

At an EXTRAORDINARY meeting of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 2008 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Old in the Chair

Councillors P. Gibson, G. Hall, Paul Maddison, Peter Maddison, T. Martin, D. Richardson, Trueman, Walton, Whalen and A. Wilson.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Errington, Francis, Gofton and J.B. Scott.

Objections to Proposed Hackney Carriage Fare Structure

The Director of Community and Cultural Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to consider objections received with regard to the following proposed variations to the table of hackney carriage fares as approved at the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on 10th November, 2008:-

TARIFF ONE – This charge applies to journeys undertaken Monday – Saturday 7.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. with the exception of Public and Bank Holidays and the Christmas/New Year period.

If the distance does not exceed 155.45m (170 yds), for the whole distance £2.40

If the distance exceeds 155.45m (170 yds), for the first 155.45 (170 yds) £2.40

and each subsequent 256.03m (280 yds) or uncompleted part thereof £0.20.

TARIFF TWO – This charge applies to journeys undertaken between 11.00 p.m. and 7.00 a.m. each day and all day Sunday with the exception of Public and Bank Holidays and the Christmas/New Year period.

If the distance does not exceed 155.45m (170 yds), for the whole distance £2.80

If the distance exceeds 155.45 (170 yds), for the first 155.45 (170 yds) £2.80

and each subsequent 201.17m (220 yds) or uncompleted part thereof £0.20.

TARIFF THREE – This charge applies to journeys undertaken from 6.00 p.m. on 24 December to 7.00 a.m. on 27 December and 6.00 p.m. on 31 December to 7.00 a.m. on 2 January and all day on other Public and Bank Holidays.

If the distance does not exceed 155.45m (170 yds), for the whole distance £3.80

If the distance exceeds 155.45m (170 yds), for the first 155.45m (170 yds) £3.80

and each subsequent 201.17m (220 yds) or uncompleted part thereof £0.20.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Members gave consideration to a letter of objection submitted by the Independent Hackney Carriage of Sunderland (IHCOS) as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and to a pro forma letter of objection, as shown in Appendix 2, submitted by 58 Hackney Carriage drivers currently licensed by Sunderland City Council.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor G. Hall, Members were advised that the Council could only specify the maximum fares to be charged. Operators, if they wished, could set fares below this level as long as they were clearly advertised.

It was moved by Councillor P. Gibson that the Committee uphold its previous decision to approve the proposed table of hackney carriage fares as detailed in the report.

1. RESOLVED that:-
 - i) the objections as detailed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 be dismissed; and
 - ii) the proposed table of Hackney Carriage Fares as detailed in paragraph 3 of the report be confirmed without modification to commence on 16th December, 2008.

(Signed) S. OLD,
Chairman.