

# REPORT ON CREATING A RURAL HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF

## 1 Purpose

- 1.1 To re-consider the request from the Rural Hackney Carriage Association to create a new rural based hackney carriage tariff, following proposed changes.

## 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That, following an objection from the rural hackney trade, and in accordance with section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Licensing committee re-consider the proposed changes to the tariff.
- 2.2 Once agreed, committee authorise the Licensing Manager to advertise the revised tariff in the local newspaper; and if no objections are received the Licensing Manager is authorised to adopt the new tariff for the rural zone; and that the meter be 'calendar controlled'.
- 2.3 That, if any objections are received and not withdrawn, they are reported to this Committee for further consideration.

## 3 Supporting information

- 3.1 Members will recall that the Rural Hackney Carriage Association requested a change to the current tariff and the introduction of a new rural tariff in a report bought to this committee in November 2016
- 3.2 Following discussions with the rural trade, it appeared that both the Rural Hackney trade and the licensing officer had made an error on the initial report stating the start time for the tariff 2 to commence at 11pm. The start time originally requested by the Rural Hackney Carriage Association had been 10pm.
- 3.3 Considering the earlier closing times of rural licensed bars, clubs and restaurants, the reduction of the late night tariff start time to 10pm from 11pm, provides the rural taxis with a longer window with which to earn during unsociable hours.
- 3.4 In Aylesbury town, many licensed premises are open until 2.30am with some licensed until 3 or 3.30. In Buckingham the successful introduction of a limited hours policy means that most late night licensed venues close at 12.30am with one venue open until 01.30 at the latest. This would support the rural trade in reducing the start time for this tariff.
- 3.5 It is not uncommon for a later tariff to start from 8pm and so the reduction to 10pm from 11pm would be appropriate and follows current tariffs set by other authorities such as Oxford or West Berkshire.

- 3.6 Once agreed, these tariffs are calibrated on to the taxi meter, which automatically calculates the fare depending on the journey distance, time of day and other criteria indicated. We requested that the meter would be “calendar controlled” which ensures that the tariff is set within the meter itself and cannot be altered by the driver. This is in line with the Aylesbury town centre based Hackney Carriage vehicles. The Rural Hackney Association have requested that this be changed to a non calendar controlled meter, in order that the date and time can be easily changed by the driver during daylight saving hours.
- 3.7 The proposal to change this was due to the difficulties in obtaining a company locally that could amend the times accordingly, causing undue travel and cost to have this reset twice yearly by each vehicle owner.
- 3.8 A discussion with the Aylesbury Hackney Association, however has demonstrated to this authority that this 6 monthly change is not necessary and that the clocks on meters can be calibrated to take account of these daylight saving times. Further a local company has been found that can provide all meter calibration services. These details will be made available to the Rural Hackney trade if the decision to retain the calendar control is kept.

#### **4 Options considered**

- 4.1 This report has been prepared in response to a request from the Rural Hackney Carriage trade. In order to facilitate their request the authority are required to follow a statutory procedure. There are no other options available.

#### **5 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 5.1 The rise in fare tariffs for the rural Hackney Carriage trade of Aylesbury is at the request of the Rural Hackney Carriage Association, and puts the local trade in line with tariffs across the country and assists with the various changes the trade has committed to.

#### **6 Resource implications**

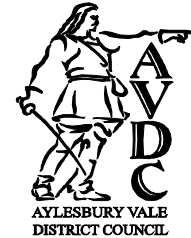
- 6.1 There are financial implications in placing an advert in a local paper. These will be met within the 2016/2017 budget .

#### **7 Response to Key Aims and Outcomes**

- 7.1 The rise in tariffs addresses the key aim for the local economy in that it generates income to support the continued development of the taxi service and further supports the infrastructure for the local economy.

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Background Documents            None

# AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

Aylesbury Vale District Council GIVES NOTICE under Section 65 (2) (a) of the above Act of its decision to Create and Vary the tariff of fares for the Rural Hackney Carriages within the district as detailed.

### Current Hackney Carriage fares

<u>MILEAGE – TARIFF 1</u>	<u>CHARGES</u>
If the distance does not exceed 1 mile for the whole distance	£3.00
If the distance exceeds 1 mile for the first mile	£3.00
Total journey, less than 5 miles For the subsequent 1/13 of the Mile, or uncompleted part thereof	£0.10
Journey over 5 miles For the subsequent 1/16 of the mile, Or uncompleted part thereof	£0.10
<u>WAITING TIME</u>	
For each period of 40 seconds or Uncompleted part thereof	£0.10
<u>EXTRA CHARGES – TARIFF 2</u>	

### Proposed Rural Hackney Carriage fares from April 2017

<u>MILEAGE – TARIFF 1</u>	<u>CHARGES</u>
If the distance does not exceed 1 mile for the whole distance	£3.00
If the distance exceeds 1 mile for the first mile	£3.00
Total journey, less than 5 miles For the subsequent 1/13 of the Mile, or uncompleted part thereof	£0.20
Journey over 5 miles For the subsequent 1/16 of the mile, Or uncompleted part thereof	£0.20
<u>WAITING TIME</u>	
For each period of 40 seconds or Uncompleted part thereof	£0.20
<u>EXTRA CHARGES – TARIFF 2</u>	

For hiring between 11:00pm till 5.30 am  
Monday to Sunday

25% extra for  
total rate of  
fare

For hiring between 10:00pm till 5.30 am  
Monday to Sunday

25% extra for  
total rate of  
fare

**EXTRA CHARGES - TARIFF 3**

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For hiring between 6.00pm 24th December till 5.30am  
27th December and 6.00pm 31st December till 5.30am  
2nd January

50% extra for  
total rate of  
fare

For hiring between 6.00pm 24th December till 5.30am  
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**EXTRA CHARGE**

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(A) For each article of luggage in excess of  
2 conveyed in compartment of carriage

£0.10

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£0.25

(B) For each person in excess of four persons

£1.20

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£1.60

This notice can be inspected at the council's Offices, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP19 8FF. If you wish to object to the proposed fares you should write to the Licensing Manager, Aylesbury Vale District Council, at the address above by the 30th November 2016. Unless there are any outstanding objections, the proposed fares will come into effect on the 1st December 2016.