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COMMITTEE:	LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE
DATE:	FRIDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2022 9.30 AM
VENUE:	FRINK ROOM (ELISABETH) - ENDEAVOUR HOUSE, RUSSELL ROAD, IPSWICH IP1 2BX

Members		
<u>Conservative</u> Siân Dawson Margaret Maybury Mark Newman	<u>Independent</u> Trevor Cresswell Kathryn Grandon John Nunn Lee Parker (Chair)	<u>Liberal Democrat</u> Sue Carpendale (Vice-Chair) <u>Green</u> Jane Gould
<u>Ind Conservative</u> Adrian Osborne		

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AGENDA

PART 1

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC PRESENT

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- 1 **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
Members to declare any interests as appropriate in respect of items to be considered at this meeting.
- 3 **BLR/22/1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2021** 3 - 4
- 4 **TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME**
- 5 **QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS**
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Report from the Licensing Team

Date and Time of next meeting

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Agenda Item 3

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held in the Frink Room (Elisabeth) - Endeavour House on Friday, 10 December 2021 at 9.30am

PRESENT:

Councillor: Margaret Maybury (Chair)

Councillors: Sue Ayres Trevor Cresswell
Siân Dawson

In attendance:

Officers: Legal Advisor (ND)
Assistant Director - Environment & Commercial Partnerships (CC)
Assistant Manager – Food, Safety & Licensing (JW)
Licensing Officer (KG)
Civic Officer & Governance Support (KS)
Member Support Officer (MS)
Trainee Governance Officer (BW)

Apologies:

Peter Beer
Sue Carpendale (Vice-Chair)
Jane Gould
Kathryn Grandon
Mark Newman
John Nunn

20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

20.1 There were no declarations of interest.

21 BLR/21/10 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2021

It was RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2021 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

22 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME

22.1 None received.

23 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

23.1 None received.

24 BLR/21/11 GAMBLING ACT 2005: 'NO CASINO' RESOLUTION

24.1 Katherine Green, Licensing Officer presented Paper BLR/21/11 to the Committee. The Licensing Officer referred to the amendments to the report and revised options and recommendation contained in the tabled addendum.

24.2 The report asked the Committee to note the evidence base research contained within the report in regard to a 'No Casino' resolution, under section 166 of the Gambling Act 2005, and to consider whether a 'No Casino' resolution should be recommended to Council or whether no action should be taken.

24.3 During the questions from members, the Licensing Officer confirmed that there had never been any applications for a casino in the Babergh area. The Chair further confirmed that the full allocation for casinos has been granted and that it would need a suitable economic climate and the political will of government for the Secretary of State to lay legislation for a further allocation of casinos.

24.4 During the debate, it was further confirmed that there would be a requirement for Babergh to bid on such an allocation if another provision of casinos were ever to become available.

24.5 Nigel Dulieu, Legal Advisor and Cassandra Clements, Assistant Director outlined the three Options in the tabled addendum.

24.6 Cllr Cresswell **PROPOSED** Option 3, and this was **SECONDED** by Councillor Ayres.

24.7 By a unanimous vote,

It was RESOLVED:

That in considering the evidence, the Licensing and Regulatory Committee are of the opinion that no action should be taken regarding this matter.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 9.55am.

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Chair

Agenda Item 6

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: Licensing & Regulatory Committee	REPORT NUMBER: BLR/22/2
FROM: Licensing Team	DATE OF MEETING: 9 December 2022
OFFICER: Neil Gardiner, Licensing Team Leader	KEY DECISION REF NO. N/A

CONSULTATION OF A REVISED TABLE OF FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 That the Licensing & Regulatory Committee consider this report and determine whether to vary the maximum fares that may be charged by Hackney carriage proprietors and to amalgamate a new joint table of fares.

2. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Consider a new tariff table of maximum fares format which combines both Babergh and Mid-Suffolk District (BMSD) authorities.
- 2.2 Consider whether to:
- i. Modify the tariff table of maximum fares and proposed changes or;
 - ii. Make no modification to the tariff table of maximum fares.
- 2.3 Members may choose to modify the current tariff table of maximum fares. The date upon which the modifications to the maximum fares take effect shall be one month after the end of the fourteen-day statutory consultation period if no adverse representations are received.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Licensing & Regulatory Committee agree a new tariff table of maximum fares which amalgamates Babergh and Mid-Suffolk. Members are asked to approve a new tariff table of maximum fares with the following changes:
- i. Miles & 1/10th Mile, replacing yards
 - ii. Tariff 1 reverts to tariff 2 (+50%) at 22:30 hrs each day instead of 23:00 hrs
 - iii. Tariff 4 is shown as an extra, due to size of vehicle/time of day
- 3.2 That the Licensing & Regulatory Committee consider this report and determine whether to vary the tariff table of maximum fares that may be charged by Hackney Carriage proprietors using a new table – miles & 1/10th Mile.
- i. No change to the current fare tariff
 - ii. Increase to the first mile and each 1/10th mile
 - iii. Increase to the first mile only
 - iv. Increase or decrease to the suggested fees

REASON FOR DECISION

- 3.3 To decide on the preferred option and to undertake a public consultation exercise on a revised tariff table of maximum fares for Hackney Carriages within the District and to decide on the most concise, transparent fare table for the public to interpret.

4. KEY INFORMATION

- 4.1 Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 enables the council to undertake this function and requires that before any alteration to the tariff table can take effect a public notice explaining the changes must be placed in a local newspaper. The public then must be provided with a period of at least 14 days to make comment on the proposals. If no adverse comment/objection is received, the approved changes must take effect. Alternatively, if adverse comment/objection is received then the matter must be returned to allow the Committee to consider the representation(s). Providing members agree to modify the fare tariff table at today's meeting, it is proposed a public notice will be published in a local newspaper explaining the changes and inviting observations.
- 4.2 The committee will be aware that the Hackney fare tariff tables were previously presented to committee in June 2021 for Babergh.
- 4.3 On 27th September 2022 officers from the Licensing Department polled the taxi trade for two weeks on the concept of a combined table of fares for both districts, (Babergh and Mid-Suffolk) and to facilitate this modification If a change from yards to miles would be favourable as each tariff accounts at different yardage. The poll is attached as **Appendix A**.
- 4.4 On 12th October 2022 officers from the Licensing Department polled the Hackney vehicle trade on four potential fare options. For drivers' convenience two new tariff tables of maximum fares showing the actual increase have been drafted, [using miles] displaying the potential increases. (Option 1, Option 2 Option 3 and Option 4 below). This is attached as **Appendix B**.
- 4.5 As Members will already be aware of the current tariff table of maximum fares, a new illustration table is displayed below with a clear tariff key.

The options presented were:

- i. No Change to the current table of fares. (Option one).
 - ii. An Increase on the initial mile and each 1/10th mile thereafter: (Option two)
 - iii. Increase fee on the initial mile only. (Option three)
 - iv. A percentage increase or decrease than the one suggested. (Option four)
- 4.6 **Option 1, no change to the current fare tariff(s).**
Babergh = £6.26 - 2 miles.

4.7 **Option 2, Increase the first mile and each 1/10th mile.**

Tariff 1 Daytime. Tariff 07:00 to 22:30 hrs

Tariff 2 Evening. Tariff 1 + 50%. (22:30 – 07:00 hrs) & (Non Xmas/NYE **Bank Holidays (B/H)**)

Tariff 3 Tariff 1 +100%. Midnight to Midnight. **(B/H)** [Passenger number dependant].

Passengers 1-4 07:00 – 22:30 hrs **Tariff 1**
22:30 – 07:00 hrs daily **or Bank Holidays**, (excl the below) **Tariff 2**

18:00 hrs 24th Dec - 07:00 hrs 27th Dec **Tariff 3**

18:00 hrs 31st Jan - 07:00 hrs 2nd Jan **Tariff 3**

Passengers 5-8 07:00 - 22:30 hrs. **Tariff 2.**
22:30 – 07:00 hrs daily **or Bank Holidays** (excl Christmas and New Year).
Tariff 3.

