

Licensing and Regulatory Committee



Forest Heath
District Council

Title:	Agenda									
Date:	Monday 9 April 2018									
Time:	6.00 pm									
Venue:	Council Chamber District Offices College Heath Road Mildenhall									
Full Members:	<p style="text-align: center;">Chairman Brian Harvey</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vice Chairman Michael Anderson</p> <p><u>Conservative Members (8)</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Chris Barker</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Carol Lynch</td> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Bloodworth</td> <td>Christine Mason</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Simon Cole</td> <td>Nigel Roman</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>West Suffolk Independent Member (1)</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">Victor Lukaniuk</p> <p><u>UKIP Member (1)</u> Reg Silvester</p>	Chris Barker	Carol Lynch		John Bloodworth	Christine Mason		Simon Cole	Nigel Roman	
Chris Barker	Carol Lynch									
John Bloodworth	Christine Mason									
Simon Cole	Nigel Roman									
Substitutes:	Named substitutes are not appointed									
Interests – Declaration and Restriction on Participation:	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.									
Quorum:	Three Members									
Committee administrator:	Helen Hardinge Democratic Services Officer Tel: 01638 719363 Email: helen.hardinge@westsuffolk.gov.uk									

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Procedural Matters

Part 1 – Public

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Substitutes

3. Public Participation

Members of the public who live or work in the District are invited to put one question or statement of not more than three minutes duration relating to items in Part 1 of the agenda only. If a question is asked and answered within three minutes the person who asked the question may ask a supplementary question that arises from the reply. A person wishing to speak must register to speak at least 15 minutes before the time the meeting is scheduled to start. There is an overall time limit of 15 minutes for public speaking which may be extended at the Chairman's discretion.

4. Minutes

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2018 (copy attached).

5. Hackney Carriage Fare Review 2018

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Report No: **LIC/FH/18/002**

6. Cumulative Impact Policy for Newmarket

Verbal report

Licensing and Regulatory Committee



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Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing and Regulatory Committee** held on **Monday 22 January 2018** at **6.00 pm** at the **Council Chamber, District Offices**, College Heath Road, Mildenhall IP28 7EY

Present: **Councillors**

Chairman Brian Harvey

Vice Chairman Michael Anderson

Chris Barker

Victor Lukaniuk

John Bloodworth

Nigel Roman

Simon Cole

Reg Silvester

Carol Lynch

84. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Christine Mason.

85. Substitutes

There were no substitutes present at the meeting.

86. Public Participation

There were no questions/statements from members of the public.

87. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2017 were unanimously accepted as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman invited the Service Manager (Environmental Health) to update Members on the actions identified within Minute No 82 (Report No: LIC/FH/17/011 Local Air Quality – Progress Report 2016/2017).

The Officer advised the Committee that the two letters had been sent as agreed. Pleasingly Norfolk County Council had responded and agreed to attend future Brandon Transport Group meetings.

Unfortunately, whilst Highways England had also responded to their letter, they had been able to provide a conclusive date on which the POPE report would be published. The Chairman assured Members that the Council would

continue to chase this matter and apply pressure until the report was published.

The Service Manager also informed the Committee that additional diffusion tubes had been located within Brandon at the end of 2017 in consultation with Councillor Lukaniuk. Councillor Lukaniuk gave thanks to the Officers concerned.

**88. Work Programme Update - Current and Future Work Activities
(Report No: LIC/FH/18/001)**

This report provided an update on the current status of the work and set out future development areas that fell within the scope of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

The report also considered the impact on this work as a result of the proposal to establish a single council for West Suffolk in 2019.

Considerable discussion took place on the impact the single council implementation would have on both the democratic and service provision as the two Licensing Authorities became a single entity.

Members raised concern at the need to ensure local knowledge and experience was in place going forward.

The Chairman highlighted the importance of having a clear direction under the one Cabinet Member there would be for the regulatory function. He also made reference to the ongoing work of the Future Governance Steering Group.

Members recognised that the formation of West Suffolk Council would result in external (as well as internal) implications for licence holders, such as needing to amend their own literature. To this end, the Chairman advised the Committee that he had asked Licensing Officers to establish an implementation period of change for rollout in respect of both the service and licensees.

The Committee discussed the importance of ensuring that which was best practice was retained under the single council.

