



GREAT YARMOUTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

for the

LICENSING COMMITTEE

16 April 2008

at 6.30 pm

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LICENSING COMMITTEE

To be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Great Yarmouth
on Wednesday, 16 April 2008 at 6.30 pm

A G E N D A

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

You have a **PERSONAL INTEREST** in a matter being discussed at a meeting IF

- It relates to something on your Register of Interests form; or
- A decision on it would affect you, your family or friends more than other people in your Ward.

You have a **PREJUDICIAL INTEREST** in a matter being discussed at a meeting IF

- It affects your financial position or that of your family or friends more than other people in your Ward; or
- It concerns a planning or licensing application you or they have submitted
- **AND IN EITHER CASE** a reasonable member of the public would consider it to be so significant that you could not reach an unbiased decision.

If your interest is only **PERSONAL**, you must declare it but can still speak and vote. If your interest is **PREJUDICIAL**, you must leave the room. However, you have the same rights as a member of the public to address the meeting before leaving.

1. MINUTES

... To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2008 (pages 1-2) and the confidential minutes of the same date (pages 13 - 14, green paper).

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

In the event of the Committee wishing to exclude the public from the meeting, the following resolution will be moved:-

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12(A) of the said Act.

3. FIRST CLASS HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

... The Licensing Officer's report is attached (pages 3 –12).

4. UNIFORM FOR SECOND CLASS HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS

The Licensing and Elections Manager will give a verbal report at the meeting.

**5. FURTHER MOT AND CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCES BE NOT
REQUIRED FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE RENEWALS 2008**

... The Licensing Officer's report is attached (pages 15 – 18, green paper).

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LICENSING COMMITTEE

16 January 2008 - 6.30 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Jermany (in the Chair); Councillors Ames, Barker, Easter, M Coleman, Cunniffe, Tate, M Thompson, B Walker, C Walker and Watts.

Ms I Prince (Legal Services Officer), Mr F Hoyle (Licensing Officer) and Mrs C Webb (Member Services Officer).

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Holmes.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2007 were confirmed.

2. FIRST CLASS HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – UNSPENT CONVICTION

Members were asked to consider an application for a First Class Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence in view of the applicant's unspent convictions.

The Chairman confirmed the applicant's right to appeal at the Magistrates' Court within 21 days.

RESOLVED:

That the application be refused.

(Confidential Minutes on this item)

3. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Members were asked to consider an application for a First Class Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

RESOLVED:

That the application be approved.

(Confidential Minutes on this item)

4. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 21 February 2008 at 6.30 pm.

5. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 7.10 pm.

Subject: First Class Hackney Carriage Fares

Report to: Licensing Committee

Date: 16 April, 2008

Report by: Licensing Officer

SUBJECT MATTER AND DECISIONS REQUIRED:

The Great Yarmouth Borough Taxi Association has requested a hackney carriage fare increase. It is recommended to approve this increase.

Background:

1. Great Yarmouth Borough Taxi Association has submitted a proposal for a hackney carriage fare increase (proposal attached).
2. Taxi fares were last increased in 2006 and the proposals would equate to the following increase based over one mile.
 - Tariff one – increase of 40p
 - Tariff two – increase of 40p
 - Tariff three – increase of 40p
 - Tariff four – increase of £1
3. The fare increase is to be advertised, subject to committee approval to the request, in the local press. The proposal has also been sent to all hackney carriage plate holders for comments or objections. No objections have been received.
4. Fare tariffs from other Local Councils in the Eastern region have also been compared and the table attached at annex 1, shows how the proposed increase compares to other authorities. Cambridge City Council has the highest fares for normal day rate at £3.94. Kings Lynn and West Norfolk has the cheapest fares.

Recommendation

- That the fare increase be approved, subject to no objections from members of the public, as from 20th May, 2008

Great Yarmouth Borough Taxi Association
c/o 25 East Anglian Way, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR316TY

15th February 2008

Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Town Hall
Great Yarmouth
Norfolk, NR30 2QF
For the attention of the Licensing and Safety Committee

Dear Members of the Committee

Re: Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Tariff Rise Proposal

I write on behalf of Great Yarmouth Borough Taxi Association.

As you are aware, the Association represents the trade in the Great Yarmouth Borough and the interests of all Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers, and following the recent Association meeting held on 31st January 2008, we herewith put forward a proposal to increase the Hackney Carriage Table of Fares. The last tariff increase was proposed in April 2006 and subsequently published in July 2006.