Description.	Tariff 1 (£)	Tariff 2 (£)	Tariff 3 (£)
For the whole distance (1st mile or part thereof)	£5.00	£7.50	£10.00
For each subsequent 1/10th mile	£0.20	£0.30	£0.40
Waiting time – for each period of one minute	£0.33	£0.50	£0.66
2-mile journey costs	£7.00	£10.50	£14.00

Extras: Any Toll Road charges
5-8 passengers: Christmas and NYE
18:00 hrs 24th Dec - 07:00 hrs 27th Dec, tariff 1 +150%
18:00 hrs 31st Jan - 07:00 hrs 2nd Jan, tariff 1 +150%

4.8 Option 3, Increase the first mile only.

Tariff 1 Daytime. Tariff 07:00 to 22:30 hrs

Tariff 2 Evening. Tariff 1 + 50%. (22:30 – 07:00 hrs) & (Non Xmas/NYE **Bank Holidays (B/H)**)

Tariff 3 Tariff 1 +100%. Midnight to Midnight. **(B/H)** [Passenger number dependant].

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Tariff 3.

Description	Tariff 1 (£)	Tariff 2 (£)	Tariff 3 (£)
For the whole distance (1st mile or part thereof)	£5.00	£7.50	£10.00
For each subsequent 1/10th mile	£0.18	£0.27	£0.36
Waiting time – for each period of one minute	£0.30	£0.45	£0.60
2-mile journey costs	£6.80	£10.20	£13.60

Extras: Any Toll Road charges
5-8 passengers: Christmas and NYE
18:00 hrs 24th Dec - 07:00 hrs 27th Dec, tariff 1+150%
18:00 hrs 31st Jan - 07:00 hrs 2nd Jan, tariff 1 +150%

4.9 Option 4, a further price increase or decrease than the one proposed.

4.10 On this occasion 64 drivers viewed the poll with 32 responses. Representing 50% participation. Driver emails are attached as **Appendix C**.

I. What fare option do you think is correct for the trade.

- **Option 1** - 6%
- **Option 2** - 59%
- **Option 3** - 6%
- **Option 4** - 21%
- **No reply given** 6%

4.11 When considering the options, Members are reminded that the tariff that is set should be regarded as the maximum fares that can be charged. Taxi proprietors are not tied to charging the maximum fare but are not permitted to charge more than the tariff price shown on the meter. Market forces are known to come into play, and for instance because of the level of competition in Babergh the driver/ proprietor may decide to charge less than the maximum tariff. The current tariff table of maximum fares is shown as **Appendix D**.

4.12 Officers have researched and produced a comparison table of current fares set by neighbouring authorities in Norfolk & Suffolk.

The comparison table takes into account the position of highest to lowest fares set by all 350 licensing authorities in England and Wales based upon costs of the first two miles of the journey. The data is prepared by the national Private Hire and Taxi Monthly magazine and varies daily.

Comparison. Correct as of 12.10.22	2 miles costs	National table 350
Breckland District Council	£8.00	18
Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	£6.00	263
Broadland District Council (proposed)	un-listed	
South Norfolk Council (proposed)	un-listed	
Great Yarmouth BC	£7.00	102
North Norfolk DC	£5.80	296
Norwich City Council	£6.60	179
Ipswich BC	£6.55	184
East Suffolk (North)	£6.60	169
East Suffolk (South)	£6.20	229
Babergh Mid Suffolk	£6.26	220
West Suffolk	£7.20	79

4.13 If option 2 was implemented Babergh would move into position 100 from 223. Dated at time of writing, 18th October 2022.

5. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN

5.1 These licensing functions most closely align with:

- supporting businesses to thrive and grow, with a particular emphasis on smaller and start-up concerns.
- encouraging employable skills (local transport and public service standards);
- supporting safe and active communities; and
- co-ordinating our approach to regulation with Suffolk County Council to minimise the burdens on local business (particularly through the safety and suitability arrangements the District/Boroughs have together with the County, in respect to school transport and social service contracts).

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This is a statutory function, and the legislation provides for recovery of the reasonable costs of administration, inspection and supervision of the licensing scheme.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 As explained earlier, section 65 (1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows the District Council to fix the table of fares for the hiring of Hackney Carriage vehicles throughout the district. Section 65 (2) requires that the Council shall publish its intention to vary the table of fares for the hiring of a hackney carriage vehicle in at least one local newspaper informing of a consultation period of at least 14 days.

