

LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Proposed Variation of Hackney Carriage Fares 1 September 2016

Report of the Licensing Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report is for noting.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the report be noted.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Members will recall that at a meeting of this committee in June of this year they approved an increase in the hackney carriage table of fares by 10p on each separate flag fall (which is the starting point of a meter), and authorised the licensing manager to advertise the proposed changes in line with the statutory requirement.

1.2 This effectively meant that the following changes should have been advertised

Tariff one – normal daytime charge

£2.50 for the first 660 yards or uncompleted part thereof

Tariff two – between midnight and 5.00am every day except when tariff 3 applies Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve between 7pm and midnight

£3.70 for the first 660 yards or uncompleted part thereof

Tariff three – between 00.01 25 December and 07.00 27 December and between 00.01 1 January and 07.00 2 January

£4.90 for the first 880 yards or uncompleted part thereof

1.3 A notice was subsequently placed in the Lancaster Guardian and no objections were received with the representation period. Accordingly, the new table of fares was deemed to come into force on the 1 July and meters were required to be calibrated to the tariffs above

1.4 However early in August a hackney proprietor contacted licensing officers to point out that there had been a typographical error in relation to tariff 3, and instead of reading £4.90 the notice read as £4.70. This was a simple typing error on the part of the licensing manager. Members will note that tariff 3 is not applicable until Christmas and that meters were calibrated to the tariffs above.

1.4.1 This matter has now been dealt with by simply placing a new public notice (dealing only with the tariff 3 charges) in the Lancaster Guardian. The normal representation

period will apply. Members should note that the trade have been previously balloted on the increases approved by the Licensing Regulatory Committee and have also been previously informed the increase in tariffs would be 10p. No objections were raised to any of the tariffs during the previous notice period.

2.0 Conclusion

- 2.1 Due to a simple typing error the table of fares was advertised erroneously in relation to tariff 3 and this has now been rectified by way of a new public notice only in relation to tariff 3.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)	
None applicable to this report.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	
None	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
The legal requirement to advertise any proposed change is covered in the report.	
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None.	