

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

ORIGINATING SECTION : PUBLIC PROTECTION SERVICE

REPORT TO : LICENSING COMMITTEE

03.02.10

TITLE : REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE FEES

1. PURPOSE

To inform Members of a proposed increase in private hire and hackney carriage licence fees.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the report and forward comments in respect of the revised fees to the Executive Member

3. KEY ISSUES

The licence fees relating to the above were last increased on 1st April 2009. The proposed fees will be submitted to a meeting of the Executive Board, subject to consultation by the Licensing committee, and advertising in accordance with section 70(3) of the Local Government Act 1976.

4. RATIONALE

The reviews of fees and charges are an annual process. There is a statutory consultation process which started in January in order that the revised fees can be in place for April. The fees were advertised in the Lancashire Telegraph on 20th January 2010. The proposed fees are attached in appendix 1

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The attached report has been compiled and reflects an increase in across all Hackney Carriage and Private hire fees. The proposed increases should meet the budget proposals currently being considered by the Council for the 2010/ 11 revenue budget.

The review of fees is a policy matter and should therefore be considered by the Executive Member, and will be ratified at the Finance Council in March 2011.

The expertise of the Licensing Committee in this area of work is recognised, The Licensing Committee should consider the proposed fees and their observations will be forwarded to the Executive Member as part of the consultation process.

The Executive member will consider any objections received as a result of the consultation process there are statutory obligations in respect of consultation. The revised fees will come into effect from 1st April 2010

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposals have been considered as part of the budgetary process and reflect an increase in the fee payable to the Council of an average of 3.00%

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with Section 70(3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, a notice must be published in a least one local newspaper circulating in the area setting out the proposed variations, and specifying the period, which shall not be less than 28 days from the date of the publication of the notice, within which and the manner in which the objections to the variation can be made.

A copy of the notice referred to in the previous paragraph shall be for the period of 28 days from the date of the publication, be deposited at the offices of the Council, and shall at all reasonable hours be open to public inspection without payment.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

9. CONSULTATIONS

In accordance with Section 70(3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, a notice must be published in a least one local newspaper circulating in the area setting out the proposed variations, and specifying the period, which shall not be less than 28 days from the date of the publication of the notice, within which and the manner in which the objections to the variation can be made.

A copy of the notice referred to in the previous paragraph shall be for the period of 28 days from the date of the publication, be deposited at the offices of the Council, and shall at all reasonable hours be open to public inspection without payment.

A letter with a copy of the proposed fees has been sent to all operators. A meeting was held with the trade on 11th January 2010, their comments or proposals will be made available at the committee meeting.

10 . CONTACT OFFICER

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BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
Proposed increase in Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Fees
effective from 1st April 2011

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council being the authority for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire, in accordance with Section 70(3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE of the proposed variations to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Fees.

A copy of the proposed variations can be inspected at the Licensing Section, Tower Block, Blackburn between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm on normal working days.

Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the proposed variations, with reasons for the objection, within 28 days from the date of publication of the newspaper in which this notice appears.

Such notice of objection should be given to Yasmin Powell, Support Services Manger, Public Protection Service, L Floor, Tower Block, Blackburn. BB1 7DY.

Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Fees and Charges

	Current - £	Proposed - £
Private hire vehicle licence (12 months)	180.40	185.80
Private hire vehicle licence (6 months)	98.40	101.35
Private hire vehicle licence (4 months)	71.75	73.90
Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence (12 months)	217.30	223.85
Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence (6 months)	118.00	121.55
Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence (4 months)	87.00	89.60
<i>20% reduction for vehicles powered by LPG</i>		
Private Hire Vehicle Operator Licences		
Licence fee to incorporate flat fee plus additional fee		
determined by vehicle number.		
Operator Flat Fee	174.25	179.50
Vehicle number top up fee per vehicle	21.50	22.15
Change of operator	as new	
Change of Vehicle	as new	
Private hire vehicle driver licence	60.00	61.80
Hackney carriage vehicle driver licence	60.00	61.80
1 hour test (with MOT)	57.50	59.25
1 Hour re-test (with MOT)	38.00	39.15
1/2 hour re-test	30.00	30.90
Suspension lift	49.20	50.70
Knowledge	16.00	16.50
CRB	44.00	45.35
Transfer of vehicle ownership	15.00	15.45
Replacement Badge 14.5	15.00	15.45
Customer copy record	11.50	11.85
Council issued door stickers	6.00	6.20
Plate fee	8.70	9.00
Plate holder	20.00	20.60
Copy of licensing register	59.00	60.80