The notice of variation will also be made available on the Council's website and will be available for inspection at the offices of the Council. If no objections are received, the variation may be brought into force at the end of that period. However, if any objections are received, these must be considered by the committee as set out in paragraph 5.1.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

There are no associated risks with a fare review of the Hackney Carriage maximum fare.

9. CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 Should Members approve any change to the current table of fares, section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1976 requires that before any alteration to the tariff table can take effect, a public notice explaining the changes must be placed in a local newspaper and a consultation conducted for a minimum of 14 days. If no adverse comment/objection is received, the approved changes can take effect. Alternatively, if adverse comment/objection is received then the matter must be returned to allow this Committee to consider the representation(s). Following consideration of the representations, the Committee, at that meeting, must set a date when the fares come into effect. **Appendix E** details the list of organisational consultees in addition to the public consultation

10. EQUALITY ANALYSIS

- 10.1 There are no equality implications arising directly from this report. This is a revision to an existing fare scheme. The council recognises its obligations under the Equality Act 2010, in the exercise of its licensing functions, and shall have due regard to any comments received during the consultation, or individual applications, on equality issues.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no environmental Implications arising from this report.

12. APPENDICES

Title	Location
(a) Appendix A - Combined poll tariff	Attached
(b) Appendix B - Hackney fare tariff	Attached
(c) Appendix C - Driver email responses.	Attached
(d) Appendix D - Existing table of fares for hackney carriages - Babergh	Attached
(e) Appendix E - List of Consultees	Attached

13. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS.

13.1 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

13.2 [National Hackney Fare Tables For 2 Mile Fare Tariff.](#)

14. REPORT AUTHORS

14.1 Licensing Officer - Neil Gardiner

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Hackney Carriage

1. Do you think journey units should be changed from yards to miles, 1/10th mile



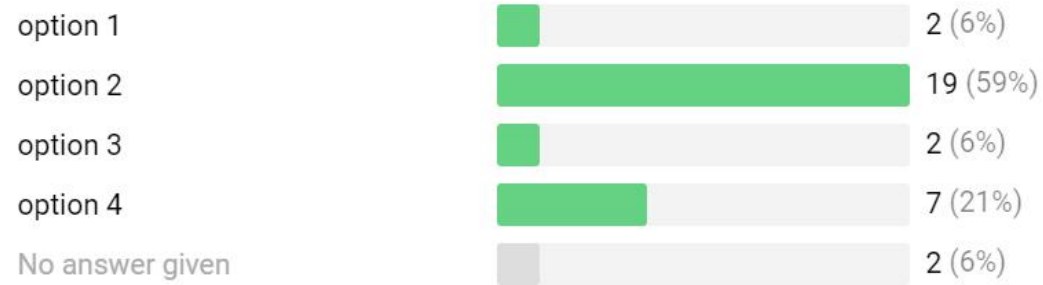
2. Do think there should be a combined table of Hackney Carriage fares across Babergh/Mid-Suffolk?



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Tariff fare


1. What fare option do you think is correct for the trade?



Responses (32)

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From: Dave
Sent: 12 October 2022 16:02
To: Taxi Fares Consultation <taxifares@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Taxi Fares Consultation

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From: Charlene
Sent: 12 October 2022 16:05
To: Taxi Fares Consultation <taxifares@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Taxi Fares Consultation

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Option 3

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From: darran
Sent: 12 October 2022 16:41
To: Taxi Fares Consultation <taxifares@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Taxi Fares Consultation

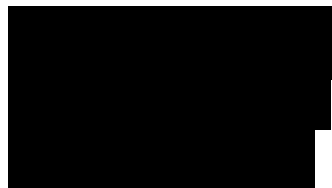
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Option 2

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From: Sean
Sent: 12 October 2022 16:48
To: Taxi Fares Consultation <taxifares@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Taxi Fares Consultation

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Hello Neil,

I have been away and missed most of this.

Have the other operators agreed this extra per person charge.
Sorry, but I find this idea ridiculous.

