

## **EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 16 November 2018

Present

Councillor: R Ayer (Chairman)

Councillors: C Louisson (Vice-Chairman), D Ashcroft, D Brooks Jackson, K Carter, L Evans, A Glass, A Muldoon and D Phillips

### **6 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors G Hill, M Johnson, J Matthews, B Moulard and R Saunders.

### **7 Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

### **8 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **9 Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 September 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

### **10 Hackney Carriage Fare Review**

The Environmental Health Manager introduced the report and explained that under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, district councils may fix the rates of fares within the district for time or distance and all other charges regarding the hire of hackney carriages. The EHDC Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy Statement stated that the table of fares should be reviewed annually, and the committee was reminded that the table of fares had not been amended since 2011 apart from the addition of a booking fee in 2015. A revised copy of Appendix D containing the proposed fare structure was circulated to the committee.

This review had been instigated following a request by the local taxi association to vary the table of fares and consultation had been carried out with all Hackney Carriage proprietors.

In response to questions, the committee was advised that there had been a good response rate from the trade to the consultation and that the percentage

increase figures relating to the cost of motoring detailed in the report had been calculated on the same base figure, rather than being cumulative year on year.

In light of the suggestions made by some members of the trade, the committee debated the merits of a minimum £5 fare. Whilst this would benefit those in the trade who had to wait a long time for fares, concern was raised about the cost to those less mobile who had no option but to use a taxi for a short journeys. The Environmental Health Manager agreed to investigate different tariff structures and consult on the matter with the trade during the next review. She also agreed to look into the procedure with who was consulted and consider consulting with drivers rather than just the proprietors.

Cllr Phillips proposed that the revised table of fares be recommended to Council for approval and this proposal was duly seconded by Cllr Ashcroft.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

It was therefore Recommended to Council that the table of fares be varied as per the revised Appendix D to the report, attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes.

**The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.26 am**

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**Chairman**

## APPENDIX D

### TAXI FARES (inclusive of VAT if applicable)

**East  
Hampshire**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Agreed Date

#### RATE 1

##### DAY RATE MONDAY TO SUNDAY 6AM – 11PM

For the first 528 yds or 6 minutes (or parts of) or a combination of both	£3.00
For each succeeding 176 yds or 40 seconds or a combination of both	£0.20
For the first mile	£4.40
For each mile thereafter	£2.00

#### RATE 2

##### FOR HIRINGS BETWEEN 11PM – 6AM

##### AND ALL DAY ON OFFICIAL PUBLIC & BANK HOLIDAYS, EXCLUDING CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY (RATE 1 PLUS 50%)

For the first 528 yds or 6 minutes (or parts of) or a combination of both	£4.50
For each succeeding 176 yds or 40 seconds or a combination of both	£0.30
For the first mile	£6.60
For each mile thereafter	£3.00

#### RATE 3

##### CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY 24 hours (RATE 1 PLUS 100%)

For the first 528 yds or 6 minutes (or parts of) or a combination of both	£6.00
For each succeeding 176 yds or 40 seconds or a combination of both	£0.40
For the first mile	£8.80
For each mile thereafter	£4.00

#### EXTRA CHARGES

For hirings between 0600 – 2300 on Sunday	£1.00
For each person beyond one	£0.30
For each dog (carried at the driver's discretion) excluding assistance dogs	£0.40
For fouling of the vehicle	£75.00
A max fuel surcharge on each journey if fuel charges reach £1.50 per litre	£0.50
For pre-booked journeys	£3.00

Toll or congestion charges may be recovered

**NOTE:** *The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall be entitled to demand and take for the hire of the hackney carriage the rate or fare prescribed above, the rate or fare being calculated by distance or time or a combination of both unless the hirer expresses at the commencement of the hiring his desire to engage by time.*

Any complaints must be made to:  
LICENSING, EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
PENNS PLACE, PETERSFIELD HAMPSHIRE GU31 4EX, quoting, if possible,  
the hackney carriage number and/or the driver's badge number

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