

# South Hams Licensing Committee



<b>Title:</b>	<b>Agenda</b>										
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Monday, 10th April, 2017</b>										
<b>Time:</b>	<b>2.30 pm</b>										
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Cary Room - Follaton House</b>										
<b>Full Members:</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chairman</b> Cllr May <b>Vice Chairman</b> Cllr Holway</p> <p><i>Members:</i></p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Cllr Baldry</td> <td>Cllr Foss</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Blackler</td> <td>Cllr Hitchins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Brown</td> <td>Cllr Hopwood</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Cane</td> <td>Cllr Pringle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Cuthbert</td> <td>Cllr Rowe</td> </tr> </table>	Cllr Baldry	Cllr Foss	Cllr Blackler	Cllr Hitchins	Cllr Brown	Cllr Hopwood	Cllr Cane	Cllr Pringle	Cllr Cuthbert	Cllr Rowe
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<b>Interests – Declaration and Restriction on Participation:</b>	Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest not entered in the Authority's register or local non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda (subject to the exception for sensitive information) and to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on an item in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.										
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**1. Apologies for absence**

**2. Urgent Business**

brought forward at the discretion of the Chairman;

**3. Minutes**

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to approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 24 November 2016;

**4. Division of Agenda**

to consider whether the discussion of any item of business is likely to lead to the disclosure of exempt information;

**5. Declarations of interest**

Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests; they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting;

**6. Consideration of Objections to the Proposed Taxi Fares which were due for adoption on 1 April 2017**

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD AT FOLLATON HOUSE, TOTNES ON THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2016

### MEMBERS

\* Cllr D W May - Chairman

\* Cllr T R Holway - Vice-Chairman

\* Cllr K Baldry

\* Cllr J I G Blackler

\* Cllr D Brown

\* Cllr B F Cane

∅ Cllr P K Cuthbert

\* Cllr R J Foss

∅ Cllr P W Hitchins

\* Cllr N A Hopwood

\* Cllr K Pringle

\* Cllr R Rowe

\* Denotes attendance

∅ Denotes apology for absence

Officers in attendance and participating:

All Agenda Items: Senior Specialist – Environmental Health; Licensing Specialist, Monitoring Officer and Senior Specialist – Democratic Services

#### L.05/16 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 26 May 2016 and the Licensing Sub-Committee meetings held during the period 25 April 2016 to 5 October 2016 were all confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### L.06/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting. These were recorded as follows:

Cllr D W May declared a personal interest in Item 9: 'Summary of Licences Issued Between 1 October 2015 and 30 September 2016' (Minute L.11/16 below refers) by virtue of knowing the applicant for the Trehill Arms, Ivybridge licence and remained in the meeting during the debate on this item.

#### L.07/16 **LICENSING OF TAXI DRIVERS POLICY**

Consideration was given to a report that informed that the Council (as the Licensing Authority) had the power to issue licences to drivers of Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles.

Since there was no legal definition of what made a driver a 'fit and proper person', it was therefore a matter for the Licensing Authority to determine what qualifications they required an applicant to meet in order to be licensed. As a consequence, the report presented a policy that sought to set the minimum requirements that the Council would seek from new and existing drivers.

It was then:

**RECOMMENDED**

That Council be **RECOMMENDED** that the draft Taxi Driver Licensing Policy (as outlined at Appendix B of the presented agenda report) be adopted to come into effect from 1 January 2017.

L.08/16

**TAXI FARE SETTING FORMULA AND POLICY**

The Committee considered a report that advised that, in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 65, the Council had the power to set the fares charged within its area by Hackney Carriage (taxi) drivers.

The report noted that these fares were last revisited in 2012 and it was now considered timely to undertake a review. This review was further prompted by drivers regularly making requests for the cost of fares to be increased. However, the report also recognised that too large an increase could adversely impact the ability of vulnerable users to be able to afford this essential service.

In discussion, reference was made to:-

- (a) variations in the cost of fuel. Whilst acknowledging that there were national (and regional) variations in the cost of fuel, it was noted that the proposed policy sought to apply the national average (as calculated by the AA) for the cost of fuel;
- (b) general support for the proposals. Some Members were of the view that the proposals were reasonable and therefore stated their support for the recommendations.

It was then:

**RECOMMENDED**

That Council be **RECOMMENDED** that:

1. the policy and associated formula for setting taxi fares in the South Hams be approved and that approval also be given to the use of the South Hams average annual wage as the basis for this formula;

2. the draft Maximum Chargeable Fare Setting Policy be adopted; and
3. the Constitution be amended to delegate to the Community of Practice Lead for Environmental Health authority to use the approved formula to set the cost per mile for taxi fares.