If you have a party of passengers that cannot fit in a car (upto 4 pax) they need a bigger vehicle.
Then they should pay for the bigger vehicle for the whole journey.
I agree if it is a mile or two miles 75p per head (over 2 pax) is a nice bit extra, but if you are going off to Colchester, Stansted or further, the running costs are higher all the way there and back.

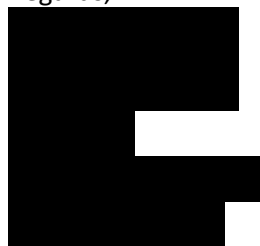
Your tarrif looks fine but just need that further easy simplification.

Tarrif 1, up to 4 passengers
Tarrif 2, 4 passengers @ night rate & 5+ passengers @ day rate
Tarrif 3, 5+ passengers night rate

Extras 50% bank hols & 100% Christmas & fouling charge (at the discretion of the company)

This way minimises the use of " extras " and issues that may arise if the driver puts too many extras on or cannot count to eight.

Regards,



From: Julie
Sent: 13 October 2022 00:14
To: Taxi Fares Consultation <taxifares@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Taxi Fares Consultation

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We need a decent fare increase to continue trading I'm unsure which trade members you have spoken to as no one from our Company Has met you or spoken to you.
I don't believe you will listen so my point of view is worthless but some councils are on the second increase we continue to be fobbed off.
We urgently need more ranks for the Taxis you are playing that have no place to park.
Julie Row
Sent from my iPhone

From: Alan
Sent: 13 October 2022 07:18
To: Taxi Fares Consultation <taxifares@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Taxi Fares Consultation

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Option 4

From: Andy
Sent: 13 October 2022 08:54
To: Taxi Fares Consultation <taxifares@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Taxi Fares Consultation

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Hello,

May I request that any votes submitted be void and an illustration be provided for a 2, 5 and 10 mile journey before the vote is set.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Aubrey
Sent: 13 October 2022 15:34
To: Taxi Fares Consultation <taxifares@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Taxi Fares Consultation

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Good Afternoon,
Please could you send me another link to vote for the tariff proposals as I used the original one for me.
Unfortunately both myself and my husband use the same email address therefore only received the one voting opportunity. If it is easier then just mark him down as option B.
I hope his vote makes a difference and that it at least negates one of the people calling for option 4.
Thank you,
Sally

From: Julie
Sent: 13 October 2022 23:16
To: BMSDC Licensing Team <LicensingTeam@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Ranks needed

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To tonight this driver snatched a Harleston and other jobs booked with us
Swift also took a Wattisham which was booked with us they said he was booked with them.
I rang the chap who said he was already dropped back I said he should have rang to cancel the taxi I then had a call from a parent accusing
Me of swearing at him it appears even when they are in the wrong they still make up stories to cover their error.
Please give us an increase the man I took to Bildeston said his fare has been £20 for six years we can not carry on like this everyone is
Stealing work from under our noses it's impossible to make it pay when fuel and overheads are crazy crazy
It's pointless paying for the office as all company's are just taking our work it's a joke. I am about ready to give in.
Julie

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Aubrey
Sent: 14 October 2022 14:28
To: Taxi Fares Consultation <taxifares@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Taxi Fares Consultation

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Good Afternoon,
Thank you for re-sending the link We have voted accordingly.
I have no further questions at the moment and the ladies that license are preparing to replace one of our older vehicles with one that's more up to date.
I will be using it selectively at night as like many other drivers I have had cars trashed by the great unwashed who have a sniff of the barmaid's apron and turn into gremlins but after all these years I know most of the happy drunks as opposed to the ones who want to stove my head in for a couple of bob so I will still be out there.
Many Thanks for your time
Sally.

From: Steve
Sent: 17 October 2022 09:46
To: Taxi Fares Consultation <taxifares@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Taxi Fares Consultation

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Hi Neil.

Thank you again for your proposals.

I can't accept either of these as satisfactory as once again you are penalising owners of larger WAV vehicles by neglecting increased tariffs for carrying more than 4 passengers.

Your proposals of 75p extra per passenger doesn't go far enough compared to the current Babergh tariff sheet which we fought long and hard to get during the previous consultation.

I would be happy to have a conversation with you about the proposals if you'd like to give me a call.

I'm available all day as I'm currently laid up with a bad back and haven't got much else to do!!

My number is [REDACTED]


Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: Steve
Sent: 17 October 2022 16:27
To: Neil Gardiner <Neil.Gardiner@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Taxi Fares Consultation

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Thank you for responding.

You have misread how the Tariffs work in Babergh.

For any fare for 5-8 passengers between 07.00 & 23.00 it is charged at Time and a Half so although a current 2 mile journey for 1-4 passengers is £6.26, for 5-8 passengers it is £9.39.

If, for example, we do a run to Bury St Edmunds to the Cinema on a Saturday evening for 8 people. Your proposals would mean we could charge £33.08 + £4.50 = £37.58

Currently it's £49.62 under the existing Babergh Tariff. This is DECREASE of 24.26%.

For a run to Heathrow for 8 people using a Hackney at similar times as above, your proposals would be £169.88 + £4.50 = £174.38

Currently it is £254.82. A DECREASE again this time of 45.76%

The further we go the more we lose under your proposals. Not everything is about the 2 mile industry standard.

I look forward to having a discussion with you about this in more detail.

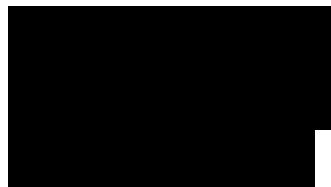
Regards

Steve

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From: Sean
Sent: 18 October 2022 11:23
To: Taxi Fares Consultation <taxifares@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
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Hello Neil,

I am a Babergh operator and as such have no idea what they do in Mid Suffolk and only know what we have been doing in Sudbury for years so I can see that my views would not necessarily be the views of a Mid Suffolk operator.

Making the tariff the same across both areas would kind of make sense but the proposed tariffs would still need to be put to 2 separate committees for approval so does it really matter ?

It is fairly obvious that the two councils are working together but are not combined (even though the same people are doing the work for both councils ?)

I don't think the Mid Suffolk operators would complain about going over to the "percentage increase" as this should work out far better for them. But if they like per person charges, fine let them keep it the same.

Lets talk cars – upto 4 passengers.

Historically " cars " for up to 4 passengers have just had a single fare to their maximum capacity (4 passengers) so why add anything per head for pax 3 & 4 ?

You can't go smaller than a car so this is the starting point.

Tariff 1 is good for this. Upto 4 passengers no extras need to be added. Fare is clear to passengers.

For the period 23:00 to 06:00 (night rate) is standard fare + 50%

Tariff 2 covers this one. – supposedly our meters are calendar and time controlled so " car " drivers still don't have to touch their meters other than to start and stop them. Very easy.

Bank holidays

Tariff 2 still covers this one

Christmas

Tariff 3 – calendar controlled meters - all sorted at standard fare + 100%

So far no need to press that extras button even once. No confusion, it is what it is. The meter shows the maximum fare chargeable.

Now the bigger vehicles.

Appendix C

Description.	Tariff 1 (£) Up to 4 pax	Tariff 2 (£) Night rate up to 4 pax / day rate 5 pax or more	Tariff 3 (£) Night rate 5 pax or more
For the whole distance (1st mile or part thereof)	£5.00	£7.50	£10.00
For each subsequent 1/10th mile	£0.20	£0.30	£0.40
Waiting time – for each period of one minute	£0.33	£0.50	£0.66
2 mile journey costs	£7.00	£10.50	£14.00

If you have upto 4 passengers no mater what size vehicle Tariff 1

If you have more than 4 passengers goto tariff 2, standard + 50% (its still better than having to get 2 taxis and pay standard price twice.) No extras per head and this works out fair whether it is a short or long journey.

Night rate goes straight on to tarrif 2 at 23:00 as do the cars

Night rate for 5 pax or more

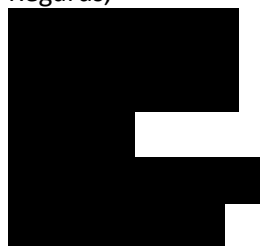
tariff 3 ok not quite a 50 % increase on tariff 2 but it is what the drivers have been doing for years. (and they cant really complain as they should not have been doing it as till recently there was no official multiseater rate) if you don't tell then it's a 50% increase for multiseaters on night rate but just that "this is the rate", there can be no argument.

