



Licensing and Public Safety Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

Wednesday, 8th June 2011

In the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley

At 2.00 pm



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26 May 2011

Dear Councillor

LICENSING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 8TH JUNE 2011

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley on Wednesday, 8th June 2011 commencing at 2.00 pm.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**

2. **Declarations of Any Interests**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. If the interest arises **only** as result of your membership of another public body or one to which you have been appointed by the Council then you only need to declare it if you intend to speak.

If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest, you must withdraw from the meeting. Normally you should leave the room before the business starts to be discussed. You do, however, have the same right to speak as a member of the public and may remain in the room to enable you to exercise that right and then leave immediately. In either case you must not seek to improperly influence a decision on the matter.

3. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)**

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee held on 9 March 2011 (enclosed).

4. **Minutes of Licensing Sub-Committees**

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committees which took place on the following dates:

- a) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 16 March 2011 of General Licensing Sub-Committee (enclosed) (Pages 5 - 8)

Hearing commencing at 10.00am.

- b) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 16th March 2011 of General Licensing Sub-Committee (enclosed) (Pages 9 - 10)

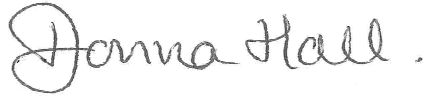
Hearing commencing at 2.00pm.

5. **Hackney Carriage Proposed Fare Increase** (Pages 11 - 24)

Report of the Director of People and Places (enclosed).

6. **Any other item(s) that the Chair decides is/are urgent**

Yours sincerely



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2. Agenda and reports to Simon Clark (Head of Environment), Paul Carter (Public Protection Co-ordinator), Cathryn Barrett (Democratic and Member Services Officer), Legal Services, Jamie Carson (Director of People and Places), File and Room for attendance.
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Licensing and Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, 9 March 2011

Present: Councillor Keith Iddon (Chair), Councillor Pat Haughton (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Judith Boothman, Terry Brown, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, Hasina Khan, Marion Lowe, Beverley Murray, Alan Platt, Debra Platt, Edward Smith, Ralph Snape and John Walker

Also in attendance: Simon Clark (Head of Health, Environment & Neighbourhoods), Zeynab Patel (Solicitor) and Cathryn Barrett (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

11.LPS.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Anthony Gee, Councillor Laura Lennox, and Councillor Stella Walsh.

11.LPS.02 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

11.LPS.03 MPV VEHICLE CONDITION - TRANSITION DATE

The Committee received a report from the Director of People and Places which asked Members if they wanted to review the implementation date for existing fleet vehicles of the condition that all multi passenger type vehicles (MPV's) had to meet to comply with the MPV Vehicle Condition policy as approved by Committee on 20 October 2010.

The purpose of the policy was to ensure that additional seating provided in MPV's was suitable for passenger comfort and in particular allowed ease of access and exit from the vehicle when the rear seats were in use. At that time Members also determined that a transition date be set whereby all existing vehicles on fleet complied with the new condition, which was resolved as 1 June 2011.

Members of the Committee were invited to inspect the vehicles types in question and determine whether the transition date previously agreed should be retained.

Members of the Committee received both written and verbal representations from the taxi trade which claimed that the transition date was unfair and prejudiced the respective proprietors' ability to operate. It was understood that the implementation date affects only two vehicles in the fleet. Those vehicles would have to be removed from the taxi fleet on 1 June 2011, or have their vehicle licences amended to reduce the number of passengers licensed to be carried from six passengers to four passengers. Instead representatives of the taxi trade proposed that the two vehicles concerned be phased out at the end of the vehicles' lifespan, which was suggested would be in three years time, on the fourth anniversary of the private vehicle licence being issued; as the vehicles were already a year old.

