

AGENDA

Meeting: Licensing Committee
Place: Bradley Road Offices, Trowbridge, Wiltshire
Committee Room: Committee Room 1
Date: Monday 17 January 2011
Time: 10.30 am

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Membership:

Cllr Desna Allen	Cllr Jon Hubbard
Cllr Richard Beattie	Cllr George Jeans
Cllr Peggy Dow	Cllr Bill Moss
Cllr Rod Eaton	Cllr Nina Phillips
Cllr Jose Green	Cllr Bill Roberts
Cllr Mark Griffiths	Cllr Jonathon Seed

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**

To receive any apologies for the meeting.

2. **Minutes** (*Pages 1 - 6*)

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 November 2010 (copy attached).

3. **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements from the Chairman.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

5. **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

If you would like to make a statement at this meeting on any item on this agenda, please register to do so at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting. Up to 3 speakers are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes each on any agenda item. Please contact the officer named above for any further clarification.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question should give written notice (including details of any question) to the officer named above by 5.00pm on Monday 10 January 2011.

6. **Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committees** (*Pages 7 - 12*)

To receive the minutes of the following Licensing Sub-Committee:

Northern Area

23.11.2010

7. **Increase of Taxi Tariff North Zone** (*Pages 13 - 26*)

The report of Kate Golledge, (Licensing Team Leader North and West Wiltshire) considers the responses to the proposed increase of the taxi tariff in the North area of Wiltshire Council following public consultation.

8. **Urgent Items**

Any other items of business, which in the opinion of the Chairman, should be taken as a matter of urgency. Urgent items of a confidential nature may be considered under Part II of this agenda.

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LICENSING COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER 2010 AT COMMITTEE ROOM III - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE.

Present:

Cllr Desna Allen, Cllr Richard Beattie, Cllr Trevor Carbin (Reserve), Cllr Rod Eaton, Cllr Mark Griffiths, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Bill Moss, Cllr Nina Phillips and Cllr Bill Roberts

Also Present:

Mandy Bradley (Service Director – Public Protection), John Carter (Head of Environmental Protection and Licensing), Alissa Davies (National Management Trainee), Kate Golledge (Licensing Team Manager North and West), Roger Hodgkinson (Senior Solicitor) and Lisa Pullin (Democratic Services Officer)

10. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Peggy Dow, Jose Green and Jon Hubbard. Cllr Trevor Carbin was substituting for Cllr Hubbard.

11. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2010 were presented.

Resolved:

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2010.

12. **Chairman's Announcements**

Possible additional meeting of the Licensing Committee in January 2011

The Licensing Team will be advertising a public notice for a hackney carriage tariff increase in the West area within the Wiltshire Times on 3 December 2010. There will be a 14 day consultation period in which we may get objections; if these objections are not withdrawn we will need to put this before the Licensing Committee as soon as possible. The proposed date for an additional meeting of the Licensing Committee would be Monday 17 January at 10.30am.

Licensing and Localism Conference

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee attended the Licensing and Localism Conference on 20 October 2010 in London. The Conference was addressed by Philip Kolvin who was advocating the Purple Flag Scheme which aims to raise the standard and broaden the appeal of centres between 1700 and 0600. The scheme is managed by the ATCM working alongside the Purple Flag Advisory Committee - a partnership of key stakeholder groups, including central and local government, police, business and consumers. A copy of the leaflet was available if required.

13. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

14. **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

15. **Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committees**

The Committee received the Minutes of the following Licensing Sub-Committees:

Northern Area

25.05.10

08.06.10

12.07.10

02.08.10

Southern Area

22.07.10

Western Area

18.06.10

04.10.10

Resolved:

That the minutes of above Sub-Committees be noted and signed by the Chairman.

16. **Improving Communications Between Town Centre Licensed Premises**

Sgt Allan George was unable to be present at the meeting and it was agreed that he would be invited to give a presentation on the bid for radios for door staff in Chippenham to a future meeting of the Committee.

17. **Review of Statement of the Licensing Act Policy**

John Carter (Head of Environmental Protection and Licensing) introduced the report which formed the review of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy since it was approved by Council on 1 December 2009.

