

Policy and Resources Committee 7 November 2011

Change of Hackney Carriage Tariff

Purpose of report

A request has been received from members of the Hackney Carriage Trade for an increase in the tariff.

Attachment(s)

- Appendix 1: Requests for increase in tariff
 - Appendix 2: Consultation letter
 - Appendix 3: Replies to consultation
 - Appendix 4: Table showing replies
 - Appendix 5: Equalities Impact Assessment
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1.0 Request for Hackney Carriage tariff increase

- 1.1 A request has been received from three members of the Hackney Carriage trade that this council consider an increase to the current tariff charged by Hackney Carriages in East Northamptonshire. (see Appendix 1). No reason was supplied for asking for an increase in tariff.
- 1.2 Each request was couched in identical terms and requested that the tariff be increased to:
£2.50 for first half mile then 10 pence for each subsequent 1/14.5 of a mile
The current tariff is £2.30 for first half mile then 10 pence for each subsequent 1.13.5 of a mile.

2.0 Consultation

- 2.1 Letters were sent to each of the 22 Hackney Carriage Proprietors to seek their views on the proposal. (See Appendix 2).
- 2.2 Twelve replies were received by the end of the consultation period. Of these six were in favour of the proposal; three against with three offering alternative suggestions. Of the three against the proposal one suggested waiting until January and then reviewing the tariff. (See Appendix 3)
- 2.3 The three alternative suggestions each suggest a figure of £2.80 for the first half mile with two suggesting no other change. The third suggests that the tariff for each subsequent 1/15 of a mile should be ten pence. (See Appendix 4)

3.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

- 3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken. An increase in tariff would have a neutral impact on all except for those considered to be in the lower socio-economic groups. See Appendix 5.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications

5.0 Staff

- 5.1 There are no staffing implications

6.0 Risk Management

6.1 There are no material risks.

7.0 Corporate Outcomes

7.1 The following corporate outcomes would be delivered

- Effective partnership working
- Strong community leadership
- Knowledge of our customers and communities

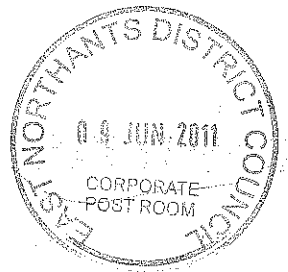
8.0 Consideration

8.1 The requested increase is considered to be reasonable in the light of increased fuel costs. The Committee is asked to consider the application and replies to consultation and then decide to change the tariff.

Legal	Power: Town Police Clauses Act 1847; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976				
	Other considerations:				
Background Papers: None					
Person Originating Report: Tom Morrissey Licensing Enforcement Officer 01832 742241					
Date: 19 October 2011					
CFO		MO		CX	

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APPENDIX 1



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NAME ROBERT WHITE

ADDRESS 37 PRATT RD
RUSHDEN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

NN10 0EQ

COMPANY SELF EMPLOYED

BADGE NO. 49

8-6-2011

To

HEAD OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DEPT

DEAR SIR OR MADAM

I WISH TO FORMALLY
APPLY FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE
INCREASE, AS FOLLOWS

START FARE

UP TO £2.50 FOR UP TO 1/2 MILE (OLD FARE 2.30)

FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT 1/14.5 OF A MILE
10 PENCE (OLD FARE 1/13.5)

ALL OTHER FARES TO STAY THE SAME

YOURS SINCERELY

SIGNED

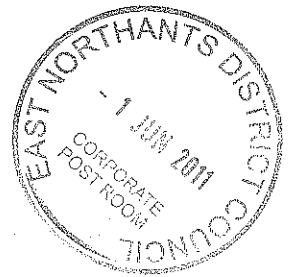
NAME DAVID WILBY

ADDRESS 47 BLINCO ROAD

ROSHDEN
NORTHANTS
UNIODEA

COMPANY SELF EMPLOYED

BADGE NO 18



To

HEAD OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DEPT

DEAR SIR OR MADAM

I WISH TO FORMALLY
APPLY FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE
INCREASE, AS FOLLOWS

START FARE

UP TO £2.50 FOR UP TO $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE (OLD FARE 2.30)