It was proposed by Councillor Ralph Snape, seconded by Councillor David Dickinson and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – That the deadline of 1 June 2011 to comply with the new condition be removed for the two existing vehicles on fleet, but instead allow the vehicles to continue to be licensed to carry six people for a further three years. This would expire on the fourth anniversary of the original private hire vehicle licence being issued.**

11.LPS.04 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 1 December 2010 by confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

11.LPS.05 MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee meetings held on 5 January and 9 February 2011 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair,

11.LPS.06 DRIVER TRAINING - WHEELCHAIR USERS

The Committee considered a report from the Director of People and Places bringing to Members attention representations received from the taxi trade concerning the introduction of training and testing requirements for new hackney carriage and private hire driver applications.

At the Licensing and Public Safety Committee on 15 September 2010, its Members approved a new set of conditions for hackney carriage and private hire driver licence applications which included a condition that all new applicants undergo the Driving Standards Agency (DSA) two part test which included a test relating to wheelchair users and safe wheelchair transit on hackney and private hire vehicles. The policy came in to force on 1 November 2010 and was due to be reviewed in September 2011. Since its introduction, the Council had received two applications for a driver's licence where the DSA test had been successfully completed as part of the application process.

Representations from the taxi trade asked that the review of the condition be brought forward from September 2011, as they claim the condition was unfair and imposed additional unnecessary burden on new driver licence applications. Particular concerns had been voiced by the taxi trade related to the location of the test centre being in Bury, which is the nearest centre capable of providing this service, and the need to provide a wheelchair accessible vehicle as part of the test. However, Members of the Committee were advised that the condition had received support from the Chorley and South Ribble Disability Forum.

The Head of Health, Environment and Neighbourhoods confirmed that new applicants did have to complete the second part of the DSA test in Bury at the moment but had been assured that from May 2011 drivers would be able to take the test in Chorley.

After extensive consideration, in which Members of the Committee discussed the benefits and disadvantages of the two DSA tests, including the fact that the condition related to new driver licence applications only, it was proposed by Councillor Terry Brown, seconded by Councillor Marion Lowe and subsequently **RESOLVED by a majority decision – That from Monday, 14 March 2011, the DSA testing process for new applicant changes to a two tier system in that all new applicants should successfully complete the first part of the DSA test, and those applicants who intend to drive wheelchair access vehicles should also successfully complete the second part of the test.**

At this point the Chair of the Committee reminded Members that the review of this condition had been brought forward from the September 2011 meeting, and that unless significant issues arose related to this condition which required further consideration, the matter would not be considered again under his Chairmanship.

11.LPS.07 DVLA V5 DOCUMENT REQUIREMENT

The Committee received a report from the Director of People and Places that brought Members' attention to concerns raised by the taxi trade regarding a long standing condition that insisted a vehicle's DVLA V5 (log book) document had to be presented at the time a vehicle was licensed as a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle as evidence of whom the registered keeper was, and the date the vehicle was first registered.

When a vehicle was purchased, and in particular a second hand vehicle, the V5 document has to be sent away by the vendor to the DVLA and the new owner was usually given a handwritten slip containing information which could be used to trace the document with the DVLA if necessary.

Members of the Committee received representations from the taxi trade that felt this condition was delaying their ability to operate a vehicle as quickly as they would like as it could take the DVLA up to three weeks before they would issue the V5 document, and that the handwritten slip should suffice as proof of ownership.

Members of the Committee considered the representations from the taxi trade and alternative documentation as proof of the registered keeper and although Members noted the concern of the taxi trade felt that the existing condition was reasonable. It was therefore proposed by Councillor Terry Brown, seconded by Councillor Marion Lowe and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – That the original condition be retained unchanged to ensure that there was a traceable and accurate document which identified the registered vehicle keeper in order that the vehicle licence applicant and vehicle keeper could be identified as one and the same person at the time of the vehicle licence application as well as confirmation of the date of first registration of the vehicle in the UK.**

11.LPS.08 ANNUAL REVIEW OF TAXI FEES AND CHARGES

The Committee received a report from the Director of People and Places which detailed the proposed licensing fees for 2011/2012. Members of the Committee were asked to receive responses to the proposed increase in fees and charges, following a 28 day consultation period, and delegate the consideration of any representations received and subsequent reporting to the Executive Member of Transformation by the Director of People and Places in consultation with the Chair of Licensing and Public Safety Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor John Walker, seconded by Councillor Debra Platt and subsequently **RESOLVED by a majority decision – That the report be noted, and to delegate the consideration of any representations received following a 28 day consultation period, and subsequent reporting to the Executive Member of Transformation to the Director of People and Places in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee.**

11.LPS.09 LICENSING PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 3

Councillor Alan Platt and Councillor Debra Platt left the meeting at this point.