Key points raised included:

- The Coalition Government is reviewing the Licensing Act and the Home Office issued a consultation paper in July to which the Council gave a response (attached as Appendix 2 to the report);
- It is likely that the changes to the Licensing Act will be fully implemented in 2012;
- In January new legal powers were introduced to enable Councillors to be included as interested parties and this allows them to call in licensing applications to hearing and review;
- New mandatory conditions were introduced in April and October this year;
- Changes have been made to the out of hours response service and since its introduction in February there have been no complaints received out of hours relating to noise from licensed premises in the Salisbury city centre area;
- Since June a new Wiltshire Licensing Tasking Group has started meeting on a monthly basis and they gather and share evidence on alcohol related crime and disorder; and
- As the Council's Licensing Policy has only been in place for 12 months, there have been no appeals lodged in respect of decisions made by the Sub-Committees and in view of the changes to be made by the Government it would be best not to review the Policy at this time as it would require full consultation.

Resolved that the Committee:

1. **Note the review of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and agree to continue the use of the existing statement.**

2. **Carry out a review of the Policy within 6 months of the implementation date of changes to the Act and any associated legislation.**

18. **Review of Existing Street Trading Controls**

Alissa Davies introduced her report which informed Members of the current policies for controlling street trading and made them aware of the legal process for introducing a harmonised street trading scheme across the Wiltshire Council area.

Key points raised included:

- Currently there is no harmonised street trading policy for Wiltshire, this is due to former District Councils choosing to control street trading in different ways;
- The options available include a consent street trading scheme, a Licence street trading scheme and a Prohibited street (trading) scheme. Alissa gave details of the positives and negatives for each option;
- The preferred scheme for Wiltshire being proposed was a consent street trading scheme which would provide a flexible means of controlling street trading activity. There is a scope for the fees charged for a consent to cover the costs of administration and enforcement and it would allow greater scope for local decision making;
- A harmonised scheme was required to prevent illegal trading, to provide a fairness across the county and to be able to tackle highway issues caused by certain street traders; and
- Within a consent street trading scheme, local charity events and church fetes which are non profit making organisations can be exempt.

Resolved:

That the Head of Environmental Protection and Licensing be tasked to produce an appropriate single council-wide consent street trading scheme by April 2011.

That the Committee agree to consider the details of the proposed consent street trading scheme at its next meeting on 5 April 2011, before recommending it for resolution to full Council in May 2011.

19. **Guidance on Fit and Proper Persons**

Kate Golledge (Licensing Manager North and West Wiltshire) introduced her report which outlined the need for a robust policy regarding consideration of criminal records for new and existing Hackney Carriage drivers, Private Hire drivers and Operators.

Key points raised included:

- In order to achieve consistency and avoid the risk of successful legal challenge, the Council needs to have a clear policy for the consideration of criminal records;
- The proposed policy for the relevance of convictions for new applicants and the guidelines of the relevance of convictions and the suspension or revocation of existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver licences were attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the report;
- It is proposed that the Licensing Sub-Committee form a panel to hear any appeals against the issuing of penalty points under the Wiltshire Council scheme where a driver is facing suspension or revocation of their licence; and
- That Licensing Officers can issue “penalty points” onto a Hackney Carriage licence for drivers and the Police issue “penalty points” onto a DVLA driver licence.

Resolved that:

1. **The Licensing Committee approves the policy and guidance on the relevance of convictions for Hackney Carriage drivers, Private Hire drivers and Operators as attached to the report.**
2. **That the Licensing Sub-Committee form the panel to hear any appeals against the issuing of penalty points under the Wiltshire Council Scheme where a driver is facing suspension or revocation of their licence.**

20. **Feedback of the Training Event held on 24 September 2010**

Members of the Committee commented that the training received by Philip Kolvin QC in September 2010 was excellent and extremely useful.

The Committee had a discussion on the view (from Philip Kolvin) that Licensing Officer's should make recommendations to Licensing Sub-Committees.

The consensus of the Committee was that they would prefer not to have recommendations from Licensing Officers. Members relied on the advice of the Licensing Officer but it was for the Sub-Committee members to tease out all of the relevant information needed for them to make an informed decision regarding each application.

21. **Date of Next Meeting**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Licensing Committee will be held on 5 April 2011 at 10.30am.

Note

Pending the outcome of the consultation for a Hackney Carriage tariff increase in the west area, there may be an additional meeting of the Licensing Committee required and this would be held on Monday 17 January 2011 at 10.30am.

22. **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30am to 11.40am)

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NORTHERN AREA LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN AREA LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2010 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MONKTON PARK, CHIPPENHAM IN RESPECT OF AN APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE: DILAY FOODS T/A CHIC-O-LAND, 9 NEW ROAD, CHIPPENHAM, SN15 1HH

Present:

Cllr Mark Griffiths, Cllr George Jeans and Cllr Pip Ridout

27. **Election of Chairman**

Nominations for a Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee were sought and it was

Resolved:

To elect Cllr Pip Ridout as Chairman for this meeting only.