We always used to have a line at the bottom of the tariff sheet saying "extras" and then " Christmas 2 x Standard rate " or words to this effect

If you wanted you could do a tariff 4 just to cover this for multi seater work at christmas. This would then show the maximum charge for the period on the meter. But I think the extras line would suffice as it is expected so no surprises.

I know, and the council know that the meters have been manually controlled in the past to go to next tariff up when its either night rate or multiseater. The customers wont be surprised. Its more of a case of the council actually putting what has been going on for many many years down on paper and making it legal.

Regards,



From: Julie
Sent: 18 October 2022 17:38
To: Neil Gardiner <Neil.Gardiner@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Taxi Fares Consultation

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Option 4

Or it's pointless it's like flogging a dead horse my income is less now than 8 years ago I could earn more working at Aldi or Tesco's.

When you have no drivers left it will be to late we. I longer offer a night shift and I'm considering closing weekend night as I don't want to use my £13 k car for night work.

I'm applying for jobs if something comes up I will sadly let everyone get on with it.

From: Steve
Sent: 27 October 2022 13:09
To: Neil Gardiner <Neil.Gardiner@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Response to Babergh Taxi Tariff Proposals October 2022

Please find attached below my proposals for an increase to the current taxi tariff in Babergh. This is a small increase which balances a fair increase for the trade and doesn't take taxis out of the price range of the majority of regular users. This has been based on the current tariff sheet agreed upon in 2021 and implemented in November 2021. Please see on the second template below the table of fares a comparison to current and new proposed prices using my proposals.

Rate	Times	Flag Fare	Increments	Waiting Time
Tariff 1	For Hirings of 1-4 passengers between 07.00 & 23.00 (Monday to Sunday Inclusive)	£3.60	20p per tenth of a mile	For each 36 seconds - 20p Equivalent to £20 per hour.
Tariff 2	For Hirings for 1-4 passengers between 23.00 & 07.00 (Mondays to Sundays inclusive) and ALL BANK HOLIDAYS excluding those covered by Rate 3 AND For Hirings of vehicles carrying 5-8 passengers between 07.00 & 23.00 (Mondays to Sundays Inclusive)	£5.40	30p per tenth of a mile	For each 36 seconds - 30p Equivalent to £30 per hour
Tariff 3	For Hirings for 1-4 passengers between 18.00 & 07.00 (Christmas Eve to 27th December) and New Year's Eve from 18.00 to 07.00 on 2nd January AND For Hirings of vehicles carrying 5-8 passengers between 23.00 to 07.00 (Mondays to Sundays Inclusive)	£7.20	40p per tenth of a mile	For each 36 seconds - 40p Equivalent to £40 per hour
Tariff 4	Rate for Christmas - Hirings for 5-8 passengers between 18.00 on December 24th to 07.00 on December 27th and for New Year (18.00 on 31st December to 07.00 on January 2nd)	£9.00	50p per tenth of a mile	For each 36 seconds - 50p Equivalent to £50 per hour

Appendix C

All fares above are the MAXIMUM fares allowed by Hackney Carriages licensed by Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council. Passengers may negotiate a lesser fare at the discretion of the owner/ driver. All initial Flags are for the first 0.3 miles of the journey or 108 seconds or part thereof (or a combination of time and distance

No extra charge shall be made for Luggage, Shopping, Wheelchairs, Mobility Scooters or Assistance Dogs or other disability apparatus. A further charge may be made by the proprietor of the vehicle for any soiling/fouling to the interior of the vehicle rendering it unfit for further immediate hiring. This is a matter between the proprietor and the hirer. Vehicle proprietors should clearly display details of their soiling/fouling charge policy inside the vehicle.