I enclose Great Yarmouth Borough Taxi Association's proposal for your initial review, and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S Morley
Secretary to GYBTA

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Tariff 1 – DAY RATE

Present

Day Rate – from – 0600 - 2300	
For distances up to 200 yards	£1.60
For each subsequent 200 yards (or part thereof)	£0.20
Waiting Time – for each 45 seconds (or part thereof)	£0.20

Tariff 1 – DAY RATE

Proposed

Day Rate – from – 0600 - 2300	
For distances up to 200 yards	£2.00
For each subsequent 200 yards (or part thereof)	£0.20
Waiting Time – for each 45 seconds (or part thereof)	£0.20

Comments

The proposed tariff would mean that the meter would be set very similarly to the previous two years, except the starting rate is increased by 40 pence.

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Tariff 2 – NIGHT RATE & Public Holidays (except Xmas/New Year)

Present

Night Rate – from – 2300 – 0600	
For distances up to 400 yards	£2.00
For each subsequent 140 yards (or part thereof)	£0.20
Waiting Time – for each 30 seconds (or part thereof)	£0.20

Tariff 2 – NIGHT RATE & Public Holidays (except Xmas/New Year)

Proposed

Night Rate – from – 2300 – 0600	
For distances up to 400 yards	£2.40
For each subsequent 140 yards (or part thereof)	£0.20
Waiting Time – for each 30 seconds (or part thereof)	£0.20

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Tariff 3 – SUNDAY RATE

Present

Sunday Rate – from – 0600 - 2300	£1.80
For distances up to 400 yards	£0.20
For each subsequent 175 yards (or part thereof)	£0.20
Waiting Time – for each 35 seconds (or part thereof)	£0.20

Tariff 3 – SUNDAY RATE

Proposed

Sunday Rate – from – 0600 - 2300	£2.20
For distances up to 400 yards	£0.20
For each subsequent 175 yards (or part thereof)	£0.20
Waiting Time – for each 35 seconds (or part thereof)	£0.20

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Tariff 4 – CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR RATE

**From 1800 24th December to 0600 27th December & From
1800 31st December to 0600 2nd January**

Present

Christmas & New Year Rate	
For distances up to 880 yards	£3.00
For each subsequent 150 yards (or part thereof)	£0.30
Waiting Time – for each 34 seconds (or part thereof)	£0.30

Tariff 4 – CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR RATE

**From 1800 24th December to 0600 27th December & From
1800 31st December to 0600 2nd January**

Proposed

Christmas & New Year Rate	
For distances up to 880 yards	£4.00
For each subsequent 150 yards (or part thereof)	£0.30
Waiting Time – for each 34 seconds (or part thereof)	£0.30

Comments

The proposed tariff would mean that the meter would be set very similarly to the previous two years, except the starting rate is increased by one pound.

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Additional Charges

Present

For each article of luggage carried outside the carriage	£0.20
For each person in excess of one (<i>Children under 3 not counted</i>)	£0.20
For cleaning following the soiling of the exterior of the vehicle, a charge not exceeding	£25.00
For cleaning following the soiling of the interior of the vehicle, a charge not exceeding	£75.00

Additional Charges

No Proposed Changes

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Summary of New Proposal

HACKNEY CARRIAGES – TABLE OF FARES

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Conclusion

The proposed new tariff put forward by Great Yarmouth Borough Taxi Association believes that the rates will reflect a reasonable increase.

Since the last tariff increase in July 2006, running costs such as the price of fuel, insurance and maintenance have continued to rise. In addition, the continually increasing cost of living means that the tariff increase will be a welcome benefit and boost to the trade, which continues to bear its peaks and troughs.

If the Licensing and Safety Committee support the tariff increase at the next meeting, and thus following the delayed period for implementation of the new tariff, a period nearing two years will have lapsed.

The Great Yarmouth Borough Taxi Association would like to thank the Licensing and Safety Committee for their kind deliberation to this proposal.

**For and on behalf of the members, and others,
of the Great Yarmouth Borough Taxi Association.**

ANNEX 1

TABLE OF COMPARISONS

MILE	DAY RATE	NIGHT RATE	SUNDAY RATE	CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR
GYBC CURRENT FEE	3.16	3.94	3.35	4.76
GYBC PROPOSED FEE	3.56	4.34	3.75	5.76
BRECKLAND COUNCIL	3.00	4.50	3.75	3.75
FROM 11PM				4.50
CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL	3.94	4.74	4.74	5.74
KINGS LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK	2.70	4.05	3.38	-
NORTH NORFOLK COUNCIL	2.84	4.25	3.54	5.67
NORWICH CITY COUNCIL	3.82	4.22	4.22	6.29
ST EDMUNDSBURY	3.28	4.91	NO SUNDAY RATE	6.55
SUFFOLK COASTAL	3.68	4.29	NO SUNDAY RATE	7.36
BANK HOLS – 5.30AM–10.30PM 10.30PM-5.30AM		5.52 6.44		8.58
WAVENEY DISTRICT	3.04	3.53	3.53	6.20