The Chairman proposed that informal discussions be held jointly with St Edmundsbury's Licensing and Regulatory Committee in order to establish those elements which affected the whole of West Suffolk that could be treated uniformly, and those that could potentially require an area-based approach. The Committee as a whole supported this way forward.

Particular topics such as hackney carriage livery were touched on by Members as an example of where policy currently differed between the two Authorities. The Committee considered the use of livery to be extremely important to the local community and something that would need to be clarified prior to the formation of single council.

In order to take this and other discussion forward jointly, it was agreed that Licensing Officers would compile overarching statistics/data on the licensing function for both Committees to consider (this would include information such as the number of licensed premises and registered hackney carriages in both the District and Borough). This would be considered alongside the proposed implementation timetable/programme.

In the interim, the Chairman encouraged the Committee to relay any further comments/thoughts to him directly.

With the vote being unanimous, it was

RESOLVED:

That the content of Report No: LIC/FH/18/001 and the related discussion be noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.42 pm

Signed by:

Chairman

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Licensing and Regulatory Committee



Forest Heath
District Council

Title of Report:	Hackney Carriage Fare Review 2018
Report No:	LIC/FH/18/002
Report to and date/s:	Licensing and Regulatory Committee – 9 April 2018
Portfolio holder:	Councillor Lance Stanbury Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulatory Tel: 07970 947704 Email: lance.stanbury@forest-heath.gov.uk
Lead officer:	Amanda Garnham Licensing Team Leader Tel: 01284 758050 Email: amanda.garnham@westsuffolk.gov.uk
Purpose of report:	The Licensing and Regulatory Committee are asked to consider the proposed hackney carriage fare alignments for West Suffolk.
Recommendation:	It is recommended that Members: 1) Determine and approve <i>either</i> Option 1 or Option 2, and 2) If the request is approved, the effective date of the implementation of the increase be on 4 June 2018 (subject to statutory procedure relating to public objections).
	<i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i> No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consultation:	Letter to all holders of a Hackney Carriage vehicle licence outlining options
Alternative option(s):	Options as per recommendations and contained within the report

Implications:			
Are there any financial implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are there any staffing implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are there any ICT implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are there any legal and/or policy implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are there any equality implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Risk/opportunity assessment:		<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	
Risk area	Inherent level of risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual risk (after controls)
Not taking into consideration the objections received could lead to challenge	Medium	consultation with the public and the taxi trade	Low
Not making an initial attempt to align the fares will delay the Single council process	Medium		
Ward(s) affected:		All	
Background papers: <i>(all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)</i>		Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1976/57	
Documents attached:		Appendix 1 - Current fares cards Appendix 2 - Proposed fare cards Appendix 3 - Fare Comparisons Appendix 4 - Consultation form to all West Suffolk Drivers Appendix 5 - Consultation Raw Data	

1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation(s)

- 1.1 Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 enables Forest Heath District Council (the Council), at its discretion, to fix and vary the tariff for Hackney Carriages that are licensed by the Council.
- 1.2 The Council power extends to fixing, or varying, the rates of fares within the District for time and distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a Hackney Carriage vehicle, or with the arrangements for the hire of a vehicle, by means of a table of fares.

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (the Act)

1.3 lays down a statutory procedure for varying fares charged by Hackney Carriage drivers. When setting Hackney Carriage fares there is no requirement under the Act to take into account external factors, and there is no limit on the amount of increase or variation.

1.4 The latest fares for Hackney Carriages for both West Suffolk Councils can be found at **Appendix 1**.

1.5 The Licensing and Regulatory Committee under the Council's Constitution can set or refuse hackney fares. It has been agreed that they will be reviewed annually. However, on this occasion, the review is anticipating the alignment of the fares in respect of the 'Single Council approach'.

1.6 The current tariffs for St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath Councils differ widely. Therefore, it is proposed that fees should be aligned in two stages.

1.7 **Stage 1** has been to bring members of the hackney trade from both Authorities in a group for discussion as to the first round of changes which would align the amount of tariffs and close the gaps to the running miles prices/flags.

1.8 From the discussions, the group has formulated a proposed new set of fares which can be found in **Appendix 2**. Side by side comparisons and running miles can be found in **Appendix 3**.

