



Committee and Date
Strategic Licensing
Committee

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Tables of Fares for Hackney Carriages - Update

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Summary

This update summarises further objections to the Tables of Fares.

Recommendations

A That Committee consider these objections with equal weighting to the objections summarised in the Table of Fares for Hackney Carriages Report

Report

Objections

1. Further objections, all received within the statutory time period are as follows:-
 - The fare card (for Oswestry) has only recently been increased to £3.50 for flag and first mile. Increased costs since then should see the rate increase rather than decrease;
 - The night time tariff should revert to the 50% premium that is currently the case (in Oswestry) rather than a 66.8% premium;
 - The waiting time rates should be proportionate to the travelling rates at the higher tariffs;
 - The higher tariffs should end at 7am rather than 12 midnight;
 - Bank Holiday and Christmas Eve rates should be looked at again in line with the Taxi Forum of 23 February 2011;
 - The advertised Fare Cards were not the same as those proposed by Strategic Licensing Committee and are thus unlawful.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire license conditions and guidance.

Strategic Licensing Report 16 February 2011.

Taxi Forum Minutes 23 February 2011

Human Rights Act Appraisal

No issues have been identified.

Environmental Appraisal

Not applicable.

Risk Management Appraisal

Committee must ensure that in setting new fare card the principal purpose of protecting the public is retained.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Fare Cards advertised in Shropshire Star on 22 February (consultation period 22 February to 08 March 2011). Proposed fares distributed and discussed at Taxi Forums held 23 February 2011.

Cabinet Member

Cecilia Motley

Local Member

N/A