



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE 23 April 2008

Report of the Director of Environmental Services

### PROPOSED INCREASE IN HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider the proposed tariffs submitted and any objections received.
- 1.2 To approve one of the proposals submitted, or
- 1.3 To defer the matter until all parties agree on a single proposal.

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Licensing officers have recently received requests from hackney carriage trade representatives to consider an increase in the hackney carriage tariff, on the basis that it is now over two years since the last tariff increase and the costs of operating hackney carriages continue to rise.
- 2.2 It has been the practice in the past for the whole of the hackney trade to agree a particular revised tariff and for this tariff to be presented to this Committee for consideration by Members.
- 2.3 However, on this occasion, the two hackney trade associations DATOA (Derby Area Taxi Operator's Association) and DHU (Derby Hackney Union) have been unable to agree upon a mutually acceptable solution and each has submitted their own proposals.
- 2.4 Another trade representative (from Derby Cabs, a company operating around 30% of the Council's licensed hackney carriages) has formally requested that members should note their opposition to any increase in the hackney carriage tariff at present.
- 2.5 The proposals and objection are listed at Appendix 2.

<b>For more information contact:</b>	David Dowbenko Tel: 01332 716268 emaildave.dowbenko@derby.gov.uk
<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of Appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 Implications Appendix 2 Proposals and Objection Received

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. None.

**Legal**

2. None

**Personnel**

3. None.

**Equalities impact**

4. Excessive levels of taxi fares could have a negative impact on access to various locations and the quality of life for people on low incomes and people with disabilities.

**Corporate priorities**

5. The proposal supports the corporate priority of **giving excellent services and value for money**.

**Dowbenko, Dave**

**From:** Dowbenko, Dave  
**Sent:** 24 January 2008 13:32  
**To:** 'choudry@shayadmahmood.com'  
**Cc:** 'mohammad saffaf'; Kay, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Fare Increase

Dear Mr Mahmood

Unfortunately, this doesn't agree with what Mr Saffaf is saying - he's contacted us to say

Daytime £1.70 flag, then 10p per mile; but NOT on the first mile.

Night time flag £2.20 and then 10p per mile extra.

Christmas unchanged.

Can you discuss with him please and come back to me.

Regards

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**From:** Shayad [mailto:choudry@shayadmahmood.com]  
**Sent:** 17 January 2008 09:52  
**To:** Dowbenko, Dave  
**Subject:** Proposed Fare Increase

Dear Mr Dowbenko

Following our recent telephone conversation regarding the increase of the hackney tariff I submit the following.

Flag to change from £1.50 to £1.70

first mile and subsequent miles to be increased by 10p

Waiting times and christmas tariff to stay unchanged

This fare scale has been agreed by DATOA and DHU and we would request you to include this in the next Licensing meeting for approval and we would want implementation to be week commencing Monday the 7th of April 2008.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards  
Shayad Mahmood

26/03/2008



### **Derby Hackney Union**

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Dear Mr Dowbenko,

Due to the further increase in fuel prices, the revised fare increases are proposed:

**Day Tariff**

Initial Hiring:	£1.80
1 <sup>st</sup> mile totals:	£3.80
Subsequent mile:	£1.50 per mile
Waiting time:	£0.20p unchanged

**Night Tariff to start at 11 pm**

Initial hiring	£2.30
1 <sup>st</sup> mile totals	£4.30
Subsequent mile	£1.60 per mile
Waiting time:	£0.30p unchanged

Bank Holiday (night tariff applies)

Xmas Tariff unchanged

Fuel prices will be monitored closely for any further increase. May I thank you for your patience and the Trade looks forward to the approval of the proposed fair increases.

Yours Sincerely

Mohammad Saffaf  
(Chairman)

**Riverol, Jamille**

**From:** Riverol, Jamille  
**Sent:** 07 March 2008 13:17  
**To:** Dowbenko, Dave  
**Cc:** 'ian'  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed hackney fare increase

Dave,

Ian Short has emailed me His objection to increase of Hackney fare scale. please see below

Regards

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**From:** ian [<mailto:ian@75taxis.com>]  
**Sent:** 07 March 2008 12:56  
**To:** Riverol, Jamille  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed hackney fare increase

Dear Jamille,

As per my phone call could you please forward my objection to David.

Cheers

Ian,  
[ian@75taxis.com](mailto:ian@75taxis.com)

**From:** ian [<mailto:ian@75taxis.com>]  
**Sent:** 06 March 2008 17:44  
**To:** 'david.dowbenko@derby.gov.uk'  
**Subject:** Proposed hackney fare increase

Dear David,

I am formally tendering our objection to the proposal for a increase to the current hackney fare scales.

If you wish to discuss this further please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cheers

Ian Short

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17/03/2008