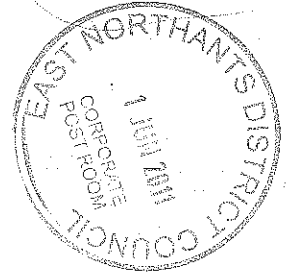
FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT $\frac{1}{14.5}$ OF A MILE
10 PENCE (OLD FARE 1/13.5)

ALL OTHER FARES TO STAY THE SAME

YOURS SINCERELY

SIGNED David Wilby

NAME DAVID WHITE
ADDRESS 41 DINGLE ROAD
RUSHDEN
NORTHANTS
NN10 6RX
COMPANY SELF EMPLOYED
BADGE NO H 17



To

HEAD OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DEPT

DEAR SIR OR MADAM

I WISH TO FORMALLY
APPLY FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE
INCREASE, AS FOLLOWS

START FARE

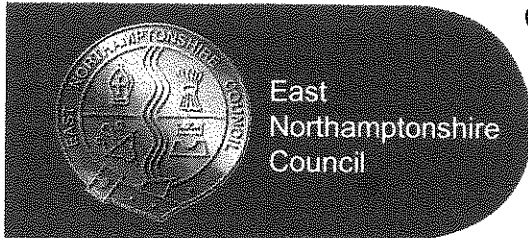
UP TO £2.50 FOR UP TO $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE (OLD FARE 2.30)

FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT $\frac{1}{14-5}$ OF A MILE
10 PENCE (OLD FARE 113.5)

ALL OTHER FARES TO STAY THE SAME

YOURS SINCERELY

SIGNED D. White.



Cedar Drive Thrapston Northamptonshire NN14 4LZ
 Telephone 01832 742000
 Email commhealth@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk
 www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

Mr David White
 41 Dingle Road
 Rushden
 Northamptonshire NN10 6RX

Copy

Please ask for	Direct Dial	Our Ref.	Your Ref.	Date:
Tom Morrissey	(01832) 742241	TM/DPB		29 June 2011
Commercial Health	(01832) 742263			

Dear Mr White

**Appendix 2 Fares for Distance Tariff
 Section 68 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 as amended
 Section 171 Public Health Act 1875
 East Northamptonshire District Council Byelaws**

We have received a request to alter the existing tariff. We would like to know if you are in agreement or not with the proposed change:-

Proposed Tariff:

Start Fare - £2.50 for up to ½ mile (old fare £2.30)
 For each subsequent 1/14.5 of a mile - 10 pence (old fare 10 pence for each 1/13.5)

Please fill in the enclosed form and return it by the 30 July 2011. This will enable a report to be put to Council for consideration.

Yours sincerely


 T Morrissey
 Licensing Enforcement Officer



Proposed New Tariff

Please return to Licensing Administrator, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ

Please tick the relevant box

Accept Proposed Change to tariff

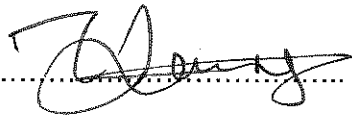
No Change to tariff

Alternative suggestion

Please detail:- 2.80 For 1st 1/2 mile a 20pence
increase is not worth delay due to
increases the council
have incurred.

Name: T. Towne.....

Address: 35 Mumflood Rd
Wellingborough
.....

Signature: .....

Proposed New Tariff

Please return to Licensing Administrator, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ

Please tick the relevant box

Accept Proposed Change to tariff

No Change to tariff

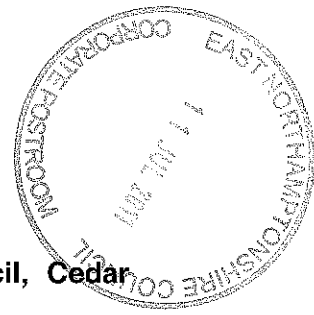
Alternative suggestion

Please detail:- £2.80 for the first 1/2 mile

Name: BARBARA TOMKINS

Address: 35 Muirfield RD
WELLINGBOROUGH
NORTHANTS

Signature [Handwritten Signature]



Proposed New Tariff

Please return to Licensing Administrator, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ

Please tick the relevant box

Accept Proposed Change to tariff

No Change to tariff

Alternative suggestion

Please detail:- £2.80 STARTUP
10P FOR EACH 1/15 OF A MILE

Name: Mr Peck

Address: 11 Lavender Wy
Rushden

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Proposed New Tariff

Please return to Licensing Administrator, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ

Please tick the relevant box

Accept Proposed Change to tariff

No Change to tariff

Alternative suggestion

Please detail:-

Name:

MR. DAVID WHITE

Address:

41 DINGLE RD
RUSHDEN
NORTHANTS NN10 6RX

Signature

D. White



Proposed New Tariff

Please return to Licensing Administrator, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ

Please tick the relevant box

Accept Proposed Change to tariff

No Change to tariff

Alternative suggestion

Please detail:-

Name: MR M.J. FIELD

Address: S PALM ROAD
ROSKEN
NORTHANTS NN106AS

Signature M Field



Proposed New Tariff

Please return to Licensing Administrator, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ

Please tick the relevant box

Accept Proposed Change to tariff

No Change to tariff

Alternative suggestion

Please detail:-

Name: MR ROBERT WHITE

Address: 37 PRATT RD
RUSHDEN

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NN10 0EQ

Signature 



Proposed New Tariff

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Please tick the relevant box

Accept Proposed Change to tariff

No Change to tariff

Alternative suggestion

Please detail:-

Name: L. E. CHUGSTON

Address: 61 PARK AVE

RUSHDEN

NORTHANTS

Signature L. E. Chugston

Proposed New Tariff

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Please tick the relevant box

Accept Proposed Change to tariff

No Change to tariff

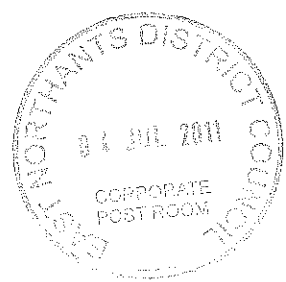
Alternative suggestion

Please detail:-

Name: E. A. CUNNEW (47)

Address: THE ASH, HATCH
LANE, KAYSOW
BGS MK44 2JQ

Signature [Signature]



Proposed New Tariff

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Please tick the relevant box