The Committee received a verbal update from the Head of Health, Environment and Neighbourhoods which detailed the performance of the Council's licensing functions during quarter three which included:

- 4 hackney carriage driver licence applications had been received
- 17 hackney carriage driver renewal applications had had been received
- 1 Operators Licence had changed

- 3 applications had been received for private hire drivers licences
- 6 alcohol licences had been issued
- 5 street collection applications had been received
- 5 door to door collection applications had been received.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

11.LPS.10 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

11.LPS.11 UPDATE ON HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCE SUSPENSION

The Head of Health, Environment and Neighbourhoods informed Members of the Committee that a driver whose private hire driver's licence had been suspended by the General Licensing Sub-Committee until his licence had expired managed to renew his licence by attending the Customer Services One Stop Shop.

The decision notice produced at the time the licence was suspended indicated that it was intention of Members of the Sub-Committee that only a future General Licensing Sub-Committee should consider a renewal application from this driver.

Following further investigation once the error had been identified, the matter itself was dealt with by the Director of People and Places in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee. Members of the Committee were advised that since the incident, the Customer Services team have undergone further training and extra checking procedures were being introduced.

11.LPS.12 ANY OTHER ITEM(S) THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES IS/ARE URGENT

The Chair of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee thanked all Members of the Committee for their attendance and contributions throughout the year, and particularly thanked Councillor Pat Haughton, Councillor Laura Lennox and Councillor Edward Smith who were due to stand down from the Council at the Borough Election on 5 May 2011.

Chair

General Licensing Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 16 March 2011

Present: Councillor Keith Iddon (Chair) and Councillors Judith Boothman, Anthony Gee, Debra Platt and Ralph Snape

11.LSC.11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

11.LSC.12 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

11.LSC.13 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the ground that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

11.LSC.14 APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Members of the Sub-Committee considered a report from the Director of People and Places which sought the Sub-Committee's decision on an application for a private hire driver's licence.

During the application process, the applicant had failed to disclose previous convictions as required to do so. The applicant later indicated that he had felt it unnecessary to disclose his convictions on his application form as they would be detailed on his Criminal Records Bureau check.

The Sub-Committee were informed that the applicant had previously held a private hire and a hackney carriage driver's licence with Chorley Council between 1996 and 2006. During this time, the applicant advised that his previous convictions (apart from a speeding conviction in 1999) had never been considered by the Council. The applicant advised that he had appeared before the Licensing Sub-Committee on 5 October 1999 for failure to report a conviction for speeding, where he acquired six penalty points, a fine and that he had reached the DVLA disqualification.

The applicant, and his representative attended the Sub-Committee hearing to give representation in support of his application.

At this point the applicant, his representative and the Public Protection Officer left the meeting while the Sub-Committee Members deliberated their decision.

After careful consideration of all the relevant factors the Sub-Committee unanimously **RESOLVED - To grant a private hire and hackney carriage driver's licence.**

11.LSC.15 APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Members of the Sub-Committee considered a report from the Director of People and Places which sought the Sub-Committee's decision on an application for private hire and a hackney carriage driver's licences.

The applicant, had one endorsement for speeding (SP30) on 19 May 2009, detailed on his driving licence, for which he received a fixed penalty and awarded three penalty points. The applicant's CRB check also revealed that in November 2008 at Crown Court the applicant had received an 18 month conditional discharge to run concurrently for using threatening, abusive, insulting words or behaviour and for common assault for an incident which took place in May 2008.