L.09/16

### **DELEGATION OF POWERS FOR DETERMINATIONS OF CERTAIN LICENSING FUNCTIONS**

Members considered a report that sought to make some minor amendments to the Council Constitution.

In introducing this item, the Senior Specialist – Environmental Health asked Members to consider a slight revision to Appendix A of the presented agenda report whereby an additional responsibility for the Committee be included as follows:-

*‘To determine to revoke or suspend a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver or Private Hire Operator Licence.’*

In the ensuing debate, the Committee confirmed its support for the addition and noted that the Monitoring Officer was wholly supportive of each of the suggested amendments.

It was then:

#### **RECOMMENDED**

That Council be **RECOMMENDED** to adopt the amendments proposed to the Constitution in relation to the delegation of powers for the determination of licensing decisions, as attached at Appendix A, subject to inclusion of the following additional responsibility:

*‘To determine to revoke or suspend a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver or Private Hire Operator Licence.’*

L.10/16

### **LICENSING OF PLEASURE BOATS AND PLEASURE BOATMEN**

The Committee considered a report that highlighted that the Council had the power to grant licences for the operation of Pleasure Boats and for Pleasure Boatmen.

In discussion, some Members expressed their surprise that it was a requirement for operators of Canoes and Stand Up Paddleboards required a licence.

It was then:

**RECOMMENDED**

That Council be **RECOMMENDED**:

1. to adopt the South West Regional Ports Associations guidelines for the licensing of Pleasure Boats and Pleasure Boatmen licences; and
2. to amend the Constitution whereby the power to grant, withhold, revoke or suspend Pleasure Boat and Pleasure Boatmen Licences be delegated to the Marine Officer.

L.11/16 **SUMMARY OF LICENCES ISSUED BETWEEN 1 OCTOBER 2015 AND 30 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Members were presented with a paper that provided them with a summary of the licences that had been issued between 1 October 2015 and 30 September 2016.

The Committee welcomed the fact that all Members and town and parish councils were consulted on every application and the view was expressed that this working practice was well received.

It was then:

**RESOLVED**

That the summary of licences issued between 1 October 2015 and 30 September 2016 be noted.

L.12/16 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED**

“That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in order to avoid the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act”

L.13/16

**REPORT THE FACTS REGARDING THE SUSPENSION OF A DRIVER LICENCE, AS AUTHORISED BY THE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE LEAD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, IN A MATTER OF URGENCY**

Consideration was given to an exempt report that informed of the suspension of a Driver Licence in a matter of urgency.

The report noted that this action had been taken in accordance with Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976 as amended by Section 52 Road Safety Act 2006.

It was then:

**RESOLVED**

1. That the facts in relation to the immediate suspension of a Hackney Carriage Driver licence due to failing to meet the minimum standards by no longer being a licensed driver by the DVSA nor meeting the minimum health requirements of the Licensing Authority be noted; and
2. That the action taken by the Community of Practice Lead for Environmental Health in determining to suspend the Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be noted.

(Meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.35 pm).

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Chairman





# Agenda Item 6

Report to: **Licensing Committee**  
Date: **10<sup>th</sup> April 2017**  
Title: **Consideration of objections to the proposed Taxi Fares which were due for adoption on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.**  
Portfolio Area: **Customer First**

Wards Affected: **All**

Relevant Scrutiny Committee:

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y / N**

Date next steps can be taken:  
(e.g. referral on of recommendation or implementation of substantive decision)

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## **Recommendations:**

That the Licensing Committee consider the objections received by the Licensing Authority in relation to their statutory consultation on the proposed Hackney Carriage fares, and

- 1) Determine how/if the fares should be amended taking into account the objections received.
- 2) Determine a date by which the new fares shall come into force, which must be no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017.

## **1. Executive summary**

- 1.1 Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 65, the Council has the power to set the fares charged within its area by Hackney Carriage (taxi) drivers.
- 1.2 South Hams District Council adopted a maximum chargeable fare setting policy in December 2016. The proposed fare table was then produced using the adopted formula.
- 1.3 The taxi trade were consulted on the proposed fares at the taxi trade meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017. Comments were made by the trade and the proposed fare table was amended accordingly.
- 1.4 Due to the Purdah restrictions on public consultations, the statutory notice was not advertised until the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017, with a 14 day period for objections.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 Following the adoption of the Maximum Chargeable Fares Policy in December 2016, the Licensing team produced a draft taxi fare table for consultation. (See appendix A).
- 2.2 Consultation was initially held with the taxi trade on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017. They requested that the booking fee fare be amended to include an amount for distances less than 2 miles from the rank. We therefore reintroduced the £1 booking fee for distances less than 2 miles.
- 2.3 A request was also made to amend the flag drop rate from £2.75, to remove the burden of having to make change for 5p. This was increased to £2.80 to take into account this concern. No further issues were raised by the taxi trade at this time.
- 2.4 Due to the restrictions surrounding commencing public consultations during a purdah period, the statutory notice was not published until the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The advert was published in the various South Hams Newspapers Ltd. newspapers.
- 2.5 During the consultation period the council received 3 objections to the proposed fares from taxi drivers, the objections are shown in Appendix B.