1.9 The tariffs proposed have been scrutinised by our meter agents (Digitax and Panther Taxis) who calibrate our hackney meters. They have made some minor amendments and are in agreement that they significantly align most of the differing tariffs at this stage, particularly for tariff 1

1.10 **Stage 2** will be for Licensing and Regulatory committee to choose one of the new tariffs for all hackneys for the commencement of Single Council in 2019.

1.11 **Stage 2** can either be considered by members during this committee or at a later date closer to Single Council commencement.

Consultation

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2.1 The Council is only required to consult on the proposed fares with members of the public. However, **all** licensed drivers across West Suffolk Councils were written to and given an opportunity to give feedback. Not all licensed drivers drive hackney vehicles, however, all licensed drivers receive a combined Hackney and Private Hire licence. A copy of the letter and consultation form can be found at **Appendix 4**.

Out of the 671 combined hackney/private hire drivers were consulted, there are 475 drivers in St Edmundsbury and 196 in Forest Heath: (N.B. figures are correct at the time of the report).

2.2

There are 66 licensed Hackney vehicles in St Edmundsbury and 131 licensed Hackney vehicles in Forest heath.

2.3

Out of the 26 responses, 18 were received from Forest Heath licensees and 8 from St Edmundsbury licensees.

2.4

- 6 responded against the proposed fares alignment
- 17 responded in favour of the proposed fare alignment
- 3 had no comment to make
- 0 requested more proposals.

Some of the responses declined the Stage 1 fare alignment. However, they were in favour of the two authorities completely aligning all fares and the livery for hackneys.

Raw data from this consultation is available in **Appendix 5**

Options

The Committee is requested to consider the options listed below.

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3.1 **Option 1:** Approve and advertise the proposed **new** hackney Carriage fares for Forest Heath

3.1.1 **Option 2:** Approve the advertising of the proposed **new** hackney Carriage fares devised for Forest Heath **and** recommend which set of fares to be considered for **Stage 2** to be in place for Single Council in 2019.

3.1.2

Public consultation

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4.1 If the Committee proceeds with Options 1 or 2 then an advertisement setting out the increased fares must be placed in at least one local newspaper. Members of the public will have 14 days from the date of the advertisement in which to submit any representations for or against the fare increase / decrease. If objections are received then they must be considered by the Licensing and Regulatory Committee before the proposed fare changes can be implemented.

4.2

If no objections are received, the revised table of fares will come into effect on the date specified (not less than 14 days after publication in the newspaper of the notice). If there are objections the Council must set a further date within 2 months of the above date on which the new fares will come into force following further consideration by Members.

Current Fare Cards

FOREST HEATH DISTRICT COUNCIL	
FARE TARIFF	
MAXIMUM FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES	
OPERATIONAL FROM 00:00 HOURS – 20 February 2014	
TARIFF 1	
Between the hours of 6.00am and 11.00pm	
For the first 718 yards [657 mtrs] or 2 minutes 43 seconds or a combination of time and distance	£2.60
For each additional 199 yards [181 mtrs] or part thereof or 49 seconds or a combination of time and distance	£0.20
TARIFF 2	
Between the hours of 11.00pm and 6.00am and from 6.00pm on 24 th December and on all public holidays	
For the first 718 yards [657 mtrs] or 2 minutes 43 seconds or a combination of time and distance	£3.10
For each additional 152 yards [138 mtrs] or part thereof or 37 seconds or a combination of time and distance	£0.20
TARIFF 3	
For each hiring on a Sunday between 6.00 am and 11.00 pm	
For the first 718 yards [657 mtrs] or 2 minutes 43 seconds or a combination of time and distance	£3.20
For each additional 199 yards [181 mtrs] or part thereof or 49 seconds or a combination of time and distance	£0.20
TARIFF 4	
For hirings between 11.00 pm on 24 th December and 6.00 am on 27 th December and between 6.00 pm on 31 st December and 6.00 am on 1 st January	
For the first 718 yards [657 mtrs] or 2 minutes 43 seconds or a combination of time and distance	£4.20
For each additional 199 yards [181 mtrs] or part thereof or 49 seconds or a combination of time and distance	£0.40
(Note: The metric equivalents given are all approximate.)	
ADDITIONAL CHARGES	
1. For each additional passenger to 4 carried in licensed MPV's	£1.50
2. For each article of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the carriage	£0.20
3. For soiling of the carriage, resulting in cleaning being required (up to a maximum of)	£60.00
4. The equivalent amount of any congestion or toll charge incurred during a particular hiring	
THE ABOVE TABLE OF FARES IS INCLUSIVE OF VAT	

