to drivers to offer discount from the tariff whether generally or specifically.

4.0 Decision

- 4.1 Section 65(4) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976 sets out the decision process where an objection was received.
- 4.2 It requires, after consideration of the objections, that the committee decide:-
- (i) Whether the table of fares will be modified or not.
 - (ii) The date on which the tariff will apply, being not later than 20 October 2008

5.0 Recommendation

- 5.1 It is recommended that the committee determines:
- (i) Whether the proposed table of fares and charges will be unchanged or modified, and, if the latter, in what way.
 - (ii) The date on which the table will apply, being not later than the 20 October 2008.

Local Government Act 1972 Background Papers:

None

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Schedule of Other Matters

1.0 Council Objective

1.1 Setting of the tariffs will influence the investment in the local transport infrastructure.

2.0 Specific Action Plan

2.1 None

3.0 Sustainability Issues

3.1 Availability of public transport is an issue in private car use.

4.0 Equality Issues

4.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

5.0 Community Safety issues (Section 17)

5.1 Matter considered but no issues identified

6.0 Human Rights Issues

6.1 Matter considered but no issues identified.

7.0 Reputation

7.1 This matter is unlikely to have any significant impact on the Council's reputation

8.0 Consultations

8.1 The trade was consulted at a trade meeting. Any proposals for change would need to be advertised and be subject to objections

9.0 Risk assessment

9.1 Considered and no risks identified.

10.0 Health & Safety Issues

10.1 Matter considered but no issues identified.

11.0 Procurement Strategy

11.1 Not applicable

12.0 Partnership Working

12.1 None. This is applicable only to the Adur District and the factors that effect and pertain to the District.

The Notices



Public Notice

ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
Section 65

NOTICE OF VARIATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

Notice is hereby given that ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL pursuant to powers given by SECTION 65 of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 are proposing to vary the table of maximum fares and other charges to be paid in connection with the hire of hackney carriages operating within the ADUR DISTRICT. If the variation comes into effect the following table of fares will apply:

HACKNEY CARRIAGE MAXIMUM FARES AND DISTANCE TARIFF 1

For the first 549 metres (600 yards) or 2 minutes 44 seconds or
uncompleted part thereof£2.80
For each subsequent 137.16 metres (150 yards) or 41 seconds or
uncompleted part thereof20p

TARIFF 2

For hirings begun between 22.00hrs and 0600hrs on any day, all+£1.00
day Sunday and Bank Holiday including Good Friday (Except where Tariff 3 applies)

TARIFF 3

For hirings begun between 22.00hrs on 24 December to 07.00hrs on 27 December + 100% Extra
of Tariff 1
For hirings begun between 22.00hrs on 31 December to 10.00hrs on 1st January + 100% Extra
of Tariff 1

EXTRA CHARGES

More than four passengers carried in vehicles licensed to carry Relevant Tariff
5-8 passengers +50% of Tariff 1
Soiling or fouling charge£60.00

A copy of this notice has been deposited at the Civic Centre, Ham Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, and may be inspected free of charge during normal office hours for the duration of the objection period.

Any objections to the proposed amendments to the table of fares should be made in writing to the undersigned not later than 14 days after publication, stating the grounds for the objection.

Paul Spedding, Head of Housing Need and Environmental Health,
Adur District Council, Civic Centre,
Ham Road, Shoreham-by-Sea,
West Sussex BN43 6PR

Dated this Fourteenth day of July 2008

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DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNEX 2

To Paul Spedding
Head of Housing and Environmental Health.
Civic Centre
Ham Road
Shoreham by sea.

Name. BALAN LINSER

Plate no. 25

Date. 28 JULY 08

I am a Hackney Carriage driver working within in the Adur district.
I would like to register an objection to the proposed taxi tariff increase.

I feel that in the current economic climate, the proposed increase is too high.
More discussions with the relevant parties are needed before any increase is implemented.

Signed, B. Linsce

Phil Masters

From: franklioneI hill [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 July 2008 20:55
To: Phil Masters

mr Masters

I strongly object to the new fare increase as the fuel prices are slowly coming down
an the trade cannot afford to lose more customers to free bus passes

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Frank Hill

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