- 2.6 The first concern raised is the price for extras such as additional passengers, luggage etc. The proposed fare for this purpose is 25p, however this is less than the 2012 adopted fares. This was an error and I would agree that the proposed fare table should be amended to the following;

For each article of luggage or other article conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the carriage 40p

For each person in excess of one. Two children between the ages of 3 years and 6 years shall be regarded as one person. A child under 3 years shall not be reckoned 40p

For each animal carried (assistance dogs – free) 60p

- 2.7 Concerns have been raised about the increase in yardage of the flag drop rate from 704 yards to 880 yards. The drivers state that this will lead to a loss in earnings on short runs, however having calculated the journeys mentioned we cannot determine how a loss would be made. The current fare table can be seen in Appendix C and in Appendix D we have detailed the calculations for a journey of 0.5 miles (the distance referred to in the example given in the objection) using both the current and proposed tariffs to demonstrate that the proposed tariff will not reduce the maximum chargeable fare for short distances such as these.

- 2.8 A third concern raised is in relation to the booking fee. Previously this was £1 for any booking, no matter the distance required to travel. It is now proposed to amend the booking fee dependent upon the distance needing to be travelled to commence the journey. Hackney carriage drivers would be able to charge an additional £5 for any booking where the journey commences more than 2 miles from an official South Hams taxi rank and £1 where the pre-booked journey commences less than 2 miles from a taxi rank. The objection states that the wording means that bookings starting close to a rank but finishing far from a rank are unfairly charged the £1 booking fee. This was not raised during the initial consultation with drivers, an option would be to charge £5 for all booked journeys and remove the distance trigger, we cannot see any satisfactory alternative option that would not leave the fare open to abuse.

- 2.9 The final concern raised was the removal of tariff 3, however tariff 3 is not being removed. Multiple requests to the trade were made for a suitable proposal for tariff 3, but none were forthcoming. The tariff 3 fares have increased from the current rate and are proposed to be the same as tariff 2, but applicable at any time of day or night. The proposed tariff 3 is based on tariffs from elsewhere in the country, and is therefore felt appropriate.

### 3. Outcomes/outputs

- 3.1 Following consultation with the public there is a need to determine what changes, if any, should be made to the proposed fare table.

### 4. Options available and consideration of risk

- 4.1 The Committee are able to amend the table of fares as they see fit, and the determined table of fares will come into force on a date as agreed by the committee, which must be no later than 2 months after the original date (1<sup>st</sup> April 2017).

### 5. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance		<p>The legal background is that Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 enables a district council to set the fares charged within its area by hackney carriage (taxi) drivers for various distances over which paying passengers are conveyed, as well associated charges, as explained below.</p> <p>In accordance with those legal provisions, proposed taxi fare increases must be advertised in the local press - and made available in the Council Offices - for a period of 14 days to allow for any objections to be made. If no objections are received, or any that are made are subsequently withdrawn, the proposed new fares become effective from the date specified in the notice.</p> <p>If any objections are received which are not withdrawn, the new fares will not automatically take effect. In that case, to allow time for consideration of the objections, a new operative date for the fares must be set, which shall be no later than two months after the date of the close of the statutory objection period stated in the public notice. During this period objections would be considered and, if appropriate, the proposed fare tariff modified accordingly.</p>

Financial		No implications to the South Hams District Council.
Risk		If the fare is too low this may adversely affect the supply of taxis in the area. Whilst setting the fare too high may have a negative impact on the vulnerable users of this essential service.
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		
Equality and Diversity		There is a potential negative impact on protected groups including the disabled who rely on taxis as a principle form of transport. This impact is mitigated by ensuring that the proposed formula used as a basis for the fares are based on local conditions.
Safeguarding		There is a potential negative impact on vulnerable adults and children who rely on taxis as a principle form of transport. This impact is mitigated by ensuring that the proposed formula used as a basis for the fares are based on local conditions.
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder		None
Health, Safety and Wellbeing		None
Other implications		None

### **Supporting Information**

#### **Appendices:**

Appendix A: Advertised tariff card.