**ST. EDMUNDSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL
FARE TARIFF
MAXIMUM FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES
OPERATIONAL FROM 00:00 HOURS – 25 November 2015**

TARIFF 1

Between the hours of 07:00 and 24:00

If distance does not exceed 1 mile (1760 yards / 1609.344 metres)	£3.80
For each subsequent 110 yards (100.584 metres) or part thereof	£0.10
Waiting time (per minute)	£0.25

TARIFF 2

For any journey commenced between the hours of 00:00 and 07:00, or for any hiring on a public or bank holiday

If distance does not exceed 1 mile (1760 yards / 1609.344 metres)	£5.70
For each subsequent 110 yards (100.584 metres) or part thereof	£0.15
Waiting time (per minute)	£0.25

TARIFF 3

**For any hiring on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day
Between the hours of 00:00 and 24:00**

If distance does not exceed 1 mile (1760 yards / 1609.344 metres)	£7.60
For each subsequent 110 yards (100.584 metres) or part thereof	£0.20
Waiting time (per minute)	£0.25

Following tariffs apply to vehicles licensed for more than 4 passengers where more than 4 passengers are carried

TARIFF 4

Between the hours of 07:00 and 24:00

If distance does not exceed 1 mile (1760 yards / 1609.344 metres)	£5.70
For each subsequent 110 yards (100.584 metres) or part thereof	£0.15
Waiting time (per minute)	£0.25

TARIFF 5

For any journey commenced between the hours of 00:00 and 07:00, or for any hiring on a public or bank holiday

If distance does not exceed 1 mile (1760 yards / 1609.344 metres)	£8.55
For each subsequent 110 yards (100.584 metres) or part thereof	£0.20
Waiting time (per minute)	£0.25

TARIFF 6

**For any hiring on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day
Between the hours of 00:00 and 24:00**

If distance does not exceed 1 mile (1760 yards / 1609.344 metres)	£11.40
For each subsequent 110 yards (100.584 metres) or part thereof	£0.30
Waiting time (per minute)	£0.25

Additional Charges

- 1) **Soiling Charge**
 - a. For vehicles licensed up to 4 passengers £100.00
 - b. For vehicles licensed for more than 4 passengers £150.00
- 2) **For carriage of animals**

Not in purpose built cages (with the option to refuse) £1.00

(Excluding assistance animals which are free and must be carried)
- 3) The equivalent amount of any congestion or toll charge incurred during a particular hiring

**THE ABOVE TABLE OF FARES IS INCLUSIVE OF VAT
All meters are Calendar Controlled**

ST EDMUNDSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

STAGE 1 PROPOSED FARE TARIFF – CHANGES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED

TARIFF 1

Between the hours of 06:00 and 2300

If distance does not exceed 1760 yards (1609.344 metres) or 433 secs or a Combination of time and distance	£3.80
For each 199 yards (181 metres) or part there of or 49 seconds or a Combination of time and distance	£0.20

TARIFF 2

For any journey commenced between the hours 23:00 and 06:00 and on 18:00 to 23:00 24th
December and on all public holidays

If distance does not exceed 1760 yards (1609.344 metres) or 434 secs or a Combination of time and distance	£5.70
For each 150 yards (137.6 metres) or part thereof or 37 secs or a combination of time and distance	£0.20

TARIFF 3

For any hiring between 23:00 on 24th December to 06:00 on 27th December and between 1800 on
31st December and 06:00 on 1st January

If distance does not exceed 1564 yards (1430.122 metres) or 393 or 393 seconds	£7.60
For each 195 yards (178.308 metres) or part there of or 49 secs or a combination of time and distance	£0.40

ADDITIONAL CHARGES

1. For each additional passenger carried in licensed MPV's

Tariff 1	£1.50
Tariff 2	£2.00
Tariff 3	£3.00
2. For each article of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment REMOVE £0.20
3. For soiling of the carriage, resulting in cleaning (up to a maximum of) £100.00
4. For carriage of animals (not in purpose built cages) with option to refuse (No charge for assistance dogs) £1.00
5. The equivalent amount of any congestion or toll charge incurred