Accept Proposed Change to tariff

No Change to tariff

Alternative suggestion



Please detail:-

Name: P.R. Baitup P.R. BAITUP

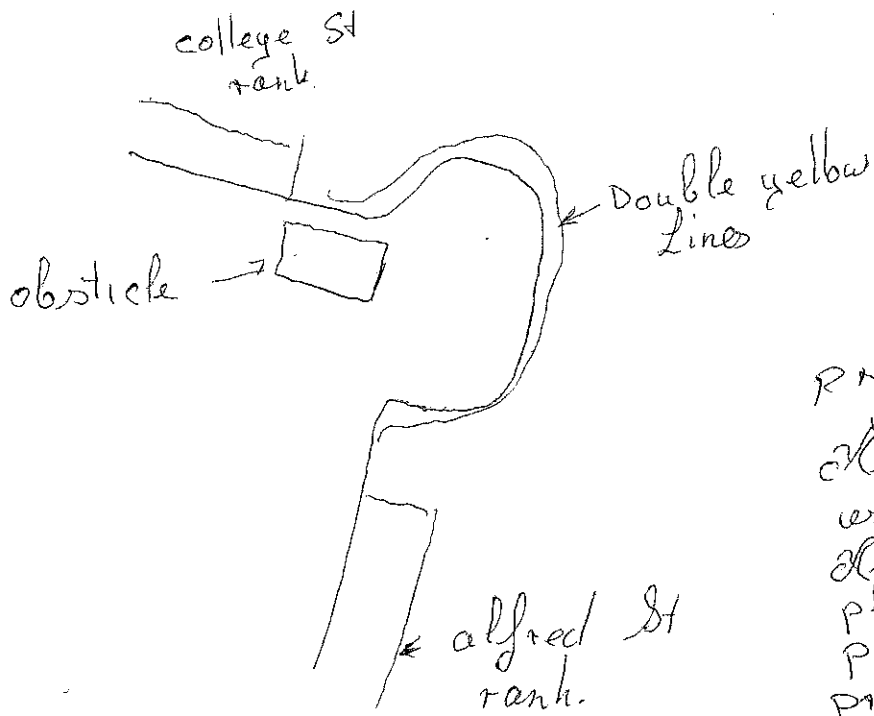
Address: A. Foxwood Close

Rushden

Northampton NN16 6UF

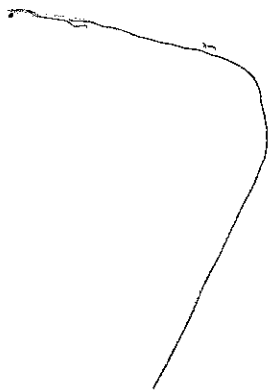
Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Would the committee also consider removing the concrete obstacle which has damaged a number of taxis, mine included and extend the rank at the end of Alfred Street and square off corner. There is a blind spot where drivers can not see beyond the end of the rank in Alfred Street and the beging of the rank in college street n.to for explanation.



present day

also disabled drivers use end of rank in Alfred St for 2 hours plus while they go to play bingo which presents added problems.



proposed rank a normal corner no laybys and no obstacle just continuous rank.

Proposed New Tariff

Please return to Licensing Administrator, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ

Please tick the relevant box

Accept Proposed Change to tariff

No Change to tariff

I own 10 PLATES

Alternative suggestion

Please detail:- WITH THE LOSS OF TRAVEL TOKENS IT WOULD BE WISE TO REVIEW THE TARIFF IN JANUARY 2012

Name: ROBERT BETTS

Address: 145 FERN RD

RUSHDEN

NN10 6AU

Signature



ALCO TAXIS LTD

Proposed New Tariff

Please return to Licensing Administrator, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ

Please tick the relevant box

Accept Proposed Change to tariff

No Change to tariff

Alternative suggestion

Please detail:-

Name: Russell

Address: 107 Bedford Road
 Kibblden

Signature Russell



Proposed New Tariff

Please return to Licensing Administrator, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ

Please tick the relevant box

Accept Proposed Change to tariff

No Change to tariff

Alternative suggestion

Please detail:-

Name: Mr. P. Browning

Address: 242 Wellingborough Rd
Rushden
Northants NN10 9KT

Signature P. Browning



Taxi tariffs

Request from trade: - £2.50 for first 1/2 mile then 10 pence for every 1/14.5 mile

Current tariff: - £2.30 for first 1/2 mile then 10 pence for every 1/13.15 mile

Number agreeing with proposal	Number against proposal	Alternative suggestions	Number of replies	Number consulted
6	3 (I suggest reviewing in January 2012)	£2.80 for first 1/2 mile then 10p for each 1/15 mile x1 2 x £2.80 for first 1/2 mile	12	22



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Appendix 5

EIA Initial Screening Form – Committee decision

1. Decision being taken:	Request to increase the Hackney Carriage Tariff
2. Name and Job title / role of person completing Initial Screening:	Tom Morrissey Licensing Enforcement Officer
3. What is the main purpose of the Service or Policy under discussion?	Increase in Taxi Fares tariff in East Northamptonshire.
4. List the main activities of the Service or Policy under discussion	<p>Provision of Hackney carriage service to public and visitors in East Northamptonshire.</p> <p><u>Background</u> There are 22 Hackney carriage proprietors in the district of whom 6 are in favour of the proposed increase in tariff.</p> <p>The last tariff increase was approximately 3 years ago.</p> <p>The proposed change would mean a 5 mile journey would increase in cost from £8.38 to £9.02.</p> <p>For information on how out prices compare with neighbouring authorities please see Appendix A attached.</p> <p>Earlier this year the County Council became the concessionary travel authority and no longer provides the travel token scheme. There is currently some doubt over the funding for Community transport schemes in the district.</p>

5. Who are the main beneficiaries of the Service or Policy under discussion?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed hackney carriage trade • Residents of East Northamptonshire • Visitors to East Northamptonshire
6. How is the success of the Service or Policy under discussion measured?	Usage of Taxi's monitored by owner/drivers
7. Are equality monitoring systems for the Service or Policy under discussion in place?	None in place

8. Use the following table to indicate using a ✓:

- a) Where you think that the decision being taken could have a positive impact on any of the groups or contribute to promoting equality of opportunity or improving relations within equality groups.
- b) Where you think that the decision being taken could have a negative impact on any of the equality groups i.e. it could disadvantage them.
- c) Where you think that the decision being taken could have a neutral impact on any of the equality group i.e. no impact