Appendix B: Copies of objections received.

Appendix C: Current fare table

Appendix D: Worked example of a 0.5 mile journey.

#### **Background Papers:**

Adopted South Hams Maximum Chargeable Fare Policy 2016

### **Approval and clearance of report**

<b>Process checklist</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Portfolio Holder briefed	<b>Yes/No</b>
SLT Rep briefed	<b>Yes/No</b>
Relevant Exec Director sign off (draft)	<b>Yes/No</b>
Data protection issues considered	<b>Yes/No</b>
If exempt information, public (part 1) report also drafted. (Cabinet/Scrutiny)	<b>Yes/No</b>

**SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL - MOTOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES (w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)**

The proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage shall be entitled to demand and take for hire of the carriage the rate of fare prescribed by the following table, the rate of fare being calculated by distance, except that if the distance travelled is more than five miles from the point where the hirer commences the hiring, the hirer and proprietor may agree at the commencement of the hiring to engage by time.

Provided always that where a hackney carriage furnished with a taxi meter shall be hired by distance the proprietor or driver thereof shall not be entitled to demand and take a fare greater than that recorded on the face of the taximeter, save for any extra charges authorised by the following table which it may not be possible to record on the face of the taximeter.

Tariff 1 – Applies Monday to Saturday for hirings commenced between 7 am and 11 pm.

Tariff 2 – Applies Sundays and Bank Holidays where the hirings commenced between 7am and 11pm and on all times where the hiring commences between 11pm and 7am and where the hiring commences between 7pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December & 7am on 27<sup>th</sup> December and between 7pm on 31<sup>st</sup> December and 7am on 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

Tariff 3 – For eight passenger seat vehicles where the hirer specifically requests such a Vehicle. Each seat to be equipped with a three anchorage point seat belt.  
Applies on any day for 24 hours.

<u>DISTANCE AND TIME</u>	Tariff 1	Tariff 2	Tariff 3
For any distance up to 804.65m (880 yds)	£2.80	£4.00	£4.00
For each subsequent 155.45m (170 yds)	20p	30p	30p
Waiting time per minute	20p	30p	30p

Note: Waiting time is automatically included in the metered fare.

EXTRA CHARGES

For each article of luggage or other article conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the carriage 25p

For each person in excess of one. Two children between the ages of 3 years and 6 years shall be regarded as one person. A child under 3 years shall not be reckoned 25p

For each animal carried (assistance dogs – free) 25p

For the fouling of the interior or exterior of the Carriage £100.00

BOOKING CHARGES

For each hiring which requires the driver to drive to the hirers designated pick up point, where the point is up to 2 miles from the nearest rank. £1.00

For each hiring which requires the driver to drive to the hirer's designated pick up point , where the point is greater than 2 miles from the nearest rank. £5.00

NOTE: These are the maximum charges, the driver may charge less. The fare for any hiring with a destination outside the Licensing Area, can be negotiated with the driver BEFORE the commencement of the journey or run on the meter.

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## **Appendix B**

**“Subject:** Table of tariffs

Hello Tara

As published in the Kingsbridge Gazette on 3rd March 2017, a table of fares was incorrect.

With the increase yardage to 880 yards from 704 yards equates to a loss for any short trips around the town. Because of the increase, the meter will not click over e.g. a short trip around the town which is £2.90 at the moment but with the meter not clicking over we would only get £2.80. I know it is only 10p at the moment, but as a small town, these are regular trips for us and we would lose out. Could this be revised?

Regarding the extra charges, I understand that you are aware that this is a misprint and I would just like to highlight it too.

Kind regards

Stephen Russell

Steve's Taxi”

“Hi Tara there was no discussion about lowering the 40 p per person down to 20p as will as the luggage 40p down to 20p and dogs down from 60p down to 40p and plus the yardage is down on one and up on the other. I do believe that this should have  
Hi Tara,

Mike here from coast2coast taxis.

I've been led to believe that tariff 3 is being withdrawn from the larger taxis eg; 8 seater's. If this is the case this will mean there wont be any money being made when doing a large party as we will only be able to use tariff two. This subject was not brought up at the last meeting we had, so i'm concerned if this is happening why we haven'd been consulted? If this is not the case and its just here say i apologise but would like to also know if Tariff 3 will be going up as well as tariff one and two.

Kindest Regards

Mike Taylor

Coast2coast “

**“Subject:** Motor Hackney Carriage Table of Fares

Hello,

Regarding the advert on page 38 of the Kingsbridge & Salcombe gazette March 3<sup>rd</sup> issue there seems to be a few errors.