FOREST HEATH DISTRICT COUNCIL

PROPOSED FARE TARIFF – STAGE 1 CHANGES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED

TARIFF 1

Between the hours of 06:00 and 23:00

If distance does not exceed **1114 yards (1018.642 metres)** or 2 minutes 43 secs or a

Combination of time and distance **£3.20**

For each **199 yards (181 metres)** or part there of or 49 seconds or a

Combination of time and distance **£0.20**

TARIFF 2

For any journey between the hours 23:00 and 06:00, and from 18:00 to 23:00 on 24th December and on all Public Holidays

If distance does not exceed **915 yards (836.676 metres)** or 2 minutes 43 secs or a

Combination of time and distance **£3.70**

For each **150 yards (137.16 metres)** or part thereof or 37 secs or a

Combination of time and distance **£0.20**

TARIFF 3

For hiring's between 23:00 on 24th December and 06:00 on 27th December and between 18:00 on 31st December and 06:00 on 1st January

For the first **915 yards (836.676 metres)** or 2 mins 43 secs or a combination of time and distance **£5.50**

For each **195 yards (178.308 metres)** or part there of or 49 secs or a combination of time and distance **£0.40**

ADDITIONAL CHARGES

1. For each additional passenger carried in licensed MPV's
Tariff 1 - £1.50
Tariff 2 - £2.00
Tariff 3 - £3.00
2. For each article of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment **£0.20 REMOVE**
3. For soiling of the carriage, resulting in cleaning (up to a maximum of) **£100.00**
4. For carriage of animals (not in purpose built cages) with option to refuse **£1.00**
(No charge to be made for assistance Dogs)
5. The equivalent amount of any congestion or toll charge incurred during a particular hiring

St Edmundsbury Taxi Tariff

Appendix 3

	<u>TARIFF 1</u>		<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Current</u>			
Waiting Time	24 secs		49 secs
Flag fall	3.80		3.80
Initial Yardage	1760		1760
Yards thereafter	110		199
Unit	0.10		0.20
Initial waiting time	384		433
<u>Distance (Miles)</u>			
Flag	3.80		3.80
1	3.80		3.80
2	5.40		5.60
3	7.00		7.40
4	8.60		9.20
5	10.20		11.00
6	11.80		12.80
7	13.40		14.60
8	15.00		16.20
9	16.60		18.00
10	18.20		19.80
Running Mile	1.60		1.77

	<u>TARIFF 2</u>		<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Current</u>			
Waiting Time	36 secs		37 secs
Flag fall	5.70		5.70
Initial Yardage	1760		1760
Yards thereafter	110		150
Unit	0.15		0.20
Initial waiting time	576		434
<u>Distance (Miles)</u>			
Flag	5.70		5.70
1	5.70		5.70
2	8.10		8.10
3	10.50		10.50
4	12.90		12.90
5	15.30		15.10
6	17.70		17.50
7	20.10		19.90
8	22.50		22.30
9	24.90		24.50
10	27.30		26.90
Running Mile	2.40		2.35

	<u>TARIFF 3</u>		<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Current</u>			
Waiting Time	48 secs		29 secs
Flag fall	7.60		7.60
Initial Yardage	1760		1564
Yards thereafter	110		195
Unit	0.20		0.40
Initial waiting time	768		393
<u>Distance (Miles)</u>			
Flag	7.60		7.60
1	7.60		8.40
2	10.80		12.00
3	14.00		15.60
4	17.20		19.20
5	20.40		22.80
6	23.60		26.40
7	26.80		30.00
8	30.00		33.60
9	33.20		37.20
10	36.40		40.80
Running Mile	3.20		3.61

Forest Heath Taxi Tariff

	<u>TARIFF 1</u>	
<u>Current</u>		<u>Proposed</u>
Waiting Time	49 secs	49 secs
Flag fall	2.60	3.20
Initial Yardage	718	1114
Yards thereafter	199	199
Unit	0.20	0.20
Initial waiting time	177	274
<u>Distance (Miles)</u>		
Flag	2.60	3.20
1	3.80	4.00
2	5.60	5.80
3	7.20	7.40
4	9.00	9.20
5	10.80	11.00
6	12.60	12.80
7	14.40	14.60
8	16.20	16.40
9	17.80	18.00
10	19.60	19.80
Running Mile	1.77	1.77