Destination	Distance from the Taxi Rank in Miles	Current Tariff 1	Alternative Tariff 1 (Attached)	Percentage Increase
Sudbury Health Centre	1.2	£4.82	£5.40	12.03%
Lionel Hurst Close, Cornard	2.4	£6.98	£7.80	11.75%
Bures	5.6	£12.74	£14.20	11.46%
Lavenham	6.7	£14.72	£16.40	11.41%
Colchester Train Station	13.7	£27.32	£30.40	11.27%
West Suffolk Hospital	16.4	£32.18	£35.80	11.25%
Stansted	30.9	£58.28	£64.80	11.19%
Heathrow	94.2	£172.22	£191.40	11.14%



Table of Fares for Hackney Carriages (Taxis) within the Babergh District

SECTION 65 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

Maximum Hackney Carriage Fares allowed

	Fare up to 528 yards or 108 seconds (or combination of distance and time)	Each additional unit of 176 Yards or part thereof or period of 36 seconds or part thereof	Waiting Time per hour
Rate 1 For Hirings for 1-4 passengers between 07:00 – 23:00 hrs (Mondays to Sundays inclusive)	£3.20	18p (£1.80 per mile)	£18.00
Rate 2 For Hirings for 1-4 passengers between 23:00 – 07:00hrs (Mondays to Sundays inclusive) and ALL BANK HOLIDAYS excluding those covered by Rate 3. AND For Hirings of Multi Seater vehicles carrying 5-8 passengers between 07:00 -23:00hrs (Mondays to Sundays inclusive)	£4.80	27p (£2.70 per mile)	£27.00
Rate 3 For Hirings for 1-4 passengers between Christmas Eve: 18:00 on 24 December to 07:00 on 27 December and New Year's Eve: 18:00 31 December to 07:00hrs 2 January. AND For Hirings for 5-8 passengers between 23:00 – 07:00hrs (Mondays to Sundays inclusive) and ALL BANK HOLIDAYS excluding those covered by Rate 4.	£6.40	36p (£3.60 per mile)	£36
Rate 4 For Hirings for 5-8 passengers between Christmas Eve: 18:00 on 24 December to 07:00 on 27 December and New Year's Eve: 18:00 31 December to 07:00hrs 2 January.	£8.00	45p (£4.50 per mile)	£45

Toll Charge/Congestion:

Any Congestion/Toll Charge may be passed onto the hirer.

Damage & Soilage:

A further charge may be made by the proprietor of the vehicle for any soiling/fouling to the interior of vehicle rendering it unfit for further immediate hiring. This is a matter between the proprietor and hirer. Vehicle proprietors should clearly display details of their soiling/fouling charge policy inside the vehicle.

**NO EXTRA CHARGE SHALL BE MADE FOR LUGGAGE, SHOPPING, ASSISTANCE DOGS,
WHEELCHAIRS, MOBILITY SCOOTERS OR OTHER DISABILITY APPARATUS**

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APPENDIX E

List of Taxi & PHV Consultees

1. All MSDC Drivers	2. All MSDC Operators
3. All Libraries in MSDC	4. All MSDC Parish and Town Councils
5. Age UK Tavis House 1-6 Tavistock Square London WC1H 9NA	6. Age UK Suffolk Unit 14 Hillview Business Park Old Ipswich Road Claydon Ipswich IP6 0AJ
7. Suffolk Constabulary Police Headquarters Martlesham Heath Ipswich IP5 3QS	8. Environmental Protection Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils Endeavour House 8 Russell Road Ipswich IP1 2BX
9. Suffolk Adult Safeguarding Board Endeavour House 8 Russell Road Ipswich IP1 2BX	10. Suffolk Child Safeguarding Board Endeavour House Floor 3 Gold Block 8 Russell Road Ipswich IP1 2BX
11. Mid Suffolk Disability Forum linda.hoggarth@avenuesgroup.org.uk	12. Suffolk Disability Forum disabilityforum@btinternet.com
13. Suffolk Chamber of Commerce Felaw Maltings South Kiln 42 Felaw Street Ipswich IP2 8SQ	14. Suffolk County Council Passenger Transport Team Endeavour House 8 Russell Road Ipswich IP1 2BX
15. Stowmarket and District Chamber of Commerce secretary@stowmarketchamber.co.uk	16. Communities Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils Endeavour House 8 Russell Road Ipswich IP1 2BX
17. Red Gables Ipswich Rd Stowmarket IP14 1BE	

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