28. **Procedure for the Meeting**

The Chairman explained the procedure to be followed at the hearing, as contained within the "Wiltshire Licensing Committee Procedural Rules for the Hearing of Licensing Act 2003 Applications" (Pages 1 – 8 of the Agenda refers).

29. **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman gave details of the exits to be used in the event of an emergency.

30. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

31. **Application for Review of a Premises Licence: Dilay Foods T/A Chic-o-land, 9 New Road, Chippenham, SN15 1HH**

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that the Police had delivered a set of their documentary evidence to Mr Faiz, trading as of Chic-o-land, on Thursday 18 November 2010 and asked Mr Faiz if he required more time to consider this

evidence with his interpreter or would prefer an adjournment of the hearing to a fresh date. Mr Faiz stated that he wished for the hearing to be heard that day but would appreciate some time to give further consideration to the Police evidence with his interpreter. It was agreed that the Committee would adjourn for 30 minutes.

On reconvening, The Licensing Officer introduced her report to the Committee.

The application for the Review was presented by Mrs J Gallimore on behalf of Wiltshire Police.

The key points of the oral evidence presented by the Police were:-

- Police found that the management of the premises did not actively promote the licensing objectives:- the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.
- A number of incidents of crime including serious violent crime, disorder and anti social behaviour had been recorded by Police that were associated with the premises.
- The management of the premises continued to operate beyond their permitted hours despite previous formal warnings.
- Police now believed that additional conditions were required to ensure that the licensing objective (the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety) were met.

Mr Faiz, on behalf of Chic-o-land, with the assistance of his interpreter, made the following points:

- Whilst not disputing the majority of the evidence, Mr Faiz stated that:-
 - (i) the incident on 4 June 2010 involving violence took place outside the premises. There was other anti-social activity that evening but not connected with Chic-o-land customers.
 - (i) the incident concerning urination by a customer on 25 June 2010 had taken place outside the Chic-o-land premises and not inside as stated by the Police.
- Whilst not initially fully understanding the operation of the CCTV equipment installed inside the premises which he left to his former business partner to operate, he was now fully conversant with the working of the equipment and would be able to fully co-operate with the Police in future regarding any requests to view footage.

When the Chairman of the Sub-Committee asked him directly, Mr Faiz responded that he was not disputing what the Police said.

The Sub-Committee members sought clarification on some points before retiring to consider the application and were accompanied by the Solicitor for Wiltshire Council and the Democratic Services Officer.

The Sub-Committee then retired to consider the application at 1.30pm.

The Hearing reconvened at 2.15pm

The Sub-Committee considered all of the submissions made to it and the written representations in support. In reaching its decision the Sub-Committee took into account the relevant provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 (in particular Sections 4 and 52); the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act and the Wiltshire Council Statement of Licensing Policy.

Resolved:

To amend the premises license for Chic-o-land as follows:

Provision of Late Night Refreshment

Sunday to Wednesday	23.00 hrs to 23.30 hrs
Thursday	23.00 hrs to 03.00 hrs
Friday to Saturday	23.00 hrs to 02.30 hrs

Opening Hours of the Premises

Sunday to Wednesday	11.00 hrs to 23.30 hrs
Thursday	11.00 hrs to 03.00 hrs
Friday to Saturday	11.00 hrs to 02.30 hrs

and with the addition of the following conditions;

- 1. The CCTV is to be reviewed and if necessary upgraded to standards required by Wiltshire Police Crime Reduction Officer.**
- 2. That CCTV recordings be retained for a period of 31 days and to be made available upon request to an Officer of Wiltshire Police and or/the Licensing Authority.**

Reasons

The Sub-Committee heard detailed and extensive evidence from the Police presented by Mrs J Gallimore and documented in the bundle of additional papers. This evidence alleged a number of incidents at or near Chic-o-land of violence and/or anti-social behaviour. The evidence was

detailed and although Mr Faiz disputed one or two points, he did not contest the bulk of the evidence, indeed when the Chairman of the Sub-Committee asked him directly, Mr Faiz responded that he was not disputing what the Police said.