Members of the Sub-Committee were made aware that the applicant had previously held a private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licence with the Council first issued on 10 October 2003 and 1 October 2007 respectively.

The applicant appeared before the General Licensing Sub-Committee on 7 January 2009 to consider the conviction. At that time the Sub-Committee resolved to revoke the applicant's private hire and hackney carriage driver's licences. Following a successful appeal by the applicant at the Magistrates Court, the Council appealed that decision to the Crown Court under the Public Health Act 1936 Section 300-302. The appeal was considered at Crown Court in March 2010 which upheld the Council's appeal.

The applicant, and his representative attended the Sub-Committee hearing to give representation in support of his application. The applicant expressed remorse for the incident and an understanding of the seriousness of the conviction. Since the incident the applicant had successfully completed a national vocational qualification relating to taxi driving, and currently held a hackney carriage driver's licence from another Council.

At this point the applicant, his representative and the Public Protection Officer left the meeting while the Sub-Committee Members considered the application.

The Sub-Committee considered all aspects of the application including the verbal representations from the applicant and his representative, the relevance of his convictions, the Council's Policy on Convictions, the judgment made at Crown Court and the time lapsed since the conviction.

The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant had expressed remorse for his actions and noted that the applicant had not received any other convictions apart from the speeding offence since the incident. The Sub-Committee further noted that the applicant had undertaken additional training in the area of taxi driving for which he had gained a national vocational certificate. However, the Sub-Committee were minded that the incident for which the applicant was convicted was of a very serious nature. The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant was licensed to drive taxis by another Council. However the Sub-Committee considered that the application should be considered in the light of a policy adopted by Chorley Borough Council and on its own merits.

After careful consideration of all the relevant factors, the Sub-Committee unanimously **RESOLVED – That the application for a licence to drive private hire and hackney carriage vehicles be refused as Members of the Sub-Committee did not feel that enough time had lapsed since the date of the conviction in November 2008 that they could be satisfied that he was a fit and proper person. The Sub-Committee had regard to paragraph E2 of the Council's policy on previous convictions which states that an applicant should normally have at least five years free from the last conviction for violence and abusive behaviour before**

the grant of a licence. The Sub-Committee also had regard to paragraph E3 of the above policy which provides that a conviction for an offence relating to violence committed when the applicant was driving a taxi will be considered in a more serious light.

Chair

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General Licensing Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 16 March 2011

Present: Councillor Keith Iddon (Chair) and Councillors Anthony Gee, Alan Platt, Ralph Snape and John Walker

11.LSC.16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

11.LSC.17 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

11.LSC.18 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the ground that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

11.LSC.19 APPLICATION TO DRIVE HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

Members of the Sub-Committee considered a report from the Director of People and Places which sought the Sub-Committee's decision on an application for a hackney carriage and a private hire driver's licences.

Council Policy states that an applicant for a hackney carriage and/or a private hire drivers licences must have held a full DVLA driving licence for three years. The applicant had only held a full DVLA driving licence since 25 July 2008 and therefore did not comply with Council Policy.

To prove his identity, the applicant produced two driving licences in different names. Further checks revealed that one of the licences was no longer valid. The applicant produced further documents to prove his identity including a certificate of travel which was due to expire on 19 May 2011. At this point the Public Protection Officer was satisfied that the CRB check had been made in the correct name, the result of which recorded that the applicant had no convictions.

The applicant attended the Sub-Committee hearing to give representation in support of his application, which included his driving history prior to and since entering the UK, an explanation of the multiple driving licences, and current immigration status.

After careful considered of all the relevant factors including the verbal representations from the applicant and the applicant's driving experience since qualifying for a full DVLA driving licence the Sub-Committee unanimously **RESOLVED - To approve the application for a hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences.**

11.LSC.20 CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU DISCLOSURE APPLICATION

Members of the Sub-Committee considered a report from the Director of People and Places which sought the Sub-Committee's instructions on the results of a CRB disclosure application.