	<u>TARIFF 2</u>	
<u>Current</u>		<u>Proposed</u>
Waiting Time	37 secs	37 secs
Flag fall	3.10	3.70
Initial Yardage	718	915
Yards thereafter	152	150
Unit	0.20	0.20
Initial waiting time	175	226
<u>Distance (Miles)</u>		
Flag	3.10	3.70
1	4.50	4.90
2	6.90	7.30
3	9.30	9.70
4	11.50	11.90
5	13.90	14.30
6	16.10	16.70
7	18.50	19.10
8	20.70	21.30
9	23.10	23.70
10	25.50	26.10
Running Mile	2.32	2.35

	<u>TARIFF 3</u>	
<u>Current</u>		<u>Proposed</u>
Waiting Time	49 secs	49 secs
Flag fall	3.20	5.50
Initial Yardage	718	915
Yards thereafter	199	195
Unit	0.20	0.40
Initial waiting time	177	230
<u>Distance (Miles)</u>		
Flag	3.20	5.50
1	4.40	7.50
2	6.20	11.10
3	7.80	14.70
4	9.60	18.30
5	11.40	21.90
6	13.20	25.50
7	15.00	29.10
8	16.80	32.70
9	18.40	36.30
10	20.20	39.90
Running Mile	1.77	3.61

**Hackney Carriage Fare
Alignment Consultation
Stage 1**



Please see the amended fare

Driver name	
Badge No	CD
Who are you licensed with? (please tick)	St Edmundsbury Borough Council <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Heath District Council <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you own a Hackney Carriage vehicle?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you drive/rent a Hackney Carriage Vehicle?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Hackney Plate Number (if you own/drive one)	HV
Do you think this is a fair amendment to the current fares to bring them in line together as stage one?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Please give reasons for your answer and detail if you would recommend anything different	
Signed	
Date	

cards enclosed

Please return this form to the council – or scan to licensing@westsuffolk.gov.uk by **5 March 2018**

Hackney Owner?	Hackney Driver?	FHDC?	SEBC?	Response
yes	yes	yes		Declined stage 1 alignment as feels that both councils should be aligned fully including liveries
yes	yes	yes		Agreed the fair alignment and felt it was time for an increase due to rising costs
no	yes	yes		Agreed the fair alignment and is a part time driver
no	yes	yes		Agreed the fair alignment and rents a hackney vehicle, feels that the public should have one tariff
yes	yes	yes		Declined Stage 1 alignment but made no comment
yes	yes	yes		Agreed with the fair alignment and feels any increases should be in line with inflation
yes	yes	yes		Agreed the fair alignment but made no comment
no	no		yes	Agreed the fair alignment but made no comment
yes	yes	yes		Declined the Stage 1 alignment as feels the increases should not reflect just an alignment but all of the costs for the vehicle and to the owner should be considered
yes	yes	yes		Declined stage 1 as felt all the alignments should be done in one stage including fees and liveries
yes	yes	yes		Agreed alignment as costs are rising for the drivers and vehicle owners and feels the gap between the councils are too far apart
yes	yes	yes		Agreed alignment and felt this should have been done a long time ago as the gap between the councils are so far apart
yes	yes		yes	no comment either way
yes	yes	yes		Does not agree with the changes as the first mile increase is quite high, cannot suggest a way to change this and does not agree with charging for pets
yes	yes	yes		Agrees with the alignment
yes	yes	yes		Agrees with the alignment and any increase due to the rising running costs
yes	yes		yes	Agrees with the alignment but not the timings. Wants the luggage charge to be scrapped
yes	yes	yes		Agrees with the alignment
yes	yes	yes		Agrees with the alignment and any increase due to the rising running costs
yes	yes	yes		Agrees with the alignment and feels it is fair
yes	yes	yes		Agrees with the alignment and fees it is fair
no	no		yes	Doesn't drive a hackney so does not affect them
no	no		yes	Agrees with the alignment
no	yes		yes	Doesn't agree with alignment and comments on bag charge and soilage feeling that police and council should enforce
no	no		yes	Agrees with the alignment
no	no		yes	no comment either way

17 Agrees, 4 SEBC 13 FHDC
 6 against for various reasons, 1 SEBC 5 FHDC
 3 no comment either way

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