In the light of this evidence the Sub-Committee made the following findings of fact:

1. That Mr Faiz has repeatedly supplied late night refreshment beyond the hours permitted in his licence.
2. That most of the allegations made by the Police were substantiated on the evidence.
3. They were satisfied that a serious assault took place on 4 June 2010. The Sub-Committee was also satisfied that whether or not the assault actually took place inside or outside of the premises the victim of the assault ended up unconscious in the doorway to the premises.
4. That Mr Faiz was uncooperative when the Police came to investigate the assault. Mr Faiz initially denied being aware of any incident but the later claimed that the CCTV recording was not needed as the assault took place outside of the premises.

Mr Faiz claimed that he was unaware that his licence required him to stop supplying hot foot at 3.00am on a Friday or a Saturday. However Mr Faiz did not deny receiving the letter dated 23 December 2009 from Linda Holland (Licensing Enforcement Officer, Wiltshire Council) appearing at page 3 of the additional papers. Mr Faiz said he couldn't recall seeing it but it may have been seen by his "partner".

The Sub-Committee was satisfied that this letter was sent to Chic-o-land at the address indicated and saw no good reason to suggest that it was not seen and understood by Mr Faiz. Additionally, Mr Faiz repeatedly referred in his evidence to going and seeing "Miss Linda" (Linda Holland, Licensing Enforcement Officer). The Sub-Committee were therefore satisfied that Mr Faiz was aware of his responsibilities under the licence as early as January 2010 and in any event had had repeated opportunities to clarify matters when he spoke to Linda Holland if he was in any doubt.

Mr Faiz claimed that he had encountered difficulties with operating his CCTV system in particular with recording material onto DVD. Cllr Griffiths made the point during the hearing that it was Mr Faiz's responsibility to acquaint himself with the workings of the system and asked Mr Faiz why he had not done so a lot earlier before now. Mr Faiz simply responded that he was now aware of how the CCTV system operated. The Sub-Committee gained the general impression that Mr Faiz was too ready to blame other people for problems at the premises which are in fact his own

responsibility. For the above reasons the Sub-Committee remain concerned about his ability to manage the premises.

However, taking all factors into account and in particular Mr Faiz's language difficulties the Sub-Committee felt that it would be disproportionate to revoke Mr Faiz's licence at this stage, although the Sub-Committee would like to emphasise to Mr Faiz in the strongest possible terms that such a measure cannot be discounted if matters do not dramatically improve. The Sub-Committee make this comment without in any way fettering the discretion of any future Committee that would hear any further application regarding these premises. The Sub-Committee have imposed the conditions mentioned above which they consider to be the minimum required to promote the licensing objectives.

Right of Appeal

All parties have the right to appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of this decision. A Responsible Authority or interested party has the right to request the Local Authority to review the licence. Such an application may be made at any time, but it is in the discretion of the Local Authority to hold the review, and a review will not normally be held within the first twelve months of a licence, save for the most compelling reasons.

(Duration of meeting: 10.00am – 15.15pm)

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

17 JANUARY 2011

INCREASE OF TAXI TARIFF NORTH ZONE

Executive Summary

This report considers the responses to the proposed increase of the taxi tariff in the North area of Wiltshire Council following public consultation.

It informs Members of the changes in the current tariff and the main reasons for objection to those proposed changes.

Recommendations

It is recommended: The Licensing Committee consider the objections and implement a new taxi tariff to take effect within two months from 4 January 2011, with a recommended implementation date of 14 February 2011.

Reason for Proposal

Statutory requirement for the Council.

Author: Kate Golledge, Licensing Manager North and West Wiltshire.

Corporate Director: Maggie Rae, Public Health & Wellbeing

Contact Details: kate.golledge@wiltshire.gov.uk

Purpose of Report

1. To consider taxi tariff (fare) rises for implementation following public consultation.

Background

2. The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows Councils to set the fares for hackney carriages (taxis). These are the fares for journeys that are not booked in advance. This enables the customer to know the maximum fare that they can be charged for any journey in a licensed taxi irrespective of whether they flag a taxi down in the street or use a taxi rank.
3. The arrangements for journeys booked in advance are different as the customer can negotiate a maximum fare.
4. A rise in taxi tariffs was requested by the taxi trade due to the increase in fuel costs, general rates of inflation, increase of 2.5 % in the VAT rate on 4 January 2011 and there has been no increase in the tariff since March 2008. The proposed tariff was drawn up in collaboration with the trade and advertised on 16 December 2010 in the Gazette and Herald editions circulating in the North area. The tariff was also placed on the Council's web site.
5. Existing and proposed tariffs are attached as Appendix A to this report.
6. The last increase in tariff in the North of Wiltshire was in March 2008. One reason for this was the hope that a unified tariff would be adopted by Wiltshire Council. For various reasons this was not possible, however, the proposed tariff works towards the rate charged by the West and South zones which is illustrated in the table below.