Equality Group	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Neutral Impact	Reason
Gender:				
Women/Girls			✓	There is no specific impact on gender.
Men/Boys			✓	
Transgender people			✓	
Sexual Orientation:				
Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals			✓	There is no specific impact on sexual orientation.
Race/Ethnicity:				
White British people			✓	There is no specific impact on race/ethnicity.
White non-British people (including Irish people)			✓	
Asian or Asian British people			✓	
Black or Black British people			✓	
People of mixed heritage			✓	
Chinese people			✓	
Travellers (Gypsy/Roma/Irish heritage)			✓	
People from other ethnic groups			✓	

Equality Group	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Neutral Impact	Reason
People who do not have English as their first language			✓	
Disability:				
Physical impairment, e.g mobility issues which mean using a wheelchair or crutches.			✓	Although people with disabilities are known to be more likely to use taxi services There are many more private hire vehicles available that are accessible and can be used as an alternative.
Sensory impairment, e.g blind/having a serious visual impairment, deaf/having a serious hearing impairment.			✓	
Mental health condition, e.g depression or schizophrenia			✓	
Learning disability/difficulty, e.g. Down's syndrome or dyslexia, or cognitive impairment such as autistic spectrum disorder			✓	
Long-standing illness or health condition, e.g. cancer, HIV. Diabetes, chronic heart disease or epilepsy			✓	
Other health problems or impairments (<i>please specify if appropriate</i>)			✓	
Age:				
Older People (60+)			✓	There are 37 Licensed Hackney Carriages in the district and many more private hire companies to choose from.
Children and Young People (see guidance for definition)			✓	
Religion/Belief:				
Christian			✓	There is no specific impact on race/ethnicity.
Buddhist			✓	
Hindu			✓	
Jewish			✓	

Equality Group	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Neutral Impact	Reason
Muslim			✓	
Sikh			✓	
Other religion (including holding no belief)			✓	
Other Potentially Affected Groups				
Rural Isolation - People who live in rural areas e.g isolated geographically, lack of internet access			✓	Residents and visitors in the North of the district are as likely to hail a taxi operating out of a neighbouring district. E.g Peterborough, Stamford or Corby
Socio-economic Exclusion – e.g. people who are on benefits, have low educational attainment, single parents, people living in poor quality housing, people who have poor access to services, the unemployed or any combination of these and the other protected strands		✓		The availability of private hire vehicles and public transport minimises the negative impact of a tariff increase for Hackney Carriages
Any other potentially affected groups (<i>please specify</i>)			✓	
9. If you have indicated that there is a negative impact on any group:				
a) Is that impact against legislation?				No
b) What is the level of impact?				Low
10. Could you minimise or remove any negative impact that is of low significance?	The availability of private hire vehicles, public transport and the community transport scheme minimises the negative impact of a tariff increase.			

11. Could you improve a positive impact of the decision?	How? N/A
12. If there is no evidence that the decision promotes equality of opportunity or improved relations, could it be adapted so that it does?	How? N/A
Head of Service signature	
Date of Initial Screening:	

Appendix A

Comparison of costs of Hackney carriage tariffs between neighbouring authorities

Position	Council	Tariff 1		
		Flag	1 mile	2 miles
51	Harborough	£3.00	£4.10	£5.86
53	Birmingham	£2.00	£4.00	£5.80
67	Solihull	£2.00	£4.00	£5.80
97	Kettering	£2.20	£3.40	£5.60
102	Northampton	£2.20	£3.80	£5.60
123	Leicester	£2.50	£3.80	£5.20
124	Nuneaton & Bedworth	£2.70	£3.70	£5.30
126	Rushmoor	£2.40	£3.20	£5.20
134	Coventry	£2.80	£3.40	£5.40

143	Milton Keynes	£2.40	£3.80	£5.40
148	Rugby	£2.10	£3.30	£5.00
154	Tamworth	£2.20	£3.60	£5.40
225	Daventry	£1.80	£3.00	£5.00
234	Peterborough	£3.30	£3.30	£5.00
267	Bedford	£3.20	£3.20	£4.80
338	East Northants	£2.20	£2.90	£4.20
349	Wellingborough	£1.80	£2.70	£4.00
371	Corby	£1.70	£2.60	£4.10