



**Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
Proposed Increase in the Worthing Hackney Carriage Tariff**

Report by the Director for Communities

1.0 Summary

- 1.1** Members are requested to consider an application received from a representative of the Worthing Hackney Carriage trade for an increase in the Hackney Carriage Tariff.

2.0 Background

- 2.1** Worthing Borough Council has powers under Section 65, of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to set a tariff for Hackney Carriages, (Taxis).

- 2.2** The last increase was authorised in January 2021. A copy of the current Worthing Hackney Carriage tariff structure is attached marked **Appendix A**

- 2.3** The Licensing Unit received a proposed new tariff supported by 22 Hackney Carriage licence holders in March 2022 and rejected by a licence holder who submitted an amended proposal.

- 2.4** Due to the further proposal a further consultation was carried out on the both proposals the results are shown at **Appendix B**

3.0 Proposal

- 3.1** A Worthing Hackney Carriage proprietor has presented a request to the Licensing Unit for an increase to the current Hackney Carriage Tariff **Appendix C**

- 3.2** At the time the consultation was carried out there were 63 Hackney Carriage Vehicles licensed by Worthing Borough Council.

- 3.3** The proposed tariff with the majority votes has been checked and Officers can confirm that the tariff is mathematically consistent and can be programmed into taximeters.

3.4 When considering this application for a new Hackney Carriage tariff the following options are available to the Committee:

- a. Approve the proposed new tariff, as requested and publish the tariff for public consultation
- b. Reject the tariff proposal.

4.0 Legal

4.1 The Council has powers under Section 65, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (“the Act”) to set a tariff for Hackney Carriages (Taxis). It is important that the tariff set is consistent and unambiguous.

4.2 If members are of a mind to provisionally approve the increase the suggested tariff must be advertised in a local paper giving the proposed variation in fares, a copy of the notice must be lodged at the Council offices, available for inspection by the public “at all reasonable hours”, and at least 14 days must be allowed after such publication for any objections.

4.3 If there are no objections, or any objections made are withdrawn, the new tariff may come into effect on a date which is not less than 14 days after the date of publication, or the date of withdrawal of the last objection, whichever is later.

4.4 If there are objections, the Council must consider them unless previously withdrawn. The new tariff, if imposed by members after such consideration, will then come into effect on a date set by the Committee, which is not more than two months after the first specified day.

5.0 Financial implications

5.1 There are no direct financial implications for the Council.

5.2 Members should bear in mind that the vast majority of taxi drivers/proprietors are small sole trader businesses, whose income is indirectly regulated by the Council.

5.3 The tariff set is a maximum tariff, and drivers are not obliged to charge the full amount shown on the meter, in every case.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 Members are requested to determine the request from a member and supported by 20 of the Worthing Hackney Carriage trade for a new Hackney Carriage Tariff Scheme.

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Background Papers:

Appendix A – Current Tariff

Appendix B – Consultation results

Appendix C - New Tariff proposal

Schedule of other Matters

1.0 Council Priority

1.1 Taxi licensing is directly related to public safety issues.

2.0 Specific Action Plans

2.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

3.0 Sustainability Issues

3.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

4.0 Equality Issues

4.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

5.0 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

5.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

6.0 Human Rights Issues

6.1 Applicants have the right to expect applications to be properly and fairly considered.

7.0 Reputation

7.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

8.0 Consultations

8.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

9.0 Risk Assessment

9.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

10.0 Health & Safety Issues

10.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

11.0 Procurement Strategy

11.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

12.0 Partnership Working

12.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.



WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL

WORTHING HACKNEY CARRIAGE –FARES

Changes to the Taxi Tariff.

On 25 January 2021 the Council decided, in accordance with its powers under section 65 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, to increase the tariff charged by Hackney Carriages as detailed below. Any person who has an objection to the new tariff should write to the Taxi Licensing Officer Portland House Richmond Road Worthing BN11 1HS within 14 days of first publication of this notice, and the Council will consider their objections on a date to be notified. If no objections are received the tariff below shall take effect on or thereafter 26 February 2021

**This is a Maximum Charge Tariff & Includes VAT where applicable
with effect on or thereafter 26 February 2021**

<u>Tariff 1:</u> Start rate	£3.00
For each subsequent 88 yards or 18 Seconds	£0.10

**Daytime Rate between 06.00hrs to 23.00hrs for 1- 4 Passengers
To apply at all times except when tariff 2 or 3 applies**

<u>Tariff 2:</u> Start rate	£4.00
For each subsequent 120 yards or 30 Seconds	£0.20

**Night Time Rate 23.00hrs to 06.00hrs for 1- 4 Passengers
Day time Rate between 06.00hrs to 23.00hrs for 5 passengers & above
Bank holidays/Public holidays for 1- 4 passengers
To apply at all times except when tariff 3 or 4 applies**

<u>Tariff 3:</u> Start rate	£6.00
For each subsequent 88 yards or 18 Seconds	£0.20

**Night Time Rate 23.00hrs to 06.00hrs for 5 Passengers and above
Bank holidays/Public holidays for 5 passengers & above
Christmas from 20.00hrs on 24th December to 06.00hrs on 27th December 1- 4
Passengers
New Year from 20.00hrs on 31st December to 06.00hrs on 2nd January for 1- 4
Passengers**

<u>Tariff 4:</u> Start rate	£7.00
For each subsequent 120 yards or 30 Seconds	£0.30

**Christmas from 20.00hrs on 24th December to 06.00hrs on 27th December for 5
Passengers & above
New Year from 20.00hrs on 31st December to 06.00hrs on 2nd January for 5
Passengers & above
Passenger soiling charge shall not exceed £100.00**

**Dated this day 26 February 2021
Head of Public Health and Regulation
Worthing Borough Council**

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Total	8	20	0			

Appendix C

This is a Maximum Charge Tariff & Includes VAT Where applicable

With Effect from

<u>Tariff 1:</u>	Start rate	£3.50
	For each subsequent 76 yards or 16 Seconds	£0.10

-Daytime Rate between 06.00hrs to 23.00hrs for 1-4 Passengers

To apply at all times Except when tariff 2 or 3 applies

<u>Tariff 2:</u>	Start rate	£4.50
	For each subsequent 107 yards or 30 Seconds	£0.20

-Night Time Rate 23.00hrs to 06.00hrs for 1-4 Passengers

-Day time Rate between 06.00hrs to 23.00hrs for 5 passengers & above

-Bank holidays/Public holidays for 1-4 passengers

To apply at all times Except when tariff 3 or 4 applies

<u>Tariff 3:</u>	Start rate	£7.00
	For each subsequent 76 yards or 18 Seconds	£0.20

-Night Time Rate 23.00hrs to 06.00hrs for 5 Passengers and above

-Bank holidays/Public holidays for 5 passengers & Above

-Christmas from 20.00hrs on 24th December to 06.00hrs on 27th December 1-4 Passengers

-New Year From 20.00hrs on 31st December to 06.00hrs on 2st January for 1-4 Passengers

<u>Tariff 4:</u>	Start rate	£8.00
	For each subsequent 88 yards or 30 Seconds	£0.30

Christmas from 20.00hrs on 24th December to 06.00hrs on 27th December for 5 Passengers & above

-New Year From 20.00hrs on 31st December to 06.00hrs on 2st January for 5 Passengers& above