The information below is taken from the December 2010 edition of Private Hire News, and is ranked on the approximate cost of a typical 2 mile journey:-

Council	Flag drop	Additional mile	2 mile journey	Last rise	National League position
Wiltshire(South)	£2.50	£1.80	£5.70	2008	49
Wiltshire(West)	£2.20	£1.80	£6.00	2010	40
Wiltshire(North) current	£2.30	£1.80	£4.90	2008	250
Wiltshire(North) proposed	£2.60	£2.00	£6.00	–	41
Wiltshire(East)	£3.00	£1.90	£4.90	2008	208
Swindon	£2.90	£1.80	£6.10	2008	16
Mendip	£2.60	£1.90	£5.80	2008	50
BANES	£2.60	£1.90	£6.00	2008	21
National Average	£2.74	£2.53	£5.59	2010	99

Key differences between the existing and proposed tariff

7. Currently tariff one is a day time tariff which runs between 7:00am and 9:00pm. Tariff two is a night time tariff which accommodates unsocial hours and generally services the night time economy.

Current tariff one is £2.30 flag drop and running mile £1.80

Current tariff two is £3.45 flag drop and running mile £2.70

The proposal increases tariffs as follows:

- The flag drop on tariff one and two increases by 30p
 - The running mile on tariff one increases by 20p
 - The additional £1:00 charges on the old tariff 5 and 6 have been included in the new tariff 3 and 5.
 - The time that tariff one changes to tariff two has been extended from 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
 - All tariffs are calculated using 10th's of a mile to simplify the process.
8. Five letters of objection have been received from taxi drivers, one of the objections has subsequently been withdrawn, and the four remaining letters are attached as Appendix B to this report.

There are currently 310 licensed drivers and operators of hackney carriages in the North area.

No objections have been received from members of the public.

Three of the objections relate to the time change to tariff one and the same objectors want the waiting time charge to be increased by an additional 10p. One of the objectors wants the flag drop to be increased by 50p not 30p and argues that the running mile charge should not be increased as customers would be reluctant to pay it.

Options

9. The Licensing Committee now needs to determine the new tariff to come into effect on or before the 4th March 2011.

This must be one of the following:

- a. The tariffs as advertised for consultation, or;
 - b. As existing, or;
 - c. Any modified tariff between the two.
10. Any tariff change will need to come into operation on or before the 4th March 2011.

Environmental Impact

11. There is minimal environmental impact of these proposals.

Equality and Diversity

12. The impact of these proposals is assessed as 'low' against the Council statutory responsibilities.

Risk Assessment

13. If an increase in the maximum tariff rate cannot be agreed, the Council could be open to legal challenge from the taxi trade.

Financial Implications

14. Additional costs would be incurred if the tariff needs to be re-advertised; however the council is not legally bound to re-advertise any changes.

Legal Implications

15. The Council has consulted on the proposed tariff increase and has considered any objections before adoption as required by law.

Conclusion

16. After the public consultation process five letters of objection were received from members of the trade. There is a demonstrated need for an increase in the current tariff which has been requested by the trade.

The proposed increase as advertised was drawn up in collaboration with the trade and was felt to be reasonable as no increase has been given since March 2008.

Background Papers

Private Hire News December 2010

Appendices

Appendix A: Existing North tariff of fares and proposed tariff of fares

Appendix B: Letters of objection to the proposed tariff of fares.

FARECARD WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST MARCH 2008

UNDER s.65 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976, Wiltshire Council, North Area has fixed the fares (being the maximum that can be charged) for the hiring of Hackney Carriages by time or distance.