For instance the Extra Charges, these have been printed as for each person in excess of one 25p, each article of luggage or other article 25p, for each animal carried 25p. This should read 40p, 40p & 60p respectively. As discussed at both meetings that they should remain the same as the 2012 fare price and up to each individual driver if charged.

The booking charges also seem to be misleading, if for instance I drive to Totnes station from Hope Cove to do a pick up for the Thurlestone hotel it seems to me that I can only charge £1.00 because I am within 2 miles of the nearest rank

I.e Totnes, The Plains and not the £5.00 charge because I have driven more than 2 miles to do the pick up.

I think it could be better worded, maybe from the taxi drivers home base or home rank, for me personally being Hope Cove or Kingsbridge bus station rank. This increase was to cover any dead mileage involved.

Finally the initial flag price yardage has been altered to 880yds (804.65 meters) until the meter clicks over and has changed from 704yds (643.74meters) this alters our earning potential for our small in town fares , for instance a trip from Kingsbridge rank to the top of Coronation Rd Kingsbridge currently a £2.90 fare for one person would change to £2.80, a small deficit I know but a deficit nonetheless.

Hopefully this can be put to rights before the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2017 when the new Table of Fares come into operation.

Regards

Trevor Dale owner/driver In Hope Taxi”

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<u>DISTANCE AND TIME</u>	Tariff 1	Tariff 2	Tariff 3
For any distance up to 643.74m (704 yds)	£2.50	£3.30	£3.90
For each subsequent 173.74m (190 yds)	20p		
Waiting time for 70 seconds	20p		
For each subsequent 141.73m (155 yds)		20p	20p
Waiting time for 48 seconds		20p	20p

Note: Waiting time is automatically included in the metered fare.

**EXTRA CHARGES**

For each article of luggage or other article conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the carriage (No additional charge for food shopping carrier bags) 40p

For each person in excess of one. Two children between the ages of 3 years and 6 years shall be regarded as one person. A child under 3 years shall not be reckoned 40p

For each animal carried (assistance dogs – free) 60p

For the fouling of the interior or exterior of the Carriage £80.00

Fuel Surcharge – Added to each hiring on any day the price of one litre of diesel fuel retails at the Shell Carew Filling Station, A38 South Brent at: 20p  
150p per litre or above add a further 20p  
(No surcharge may be applied on the days diesel retails below 150p per litre at this filling station).

**BOOKING CHARGES**

For each hiring which requires the driver to drive to the hirer's designated pick up point £1.00

**NOTE:** These are the maximum charges, the driver may charge less. The fare for any hiring with a destination outside the Licensing Area, can be negotiated with the driver BEFORE the commencement of the journey or run on the meter.

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## **Appendix D**

The main objection received is that currently the Kingsbridge drivers are able to charge £2.90 for short journeys, this would equate to distances ranging from 895 yards to 1084 yards. The equivalent distances on the proposed fare table would range from £3 to £3.20.

The objectors state that under the new proposed fares travelling short distances of approximately half a mile (880 yards) they will lose money compared to the previous table.

### **Day Rates**

According to the old fare table, travelling a distance of 880 yards would result in the following charges being applied. The flag drop; the first 704 yards; £2.50 and an additional charge of £0.20 for travelling up to 190 yards, in total this would be £2.70.

Using the proposed fare table travelling a distance of 880 yards would result in the following single charge being applied £2.80, which is the flag drop rate.

Therefore there is no possibility of losing money as far as we can see on the new rates. The above calculation is for daytime journeys in comparison the calculation for night time journeys is shown below:-

### **Night Rates**

According to the old fare table, travelling a distance of 880 yards would result in the following charges being applied. The flag drop; the first 704 yards; £3.30 and an additional charge of £0.40 for travelling up to 310 yards, in total this would be £3.70.

Using the proposed fare table travelling a distance of 880 yards would result in the following single charge being applied £4.00, which is the flag drop rate.

Examples for different distances

### **Tariff 1**

<b><u>Distance</u></b>	<b><u>Old Fare Table</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Fare Table</u></b>
0.5 mile	£2.70	<b>£2.80</b>
1 mile	£3.70	<b>£4.00</b>
2 miles	£5.50	<b>£6.00</b>
5 miles	£11.10	<b>£12.20</b>
10 miles	£20.30	<b>£22.60</b>

### **Tariff 2**

<b><u>Distance</u></b>	<b><u>Old Fare Table</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Fare Table</u></b>
0.5 mile	£3.70	<b>£4.00</b>
1 mile	£3.90	<b>£5.80</b>
2 miles	£6.10	<b>£8.80</b>
5 miles	£12.90	<b>£18.10</b>
10 miles	£24.30	<b>£33.70</b>

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