

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference	E2200
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Review of Hackney Carriage Tariff Rates (2010)

Decision maker/s	Cllr Charles Gerrish Cabinet Member for Service Delivery
The Issue	To carry out a review of the hackney carriage tariff rates for time and distance, taking into account the increased costs of providing the service.
Decision Date	15 November 2010
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. there will be an increase of 6.06% on the current fares as determined by the formula used by the Council to calculate fare increases. 2. there will be an additional passenger rate, for over two passengers, from 30 pence to 50 pence. 3. there will be an amendment to the waiting time to one minute and increase the increment from 20 pence to 30 pence.
Rationale for decision	<p>To provide the licensed taxi trade with an increase, which adequately covers the increased cost of providing the service.</p> <p>In the 1980's Bath City Council adopted a formula to calculate a "fair" increase in the tariff rate. With only one or two exceptions this formula has been used every year to calculate the percentage increase. The adopted formula used for calculating the proposed tariff rate is one-half of the percentage increase in the Average Earnings Index plus one-half of the percentage increase in the cost of motoring. Using the formula the proposed increase calculates as 6.06%. The formula is based on the annual increase between the 1st April and the 31st March the following year. However, since the end of March this year, there has been a sharp rise in the price of fuel which has made a substantial increase in the running costs of Hackney Carriage vehicles.</p> <p>The increase from 30 pence to 50 pence is to provide a more appropriate fare for when a vehicle is carrying over two people.</p> <p>The amendment to the time element to one minute is to make it clearer to passengers how much they are paying for waiting time and the increase to 30 pence per minute is to provide a more appropriate return for the drivers.</p>

Financial and budget implications	The cost of consultation and, advertising the tariff changes in the local papers, is met within existing budgets.
Issues considered	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Human Rights.
Consultation undertaken	A meeting was held with representatives of the Bath Spa Taxis Association.
How consultation was carried out	A meeting with trade representatives.
Other options considered	None.

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	

Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision