

# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

## AGENDA

### LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Date:** Tuesday, 20 January 2015

**Time:** 6.00 pm

**Venue:** Collingwood Room - Civic Offices, Fareham

**Members:**

Councillor Mrs P M Bryant (Chairman)

Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs S M Bayford

Miss S M Bell

Mrs M E Ellerton

M J Ford, JP

N R Gregory

T J Howard

L Keeble

Mrs K Mandry

D J Norris

Mrs S Pankhurst

**Deputies:** K D Evans

R H Price, JP



**1. Apologies for Absence**

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

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 November 2014.

**3. Chairman's Announcements**

**4. Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of interest from members in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct.

**5. Deputations**

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

**6. Spending Plans 2015-16** (Pages 5 - 10)

To consider a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the revised revenue budget for 2014/15 and the base budget for 2015/16 following the meeting of the Council on 11 December 2014.

**7. Review of Hackney Carriage Fares** (Pages 11 - 22)

To consider a report by the Director of Community on the Review of Hackney Carriage Fares.

**8. Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee Work Programme** (Pages 23 - 30)

To consider a report by the Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services on the Committee's Work Programme for 2014/15.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee

**(to be confirmed at the next meeting)**

**Date:** Tuesday, 18 November 2014

**Venue:** Collingwood Room - Civic Offices, Fareham

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Mrs P M Bryant (Chairman)

Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:** Mrs S M Bayford, Miss S M Bell, Mrs M E Ellerton,  
M J Ford, JP, N R Gregory, T J Howard, L Keeble,  
Mrs K Mandry, D J Norris and Mrs S Pankhurst



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee held on 16 September 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made an announcement concerning an in-house Licensing Training Session for members, which had been arranged for Tuesday 20 January 2015. The training session would be conducted by Peter Savill and would be from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

The Committee received a deputation from Mr Paul Rogerson on Review of Hackney Carriage Fares (minute 7 below refers).

RESOLVED that Mr Rogerson be thanked for his deputation.

**MATTER SUBMITTED FOR CONFIRMATION**

**6. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the review of polling districts and polling places.

RECOMMENDED that:-

- (a) the further comments made on the review of polling districts and polling places as a result of the consultation on the draft scheme, as shown in Appendix A to the report, be noted;
- (b) the proposed change to the polling place for Fareham East District 2 as detailed in Appendix A to the report be rejected and the polling place remain as Harrison Road School (voting: 10 for, 1 against, 1 abstention);
- (c) subject to (b) above, the proposed final scheme, as shown in Appendix B to the report, be adopted for the next four years.

## DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

### 7. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

The Committee received the deputation referred to in minute 5 above.

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Community on an application from the hackney carriage trade for an increase in fares.

Copies of the existing Tariff Card were circulated to those present.

It was noted that a revised Appendix C to the report had been circulated prior to the meeting and published on the Council's website and copies were made available to those present who required them.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the Head of Environmental Health be requested to seek legal clarification concerning the requirement to display all charges on the tariff card and the situation concerning charges for using debit and credit card payments;
- (b) further consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee, on 20 January 2015.

### 8. SPENDING PLANS 2015-16

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on Spending Plans for 2015-16.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the revised budget for 2014/15 as shown in Appendix B to the report be approved;
- (b) no reduction be made to the proposed fee for Home (Domestic) Animal Boarding Establishment Licences;
- (c) further to (b) above, whilst retaining the initial application fee of £115, a subsequent renewal fee of £75 be introduced for Home (Domestic) Animal Boarding Establishment Licences (voting: 5 for, 4 against);
- (d) subject to (c) above, the fees and charges for 2015/16 as shown in Appendix A to the report be approved; and
- (e) the base budget for 2015/16 as shown in Appendix B to the report be approved.

### 9. LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Community on the Committee's work programme for 2014/15.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the progress on actions arising from the meeting of the Committee held on 8 July 2014 be noted;
- (b) the training session on 20 January 2015 (minute 3 above refers) be added to the work programme;
- (c) 'Review of Hackney Carriage Fares' be added to the work programme for 20 January 2015 (minute 7 above refers);
- (d) 'Environmental Health Partnership Update' be added to the work programme for 20 January 2015;
- (e) 'Review of Implementation of IER' be moved from 20 January 2015 to 17 March 2015; and
- (f) subject to (b), (c), (d) and (e) above, the work programme for 2014/15, as shown in Appendix B to the report, be confirmed.

(The meeting started at 6.00pm  
and ended at 7.27pm).

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Report to Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee**

**Date**                    **20 January 2015**

**Report of:**            **Director of Finance and Resources**

**Subject:**              **SPENDING PLANS 2015-16**

#### **SUMMARY**

This report sets out the overall level of revenue spending on this Committee's services and seeks agreement for the revised revenue budget for 2014/15 and for the base budget for 2015/16 before being recommended to Council for approval.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee agrees the amended base budget for 2015/16 and recommends the budget to Full Council for approval.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. The Council has a co-ordinated strategic, service and financial planning process and this report allows the Committee to consider in detail these plans for the provision of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs services during the next financial year.
2. This report and the revenue budgets have been prepared in accordance with the Medium Term Finance Strategy that was approved by the Executive on 6 October 2014.

## **SERVICE ISSUES**

3. On 18 November 2014 the Committee met to consider the revenue budgets for 2015/16 along with the fees and charges that will take effect from 1 April 2015.
4. Since that meeting Full Council has approved a report from the Chief Executive Officer on the Pay and Grading Review. The report detailed a new pay structure for senior managers and also a 4% pay increase for all other staff. This was in addition to the national pay award of 2.2% that will be implemented from 1 January 2015.
5. The budget implications of that decision have been built into the service budgets for 2015/16 along with the savings anticipated through the implementation of the Vanguard Method.
6. This report updates members on how the decision at Full Council affects the budgets under the control of this committee.
7. There is no change to the revised budget for 2014/15 which will remain at £497,200.
8. The amended base budget for 2015/16 will now be £490,200 which is an increase of £12,700 over the figure reported in November 2014.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

9. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

## **CONCLUSION**

10. The Committee is asked to review the amended base budgets for 2015/16 and consider whether it wishes to submit comments for consideration by Full Council.

## **APPENDIX A - Revenue Budget 2014/15 Revised & 2015/16 Base**

**Background Papers:** None

**Reference Papers:**

Report of the Director of Finance and Resources to the Executive on 6 October 2014 'Annual Review of the Council's Finance Strategy'

Report of the Chief Executive Officer to Full Council on 11 December 2014 'Pay and Grading Review'

**Enquiries:**

For further information on this report please contact Neil Wood (Ext 4506).

**LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE AND INCOME FOR THE COUNCIL TAX 2015/16**

	<b>Actuals 2013/14</b>	<b>Base Estimate 2014/15</b>	<b>Revised Estimate 2014/15</b>	<b>Base Estimate 2015/16</b>
	£	£	£	£
HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCES	-5,603	-3,900	-2,300	0
LICENSING	4,736	-7,200	-10,100	-8,000
HEALTH & SAFETY	173,149	147,600	146,200	148,700
ELECTION SERVICES	186,673	366,900	363,400	349,500
	<b>358,955</b>	<b>503,400</b>	<b>497,200</b>	<b>490,200</b>

**SUBJECTIVE ANALYSIS**

	<b>Actuals 2013/14</b>	<b>Base Estimate 2014/15</b>	<b>Revised Estimate 2014/15</b>	<b>Base Estimate 2015/16</b>
	£	£	£	£
EMPLOYEES	408,117	383,000	173,200	177,300
PREMISES RELATED EXPENDITURE	9,542	15,000	15,000	15,000
TRANSPORT RELATED EXPENDITURE	3,069	2,500	1,100	1,100
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	130,439	255,900	255,800	238,700
THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS	7,819	3,100	272,700	280,500
SUPPORT SERVICES	131,092	130,300	65,800	64,000
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>690,078</b>	<b>789,800</b>	<b>783,600</b>	<b>776,600</b>
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	-140,373	-110,000	-110,000	-110,000
SALES	-1,644	-1,800	-1,800	-1,800
FEES AND CHARGES	-189,106	-174,600	-174,600	-174,600
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>-331,123</b>	<b>-286,400</b>	<b>-286,400</b>	<b>-286,400</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>358,955</b>	<b>503,400</b>	<b>497,200</b>	<b>490,200</b>

<b><u>HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCES</u></b>	<b>Actuals 2013/14</b>	<b>Base Estimate 2014/15</b>	<b>Revised Estimate 2014/15</b>	<b>Base Estimate 2015/16</b>
	£	£		
EMPLOYEES	56,576	53,900	0	0
TRANSPORT RELATED EXPENDITURE	0	100	0	0
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	12,817	14,200	0	0
THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS	1,269	0	81,800	84,200
SUPPORT SERVICES	17,495	16,800	4,800	4,700
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>88,157</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>86,600</b>	<b>88,900</b>
SALES	-104	-300	-300	-300
FEEES AND CHARGES	-93,656	-88,600	-88,600	-88,600
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>-93,760</b>	<b>-88,900</b>	<b>-88,900</b>	<b>-88,900</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-5,603</b>	<b>-3,900</b>	<b>-2,300</b>	<b>0</b>

<b><u>LICENSING</u></b>	<b>Actuals 2013/14</b>	<b>Base Estimate 2014/15</b>	<b>Revised Estimate 2014/15</b>	<b>Base Estimate 2015/16</b>
	£	£		
EMPLOYEES	67,017	53,500	5,200	5,100
TRANSPORT RELATED EXPENDITURE	609	300	0	0
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	2,210	2,700	0	0
THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS	6,550	3,100	66,000	68,000
SUPPORT SERVICES	23,464	19,200	4,700	4,900
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>99,850</b>	<b>78,800</b>	<b>75,900</b>	<b>78,000</b>
FEEES AND CHARGES	-95,114	-86,000	-86,000	-86,000
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>-95,114</b>	<b>-86,000</b>	<b>-86,000</b>	<b>-86,000</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>4,736</b>	<b>-7,200</b>	<b>-10,100</b>	<b>-8,000</b>

<b><u>HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</u></b>	<b>Actuals 2013/14</b>	<b>Base Estimate 2014/15</b>	<b>Revised Estimate 2014/15</b>	<b>Base Estimate 2015/16</b>
	£	£	£	£
EMPLOYEES	129,004	108,100	3,000	2,800
TRANSPORT RELATED EXPENDITURE	936	1,000	0	0
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	15,815	12,300	12,000	12,000
THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS	0	0	124,900	128,300
SUPPORT SERVICES	27,424	26,200	6,300	5,600
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>173,179</b>	<b>147,600</b>	<b>146,200</b>	<b>148,700</b>
FEEES AND CHARGES	-30	0	0	0
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>173,149</b>	<b>147,600</b>	<b>146,200</b>	<b>144,400</b>

<b><u>ELECTION SERVICES</u></b>	<b>Actuals 2013/14</b>	<b>Base Estimate 2014/15</b>	<b>Revised Estimate 2014/15</b>	<b>Base Estimate 2015/16</b>
	£	£	£	£
EMPLOYEES	155,519	167,800	165,000	169,400
PREMISES RELATED EXPENDITURE	9,542	15,000	15,000	15,000
TRANSPORT RELATED EXPENDITURE	1,525	1,000	1,100	1,100
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	99,597	226,700	243,800	226,700
SUPPORT SERVICES	62,709	68,100	50,000	48,800
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>328,892</b>	<b>478,400</b>	<b>474,900</b>	<b>461,000</b>
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	-140,373	-110,000	-110,000	-110,000
SALES	-1,540	-1,500	-1,500	-1,500
FEEES AND CHARGES	-306	0	0	0
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>-142,219</b>	<b>-111,500</b>	<b>-111,500</b>	<b>-111,500</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>186,673</b>	<b>366,900</b>	<b>363,400</b>	<b>349,500</b>

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Report to Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee**

**Date**                    **20 January 2015**

**Report of:**            **Director of Community**

**Subject:**              **REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES**

#### **SUMMARY**

Each year the views of the taxi trade are sought in respect of whether they wish the Council to consider an increase to the taxi tariff. The last time the trade indicated they wanted a tariff increase was in 2008, and the matter was considered by the Committee at that time and an increase was granted. In July this year a newsletter was sent to the taxi trade, which sought their view on whether they wished to have an increase to the taxi tariff. There were 4 individual responses from the trade that indicated that they wanted the tariff increased. This Committee considered this matter at its meeting on 18 November 2014; however, clarification was requested in respect of the law regarding additional charges in respect of credit / debit cards. This clarification is provided within this report

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is requested to consider the responses from the trade in respect of the level of tariff and consider if an increase is appropriate and make a recommendation to the Executive in respect of the level of taxi tariff.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. Each year the taxi trade are consulted in respect of the level of taxi tariff. The last time the trade indicated they wanted a tariff increase following consultation was in 2008, and the matter was considered by the Committee at that time and an increase was granted.
2. In July this year a newsletter was sent to the taxi trade (this can be seen as Appendix A) to consult upon the taxi tariff. There were 4 individual responses from the trade that indicated that they wanted the tariff increased; these responses can be seen as Appendix B. Response 2 represents 75 licensed vehicles.
3. One of the responses raises the issue of charges for credit card payments, as the payment provider passes on a charge to the driver/vehicle owner in each case. The charges may vary from provider to provider. Legally the payment recipient cannot charge an additional fee higher than that charged to them. Some drivers add this charge to their fare, although strictly speaking this isn't currently allowed as it is not covered by the tariff. Members may wish to consider this matter also at this time, should they wish to amend the tariff.
4. There are currently 224 Hackney Carriage vehicles licensed in the Borough, 185 licensed Hackney Carriage drivers and 77 Dual Licensed Drivers.
5. This Committee considered this matter at its meeting on 18 November 2014; however, Members requested further clarification in relation to the law regarding additional charges in respect of credit / debit cards.

## **CLARIFICATION**

6. The Consumer Rights (Payment Surcharge) Regulations 2012 apply to both Credit and Debit card payments. The Regulations prohibit traders from imposing payment surcharges on consumers where the surcharge exceeds the cost to the trader of using the relevant payment method. Therefore any additional charge would vary between payment merchants.
7. In respect of Taxi legislation a driver may only make charges in line with what is stated on the tariff card, therefore if no provision for card payments is stated they cannot legally make those additional charges.

## **INDICES**

8. Since the last tariff increase in September 2008, average earnings have remained fairly static, whilst motoring and other travel costs have increased significantly. Inflation is currently around 1.2% and has varied between 1% and 4% year on year since 2008

## **RECOMMENDATION**

9. Members are asked to review the fares comparison spread sheet (Appendix C) and consider whether to recommend an increase in the tariff. Also included in Appendix C are some example increases in order to further assist members.

## CONCLUSION

10. That members consider the information contained in the report when making their decision regarding the level of Fareham Taxi Tariff.

**Background Papers:** None

**Reference Papers:** None

### **Enquiries:**

For further information on this report please contact Ian Rickman (Ext 2401).

APPENDIX A – [Taxi Trade Newsletter July 2014](#)

APPENDIX B – [Responses from Trade to Newsletter](#)

APPENDIX C – [Fares Comparison Spread sheet and examples of Increase to tariff](#)



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# Taxi & Private Hire News

## **Equality and Human Rights Commission**

If you feel you are being discriminated against for any reason the Equality and Human Rights Commission is there to help you. They can be contacted for advice and guidance. The number for the helpline is **0845 604 6610**.

## **Contact Us**

If you have any comments regarding this newsletter, ideas for subjects to be covered or any other issue regarding taxis, private hire or related matters please contact us by email at [regulatory@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:regulatory@fareham.gov.uk) or by phone on 01329 236100.

Further information regarding Taxi and Private Hire can be found on our website at [www.fareham.gov.uk](http://www.fareham.gov.uk)

## **Tariff**

We have not received any requests for a tariff change this year. Please contact us within one week of receiving this newsletter if you would like the Members to consider a change to the tariff.

## **Rank Etiquette**

Please remember that when you are on the rank passengers should be directed to the front of the rank. Whilst the public can choose which vehicle/driver they want to use, casual people who turn up at the back or middle of the rank should be told where the front of the rank is. We have had reports recently that drivers are not doing this and it is causing bad feeling. If we get repeated complaints about particular drivers we will consider taking them to Panel.

## **Passenger Numbers**

Just a reminder, the number of passengers you are licensed for is the number you can take. It does not matter if an additional passenger is a baby in arms, they cannot be carried. A good way to remember this is heartbeats, ie if it is human and has a heartbeat it counts as a passenger.

## **Abolition of the Tax Disc**

From 1 October 2014, the paper tax disc will no longer be issued and required to be displayed on a vehicle windscreen. Vehicle tax will still need to be paid but with DVLA having a digital record of who has and has not paid, a paper tax disc is no longer necessary as proof that vehicle tax is paid. The vast majority of motorists pay their vehicle tax with latest figures confirming that over 99% of motorists' tax their vehicles on time. Most on-road enforcement action is now based on using Automatic Number Plate Readers. These cameras use the number plate rather than a visual inspection of the tax disc. The police also have access to DVLA records via the police national computer. There are significant savings for fleet operators and other businesses from not having to handle the administration of tax discs.

You can check the tax status of any vehicle including those abandoned at [www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax](http://www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax)

For further information go to [www.gov.uk/dvla/nomoretaxdisc](http://www.gov.uk/dvla/nomoretaxdisc)

## **Parking on the Rank**

Please do not park on the rank. If you need the toilet you are permitted to leave your vehicle on the Library rank for a maximum of 10 minutes to use the facilities. You are not permitted to leave your vehicle on any rank for any other reason.

### Osborn Road South

Carriageway resurfacing works on Osborn Road South from the junction with Osborn Road to the junction with West Street, Fareham.

The works are programmed to start in August 2014 and are expected to last for 2 nights, during which time the road will be closed to through traffic from approximately 20:00 to 06:00hrs. The road will be open during the daytime.

Please note these timescales are weather dependant. Any changes to the scheduled date will be made clear on the yellow sign boards where the work is taking place, and on <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/transport> and you can also call 0845 603 5633 to check when work is being carried out.



#### True Vision launches free Hate Crime App for smartphones

The free downloadable app works alongside the full web facility at [www.report-it.org.uk](http://www.report-it.org.uk).

The App can give basic information about what a hate crime is and can link directly to an online facility to report hate crime and incidents directly to the police force where the crime took place.

Users can also share the app with friends by email and sms

### Response 1

A number of Council Licencing Departments throughout England have made a statement on their tariff card concerning the payment that Hackney Carriage Drivers or Companies will add to the fare to cover additional expenses incurred by accepting card payments. Locally Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight have adjusted their tariff card. The problem is that the cost to the driver or company varies so to put a specific amount or percentage on the tariff card might not cover the costs for everyone.

Would you be kind enough to confirm the need for an additional statement on the Tariff Card?

If needed could the statement be generalised rather than specific, for example, the same statement as Southampton City Council, which is

‘CARD PAYMENT – If payment is made by credit or debit card, a sum not exceeding that permitted by law shall be added to the fare’ **or**

‘CARD PAYMENT - Additional charges may be made in accordance with The Consumer Rights (Payment Surcharge) Regulations 2012’.

Some of the Associations members are convinced that a statement is required to keep the trade acting legally.

### Response 2

As per your recent newsletter I request the following alterations to the tariff :-

1. Pull off Charge to be increased to £2.40 for 1st 190 meters.
2. Scrapping of the 10p charge for dogs other than assistance dogs.
3. Additional Charge for pick ups from Fareham Station to be increased to £1.00.
4. Charge for extra passengers over 2 increase to 50p for each additional person.
5. Charge for items of luggage (not shopping bags) carried outside the passenger area to be increased to 50p per item.
6. Additional item added to Tariff - "**Card payment** – If payment is made by credit or debit card, a sum not exceeding that permitted by law shall be added to the fare"
7. Soiling Charge - Maximum of £50.

All other charges to remain the same.

In order to justify the above & in my capacity as Managing Director of Radio Taxis (Fareham) who operate in excess of 75 Hackney Carriages in Fareham I would like to make the following observations.

When we had the last large tariff increase in 2008 Radio Taxis suffered a significant loss of business in 2009. Part of this could be put down to the start of the recession, however we believe the major detrimental effect on our business was due to the large tariff increase in 2008. Smaller annual or every other year increases would be more acceptable to customers and have less effect on your business. (nobody notices 2/3p on a loaf of bread/pint of milk but a large 20p increase would be noticed by a large number of people)

A 20p increase on the pull off charge would take account of inflation over the last six years and would bring us in to line with both Gosport and Portsmouth at £5.60 for 2 miles. (we are at present at £5.40 as detailed in the July issue of PHTM, which I can supply you a copy if you wish, this lists all Hackney Tariffs in England and Wales)

Very few taxis charge 10p for dogs - if they indeed take them. (We are bound by law to take assistance dogs for which there is no charge) it seems a rather trivial amount to bother with and should be removed. Note neither Portsmouth or Southampton have this charge.

Fareham Station Pass was £239 in 2010 (was around £200 in 2008) - for 2014 it was £311 !! So has increased by 55% - 60p to £1 would just cover this.

10p per extra passenger over two, it has been this for donkeys years - with the extra wear & tear carrying 4 people on Saloon Cars 50p is justified - this would also help the multi-seaters out with their significantly higher running costs.

10p per item of luggage - same as above in terms of time it has existed - but 50p per item only to be charged for items of luggage in the boot/hatch area. n

No Charge for shopping bags. (Note 50p is only a half a cup of tea these days or a third of a cup of coffee !)

More and more customers want to pay by credit/debit card this wording covers any Government laws that may be passed in the future.

Soiling Charge increase takes account of inflation between 2008-2014.

These are obviously the maximum fares allowable - if certain parts of the taxi trade in Fareham do not want increases they are quite at liberty to continue charging the old tariff as it is would be less than the new charges.

**Response 3**

I would like the trade to consider a tariff increase for this year!

**Response 4**

we would like to confirm in writing that we believe there should be an increase in taxi fares this year.

Our reasons for this are twofold. Firstly the cost of fuel and living has gone up since fares were last raised, and secondly we are concerned that there will be a repeat of what happened last time - namely that we held off for so long that when rates were finally raised it was by such a large amount that it came as a shock to customers and hit them hard and therefore use of taxis was reduced as a result. In our opinion it would be preferable to raise rates regularly but by small amounts. We believe the ideal amount to raise fares at the moment would be between 2 and 3 per cent to match the increase in the cost of living over the last year.



## Taxi Tariff Comparison

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF MILES	6
SOUTHAMPTON	Pull off £2.80 for first 110 metres 20p each 110 metres thereafter until distance travelled of 330 metres 20p each 195 thereafter	£ 12.76
PORTSMOUTH	Pull off £2.20 for the first 274 metres (or 51.43 seconds) 20p each 182.88 metres until fare reaches £12.60 20p each 141.73 metres thereafter	12.46
GOSPORT	Pull off £2.20 for first 199 metres 20p each 184 metres thereafter	12.48
FAREHAM (EXISTING)	Pull off £2.20 for first 190 metres 20p each 190 metres thereafter	12.20

## Examples of effect of different increases to tariff

	NUMBER OF MILES	6 £
FAREHAM EXISTING	Pull off £2.20 for first 190 metres 20p each 190 metres thereafter	12.20
FAREHAM (reduced distance1)	Pull off £2.20 for the first 190 metres 20p each 185 metres thereafter	12.44 +1.7%
FAREHAM (reduced distance2)	Pull off £2.20 for first 190 metres 20p each 180 metres thereafter	12.72 +4.3%
FAREHAM CONSULTATION RESPONSE	Pull off £2.40 for the first 190 metres 20p each 190 metres thereafter	12.40 +1.6%

NB The percentage increase in fare decreases as the journey length increases.



# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Report to Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee**

**Date**                    **20 January 2015**

**Report of:**            **Director of Community**

**Subject:**               **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15**

#### **SUMMARY**

At the Committee meeting in November, the Work Programme for 2014/15 was reviewed. Members are now invited to note the actions from the last meeting and to further review the work programme for 2014/15.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) that the progress on actions arising from the meeting of the Committee held on 18 November be noted; and
- (b) that the Work Programme for 2014/15, attached as Appendix B to the report, be reviewed.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. At the Committee meeting on 18 November 2014, the Work Programme for 2014/15 was reviewed.
2. Details of progress on actions arising from matters considered at that meeting are shown in Appendix A for members' information.

## **WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014/15**

3. The work programme for 2014/15 agreed at the last meeting is attached as Appendix B.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

4. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

## **CONCLUSION**

5. The Committee is invited to:-
  - (i) note progress on matters considered by the Committee at its last meeting, as shown in Appendix A; and
  - (ii) review the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee Work Programme for 2014/15, as set out in Appendix B.

### **Background Papers:**

None.

### **Reference Papers:**

None.

### **Enquiries:**

For further information on this report please contact Martyn George (Ext 4400).

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee – 20 January 2015

Progress on Actions from last meeting

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>18 November 2014</b>
Subject	Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places
Type of Item	Policy Review
Action by Committee	<p>The Committee considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the review of polling districts and polling places.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the further comments made on the review of polling districts and polling places as a result of the consultation on the draft scheme, as shown in Appendix A to the report, be noted;</li> <li>(b) the proposed change to the polling place for Fareham East District 2 as detailed in Appendix A to the report be rejected and the polling place remain as Harrison Road School (voting: 10 for, 1 against, 1 abstention);</li> <li>(c) subject to (b) above, the proposed final scheme, as shown in Appendix B to the report, be adopted for the next four years.</li> </ul>
Outcome	Matter submitted to Council for confirmation. At the meeting of the Council on 11 December 2014
Link Officer	Elaine Wildig
Subject	Review of Hackney Carriage Fares
Type of Item	Consultation from Executive
Action by Committee	<p>The Committee received the deputation referred to in minute 5 above.</p> <p>The Committee considered a report by the Director of Community on an application from the hackney carriage trade for an increase in fares.</p>

	<p>Copies of the existing Tariff Card were circulated to those present.</p> <p>It was noted that a revised Appendix C to the report had been circulated prior to the meeting and published on the Council's website and copies were made available to those present who required them.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:-</p> <p>(a) the Head of Environmental Health be requested to seek legal clarification concerning the requirement to display all charges on the tariff card and the situation concerning charges for using debit and credit card payments;</p> <p>(b) further consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee, on 20 January 2015.</p>
Outcome	Item included on the agenda for the Committee meeting on 20 January 2015.
Link Officer	Ian Rickman
Subject	Spending Plans 2015-16
Type of Item	Financial
Action by Committee	<p>The Committee considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on Spending Plans for 2015-16.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:-</p> <p>(a) the revised budget for 2014/15 as shown in Appendix B to the report be approved;</p> <p>(b) no reduction be made to the proposed fee for Home (Domestic) Animal Boarding Establishment Licences;</p> <p>(c) further to (b) above, whilst retaining the initial application fee of £115, a subsequent renewal fee of £75 be introduced for Home (Domestic) Animal Boarding Establishment Licences (voting: 5 for, 4 against);</p> <p>(d) subject to (c) above, the fees and charges for 2015/16 as shown in Appendix A to the report be approved; and</p> <p>(e) the base budget for 2015/16 as shown in Appendix B to the report be approved.</p>

Outcome	Matter to be considered by the Council at its meeting on 20 February 2015.
Link Officer	Neil Wood
Subject	Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee Work Programme
Type of Item	Programming
Action by Committee	<p>The Committee considered a report by the Director of Community on the Committee's work programme for 2014/15.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the progress on actions arising from the meeting of the Committee held on 8 July 2014 be noted;</li> <li>(b) the training session on 20 January 2015 (minute 3 above refers) be added to the work programme;</li> <li>(c) 'Review of Hackney Carriage Fares' be added to the work programme for 20 January 2015 (minute 7 above refers);</li> <li>(d) 'Environmental Health Partnership Update' be added to the work programme for 20 January 2015;</li> <li>(e) 'Review of Implementation of IER' be moved from 20 January 2015 to 17 March 2015; and</li> <li>(f) subject to (b), (c), (d) and (e) above, the work programme for 2014/15, as shown in Appendix B to the report, be confirmed.</li> </ul>
Outcome	Work programme amended accordingly. 'Environmental Health Partnership Update' item added to work programme for 17 March 2015 to enable it to include details of the meeting of the Environmental Health Partnership Joint Panel meeting that was being arranged.
Link Officer	Martyn George

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME  
2014/15

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>TRAINING SESSION/WORKSHOP</u>
<b>8 JULY 2014</b>	<p>Policy Statements Relating to the LGPS 2014 Regulations</p> <p>Presentation on the Responsibilities of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee</p> <p>Committee work programme 2014/15</p> <p>Annual Taxi Vehicle Renewals</p> <p>Actual Revenue Expenditure 2013/14</p> <p>Annual Health and Safety Service Plan</p> <p>Licensed Premises and Community Safety</p>	
<b>16 SEPTEMBER 2014</b>	<p>Committee work programme 2014/15</p> <p>Six- monthly Monitoring Report on Applications Received</p> <p>Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places</p> <p>Response to Deputation to Council</p>	
<b>18 NOVEMBER 2014</b>	<p>Spending Plans 2015/16</p> <p>Committee work programme 2014/15</p> <p>Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places</p> <p>Review of Taxi Tariff</p>	
<b>20 JANUARY 2015</b>	<p>Committee work programme 2014/15</p> <p>Review of Hackney Carriage Fares</p> <p>Spending Plans 2015/16 - Updated</p>	
<b>17 MARCH 2015</b>	<p>Committee work programme 2014/15 and draft for 2015/16</p> <p>Monitoring Report on Applications Received</p>	

	Annual Report on Licensed Premises and Community Safety Review of Implementation of IER Environmental Health Partnership Update	
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To be assigned:

Annual Health and Safety Service Plan (2015/16)

In-house Licensing Training Sessions (2)

- 20 January 2015