TARIFF	APPLICABLE	COST PER 6/10 MILE	WAITING TIME
1	7.00am to 9.00pm	£2.30 for the first 6/10 of a mile or part thereof. Thereafter 10 pence per 1/18 th mile or part thereof - £1.80 per mile	30 pence per minute
2	9.00pm to 7.00am Also Sundays and Bank Holidays. Excluding Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day	£3.20 for the first 6/10 of a mile or part thereof. Thereafter 10 pence per 1/22 nd mile or part thereof - £2.20 per mile	30 pence per minute
An additional charge of £1.00 will be made during the following hours: - 2.00am to 5.30am Monday to Thursday 3.00am to 5.30am Friday to Sunday			
3	From 8.00pm on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. All Day Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day	£5.50 for the first 6/10 of a mile or part thereof. Thereafter 10 pence per 1/25 th mile or part thereof - £2.50 per mile	30 pence per minute
4	In Carriages licensed to carry more than 4 passengers and whilst carrying more than 4 passengers	The appropriate Tariff plus 50%	
ADDITIONAL CHARGES	May be made by the Operator to cover any additional costs included in the journey i.e., Bridge Tolls, Congestion Charges . A Booking Charge may be made where the passenger has pre-booked a pick-up at a location other than a rank.		
VAT	The above charges are inclusive of VAT where the taxi operator is VAT registered.		
SOILING CHARGE	£100		
COMPLAINTS	Please contact the Licensing Officer at: Wiltshire Council, Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire. SN15 1ER. Telephone: 01249 706438		

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Hackney Carriage Maximum Table of Fares

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the powers contained in Section 65, of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the **NORTH ZONE of WILTSHIRE COUNCIL** proposed to vary the table of fares for hackney carriages as indicated.

For journeys starting	Vehicles up to 4 seats		Vehicles with more than 4 seats carrying more than 4 passengers		
0700 hours – 2159 hours	Tariff 1		Tariff 2		
2200 hours – 0159 hours And all day on Sundays, Bank Holidays, Public Holidays and Easter Sunday and after 8pm Christmas Eve & New Years Eve	Tariff 2		Tariff 4		
0200 hours – 0659 hours And all day on 25 December, 26 December and 1 January	Tariff 3		Tariff 5		
	Tariff 1	Tariff 2	Tariff 3	Tariff 4	Tariff 5
Journeys up to 528 yards (3/10 mile)	£2.60	£3.75	£4.90	£6.30	£8.20
Subsequent 176 yards (1/10 mile)	20p	25p	30p	35p	40p
Waiting time	30p per minute				
Soiling charge	£100 (minimum)				

Any person wishing to object to the proposed variation in fares should do so, in writing, to Mrs Kate Gollidge, Licensing Team Manager, Wiltshire Council, Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 1ER within 14 days from the date of this advertisement. If no objections are received the revised tariff will come into force on **Tuesday 4th January**

Wiltshire Council
Council Offices
Monkton Park
Chippenham
Wilts SN15 1ER

Thursday 16th December 2010

Amanda Bradley
Public Protection Service Director

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Mrs kate golledge. Licensing manager,

**Concerns about tariffs and tariffs hours objections
against proposed changes .**

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- Tariff 2/ 2100 to 0200.**
- Tariff 3/0200 to 0700.**

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Thanks .

M. Wheeler

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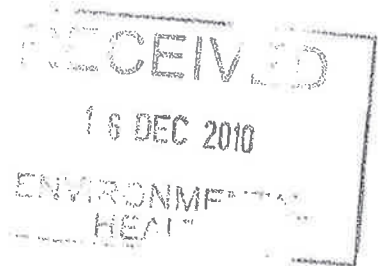
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For the Attention of Mrs K Golledge – Licensing Manager

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Dear Mrs Golledge

RE: PROPOSED TAXI TARIFF INCREASE

Having read the documents relating to the above, I am afraid I must object to the level of increase and also the structure.

Historically 4-seater taxis have tariffs 1-3 and more recently 5-8 seater vehicles 4-6. These are readily understood by the taxi user and any change will create confusion, specifically tariffs 2 & 4 mean two different things, when a system is working well, why change it?

In terms of the increase, I would expect our business costs to go up this year approximately £25/£35 per week, per car.

With the existing tariffs, 5 miles + journeys are reasonably well rewarded and you have an expectation that customers are prepared to pay these fares.

However, our most expensive in cost distance is the flag distance (currently 0.6 mile) and I propose all tariffs be increased by 50p on the flag distance, this should give us an extra £30/£40 per week.

My concern with the proposed increases is that journeys currently at £20/£25 on tariff 1 and £27/£32 on tariff 2 will increase to £32 and £40 respectively and I just can't see customers prepared to pay £40 to go from Chippenham to Devizes on a Sunday.

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Mrs K Golledge

Why set a metered tariff so high that all drivers will have to discount, this makes a mockery of the metered structure.

The meter is installed in taxis so that it will be fair to both driver and customer and anything that changes this will cause confusion with customers and acrimony in the trade.

I therefore suggest we have a trade meeting at the earliest opportunity as this issue needs to be debated.

Yours sincerely

Roger Harrold
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