At the Sub-Committee meeting on 5 January 2011, Members were informed that there had been a reluctance from the driver to have his fingerprints taken by the Police so that the Criminal Records Bureau could confirm his identity. The Sub-Committee at that time resolved that the driver must complete the CRB check in its entirety by 1 March 2011.

Since that Sub-Committee the driver had successfully completed a CRB check in its entirety. However, the results revealed a conviction dating back to June 1976 at Crown Court for which he received six months imprisonment, suspended for two years. The Sub-Committee was advised that the Council had no records that the conviction had ever been considered in respect of him being a 'fit and proper' person to hold a hackney carriage or private hire driver's licence.

The driver and his representatives attended the Sub-Committee hearing to give representation in support of the application.

The Sub-Committee considered all the relevant factors including the relevance and age of the conviction, and the Council's Policy relating to convictions and unanimously **RESOLVED – No further action need be taken.**

Chair



Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of People and Places	Licensing and Public Safety Committee	8 June 2011

HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPOSED FARE INCREASE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To bring to the attention of Members a request from the Hackney Carriage Drivers Association Ltd for a hackney carriage fare increase.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That Members consider the request for a fare increase and consider any representations the Hackney Carriage Drivers Association Ltd or their representatives may wish to make.
- That the proposed increase in Hackney Carriage fares be agreed, subject to the necessary notice being advertised and no objections being received. Should any objections be received it is intended that they will be presented to the next meeting of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee for consideration.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Strong Family Support		Education and Jobs	
Being Healthy		Pride in Quality Homes and Clean Neighbourhoods	
Safe Respectful Communities		Quality Community Services and Spaces	
Vibrant Local Economy	X	Thriving Town Centre, Local Attractions and Villages	X
A Council that is a consistently Top Performing Organisation and Delivers Excellent Value for Money			

BACKGROUND

- A written request for an increase in hackney carriage fares was received by the Council on 15 March 2011. A copy of the written request is attached at Appendix A.
- Under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the Council may fix fares for time and distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a hackney carriage.



7. When the Council make or vary a table of fares we have to publish in at least one local newspaper a notice setting out the table of fares and proposed increases. This Notice must allow at least 14 days for objections to be made. In addition a copy of the Notice must be available for viewing at Council offices at all reasonable hours, free of charge.
8. If no objection to the table of fares or variations is made within the period specified in the Notice, or if all objections made are withdrawn, the table of fares or variations shall come into operation on the date of the expiration of the period specified in the notice or the date of withdrawal of the objection.
9. Following a meeting with a representative from the Hackney Carriage Drivers Association Ltd the original request was discussed and simplified as follows: A 10p increase for the first 0.5 mile and an increase from £1.60 to £1.76 for each subsequent mile (equating to an increase from 10p per 1/16 mile to 11p per 1/16 mile).
10. A comparison table of the effect of a hackney fare increase is attached to this report at Appendix B.
11. Hackney Carriage fares were last increased in September 2008 when the charge for the first 0.5 mile was increased from £1.90 to £2.20. At that time no increase was imposed on the subsequent mileage or part thereof.
12. Members should note that since the last fare increase for hackney carriage journeys the cost of motoring has increased significantly with fuel costs alone rising by over 30% since 2008

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

13. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	X	No significant implications in this area	

COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

14. There are no comments to be added to the body of the report.

JAMIE CARSON
DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

There are no background papers to this report.

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Chorley Council
 Licensing Department
 Chorley

By E-Mail Only.

24 May 2011

Dear, Chorley Licensing Department,

Re - Hackney Carriage Table of Fares for 2011

We Request that Chorley council considers the following recommendations from the hackney Drivers Association Ltd on behalf of there members.

We have been requested our members to apply for an increase in Fares for 2011, the last increase in Fares was in October 2008

		National Average march 2011	Chorley now	National Average March 2011
Flag Fall	Tariff One		£2.20	£2.56
Flag Fall	Tariff Two		£3.30	£3.40

It is therefore our proposal to seek an Increase to the flag fall of both Tariff one (1) & Tariff Two (2).

