



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE 21 December 2005

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

PROPOSED CHANGES TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider the proposed options for a variation of hackney carriage tariff set out in Appendices 3 and 4.
- 1.2 Subject to 1.1, to request the Director of Corporate Services to advertise the variation of the hackney carriage tariff.
- 1.3 To approve the Chair of Licensing, in consultation with representatives from the other political parties, to consider any objections received.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The current hackney carriage fare structure (see Appendix 2) was approved by this Committee in November 2003 and introduced in February 2004.
- 2.2 The Derby Hackney Union (DHU) which represents a number of licensed hackney carriage drivers within the city has proposed a revised set of fares; these are set out in Appendix 3. It is proposed that the new tariff would become effective from February 2006.
- 2.3 Officers held a meeting with hackney carriage trade representatives on 6 December 2005 to discuss the proposed increase. Two alternative fare structures were subsequently submitted on behalf of Derby Cabs (Appendix 4) and the Derby Area Taxi Operators Association (DATOA) (Appendix 5).
- 2.4 Although the three proposals are similar the organisations involved cannot find agreement on a common tariff. The DHU have stated that they are unable to accept the tariffs proposed by DATOA or Derby Cabs because they consider the increases to be excessive. However, DATOA and Derby Cabs believe their proposed tariff increases reflect increased costs to the trade. Representatives of these organisations have stated their intention to attend this meeting and would welcome the opportunity to explain their views to the committee.
- 2.5 Any variation to the hackney carriage tariff must be approved by the Council and then advertised in the local press. When considering the two proposals submitted members may decide to approve either proposal with or without amendment, or reject both proposals.

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Background papers:	None
List of Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Existing Fares and Explanatory Table Appendix3 – Proposed Fares and Explanatory Table (DHU) Appendix 4 – Proposed Fares and Explanatory Table (DATOA/Derby Cabs)

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The cost of advertising the tariff increase can be contained within the Taxi Licensing budget. The cost of the meter tests will be met by individual vehicle proprietors.

Legal

2. Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows the Council to fix the tariff for hackney carriages. Any variation of this tariff must be approved by the Council and advertised in the local press. Any objections received must be considered.

Personnel

3. None

Corporate Themes and Priorities

4. The taxi licensing service contributes towards the objectives of **healthy, safe and independent communities** and **a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy**.