



REPORT TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES & LICENSING COMMITTEE

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HEAD OF SERVICE: ENVIRONMENT

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SUBJECT: HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES 09/10

WARDS AFFECTED: All

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek Committee approval of hackney carriage fares for 2009/10.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

a. It is recommended that the proposed fares be approved for 2009/10.

3.0 REASONS SUPPORTING DECISION

3.1 The proposed hackney carriage fares and revised fare structure have been the subject of consultation with the Taxi Working Group.

3.2 There is general agreement with the hackney carriage trade that the fares and fare structure are reasonable and can be accommodated by all types of meters.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The hackney carriage fares are revised every year at the same time as other fees and charges.

4.2 Hackney carriage fares are the fares passengers pay when using hackney carriages representing income to hackney carriage drivers not to the Council and thus have no impact on the Council's budget.

5.0 INTRODUCTION

5.1 This report sets out proposed hackney carriage fares for 2009/10.

6.0 POLICY CONTEXT

6.1 Ryedale District Council has the power under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 section 65 to set the fares for hackney carriages.

7.0 REPORT

7.1 The Council sets a table of hackney carriage fares these are the maximum charges that can be applied and meters are set accordingly.

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7.2 The proposals for next years tariff card seek to change the distances travelled and introduce a new tariff band together with price increases which are summarised below:

- Flagfall distance has been reduced from 1 mile to 0.8 mile.
- 10p increase on 0.9 mile and 10p increase on 1 mile to give an overall 20p increase on the first mile travelled.
- Subsequent mileage for each tenth of a mile or 56 second waiting time increased by 2p.
- Introduction of a new tariff and change tariff 2 for night time rates. It is proposed that tariff 2 is calculated with a 20% increase on tariff 1 and tariff 3 a 50% increase on tariff 1 for Christmas Eve, New Years Eve and all Bank Holidays.
- The call out charge be increased up to a maximum of £10.00 on any one journey, at any time.
- Under the 'Other Charges' for each person in excess of 4 has been changed to in excess of 2.
- Extra charges have been increased from £1.00 to £1.50.

7.3 Annex 1 gives a comparison of the current fares together with the proposed fares for 2009/10.

7.4 Table 1 below summarises the proposed increases:

Distance	Current	Proposed	Increase	%
1 mile	£3.00	£3.20	20p	6%
2 miles	£4.50	£4.90	40p	9%
3 miles	£6.00	£6.60	60p	10%
5 miles	£9.00	£10.00	1.00	11%
10 miles	£16.50	£18.50	2.00	12%

Table 1: Proposed Increase Comparison.

8.0 OPTIONS

8.1 Members have the option to increase the fares in line with these proposals or not.

9.0 RESULT OF OPTION APPRAISAL

9.1 The proposed tariff card for 2009/10 reflects a reasonable change to the fare structure and are considered to be an acceptable rise to be passed on to customers to enable drivers to seek to recover the costs of providing the service.

10.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no financial implications to the Council as the fares set are the maximum charges that hackney carriages may recover from their customers. The meters in the hackney carriage vehicles are tested by the Council to ensure they are set in accordance with the predetermined fare structure.

11.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

11.1 There is a risk of setting fares that are unacceptable to the hackney carriage trade in terms of enabling a reasonable recovery of costs in the running of their business. Likewise the Council must ensure the fares they set are satisfactory to the travelling public. The proposed fares have been determined to mitigate these risks as far as possible.

12.0 SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

12.1 The proposals are sustainable in terms of the application of reasonable hackney carriage fares.

13.0 CONCLUSION

13.1 Hackney carriage fares are reviewed annually to ensure reasonable rates apply to travelling passengers and also that the fares are acceptable to the hackney carriage trade. In consultation with the hackney carriage drivers the fares proposed in this report reflect a suitable tariff card for 2009/10.

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HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

PROPOSED NEW TARIFF CARD 2009/10

TARIFF 1 for hiring between 0600-2300 hours

STANDARD RATE	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
A Change in flag fall from 1 mile to 0.8 mile		
For the first 1408yds (0.8 mile or 1286.4m) or 7 minutes 28 seconds Waiting time or a combination of both	£3.00	£3.00
New distance tariffs added		
For 1584yds (0.9 mile or 1447.2m) or 8 minutes 24 secs waiting time	£3.00	£3.10
For 1760yds (1 mile or 1608m) or 9 minutes 20 secs waiting time	£3.00	£3.20
2p increase for each succeeding 176 yds (1/10 th mile or 160.8m)	15p	17p
2p increase on 56 seconds waiting time	19p	21p

Introduction of a new night time tariff which incorporates a 20% increase on tariff 1 (this is a reduction on previous night time rates which had a 50% increase added)**TARIFF 2 for hiring between 2300-0600hrs**

For the first 1408yds (0.8 mile or 1286.4m) or 7 minutes 28 seconds Waiting time or a combination of both	£4.50	£3.60
For 1584yds (0.9 mile or 1447.2m) or 8 minutes 24 secs waiting time	£4.50	£3.70
For 1760yds (1 mile or 1608m) or 9 minutes 20 secs waiting time	£4.50	£3.80
For each succeeding 176 yds (1/10 th mile or 160.8m)	22p	20p
56 seconds waiting time	28p	25p

This was previously part of tariff 2**TARIFF 3 for hiring Xmas Eve, New Years Eve and all day Bank Holidays (to 6am following day)**

For the first 1408yds (0.8 mile or 1286.4m) or 7 minutes 28 seconds Waiting time or a combination of both	£4.50	£4.50
For 1584yds (0.9 mile or 1447.2m) or 8 minutes 24 secs waiting time	£4.50	£4.65
For 1760yds (1 mile or 1608m) or 9 minutes 20 secs waiting time	£4.50	£4.80
For each succeeding 176 yds (1/10 th mile or 160.8m)	22p	25p
56 seconds waiting time	28p	31p

OTHER CHARGES**Increase to CALL OUT CHARGE**

Maximum to be added to any one journey at any time	£5.00	£10.00
Increase For each person in excess of 2 (previously 4)	£1.00	£1.50
Increase For each item carried e.g. Prams, Cycles, Pets (each item)	£1.00	£1.50
For each item or article of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the carriage (the weight of 50g has been removed)	£1.00	£1.50
SOILAGE CHARGE	£100.00	£100.00