		Chorley now	Proposed Increase
Flag Fall	Tariff One	£2.20	£2.30
And Increase From		£1.60 per mile	£1.70 Per Mile
Flag Fall	Tariff Two	£3.30	£3.45
And Increase From		£2.40per Mile	£2.55 per Mile

We request that is done by way of reducing the yardage on both Flags to achieve the proposed Increases. And then by reducing the Yardage on the running Mile on both tariff one and Tariff two to achieve the cost per Mile.

FUEL

January 2011, Average cost of Diesel per litre (North West) £ 132.4

February 2011, Average cost of Diesel per litre (North West) £ 133.4

Comparisons.

Chorley presently sits at 308 as of March 2011, in the league table of 380 Council and will continue to drop as more authorities take increases in fares.

Council prefers a method of measure against demographically related areas. This information comes from Taxi and Private Hire Monthly, March 2011 and the preferred unit is a two mile journey on tariff one (1).

Dartford	£ 6.20
Lincoln	£ 5.40
Worcester	£ 5.10
Carlisle	£ 5.10
Durham	£ 4.90
Chorley	£ 4.60
Burnley	£ 4.50

We consider it fairer to make a comparison against the national average (£5.17) and our immediate neighbours

Blackpool	£5.60
Ribble Valley	£5.30
Wyre	£5.30
Fylde	£5.10
South Ribble	£4.80
Chorley	£4.80
Chorley	£4.60

Our proposed increases we submit will only keep the trade in Chorley were it should have been in line with others, and in line with the other Associations proposal in 2010. It should be noted that many councils have yet not increase fare, but the Association believes that they will so

All Other Tariffs

We do not intend to propose any Increase in any other Tariffs

Summary

We consider we have successfully reflected the wishes of the Trade, but there may be a need for further considerations if Fuel continues to Increase in the difficult economic conditions

This request is an attempt to keep Chorley from falling further down the league Tables, and to offset some of the financially, damaging impact of soaring costs is having

C. Oakes Chairman the Hackney Drivers Association Ltd.

Monday, 14 March 2011

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PRESENT HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES	PROPOSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES
1 MILE £3.00	1 MILE £3.18
2 MILES £4.60	2 MILES £4.94
3 MILES £6.20	3 MILES £6.70
4 MILES £7.80	4 MILES £8.46
5 MILES £ 9.40	5 MILES £10.22

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CHORLEY COUNCIL**HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that in accordance with Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Chorley Council propose to vary the Table of Fares as shown below.

Any person wishing to make any objection to these proposals may do so in writing, specifying the grounds on which they are made to the undersigned or by e-mail to contact@chorley.gov.uk within fourteen days of the date of this notice, a copy of which is available for inspection between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday at the Reception Area of the Civic Offices, Union Street, Chorley. If no objections are received the variation in fares will come into force on the expiry of the above-specified period of notice, namely 30 June 2011.

PROPOSED VARIATION

The variation relates to the rate of hire charges as follows:

TARIFF 1 (STANDARD CHARGE)

For the first ½ mile (approx 805 metres) - increased from £2.20 to £2.30
For each succeeding $\frac{1}{16}$ th mile (approx 100 metres) or part thereof 11p

All other charges remain unchanged.

15 June 2011

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BOROUGH OF CHORLEY	
THE FOLLOWING RATES OF CHARGES (VAT INCLUDED) FOR THE HIRE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES AUTHORISED BY BYE-LAWS MADE BY THE COUNCIL	
YOU ARE BEING CONVEYED IN HACKNEY CARRIAGE	**
HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES	
FARE FOR DISTANCE	30 June 2011
Tariff 1 (Standard Charge)	
For the first ½ mile (approx 805 metres)	£2.30
For each succeeding 1/16th mile (approx 100 metres) or part thereof	11p
Tariff 2 (additional 50% on standard charge)	
For hirings begun between:	
6.00pm - 12 midnight Christmas Eve	
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