



**Agenda for Licensing and Enforcement
Committee
Wednesday, 18th September, 2019, 10.30 am**

Members of Licensing and Enforcement Committee

Councillors: P Jarvis (Chairman), K Bloxham (Vice-Chairman),
C Brown, M Chapman, I Chubb, S Gazzard, N Hookway,
S Jackson, D Manley, K McLauchlan, C Pepper, J Rowland,
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Monday, 9 September 2019

1 Public Speaking

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2 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 3 - 6)

3 Apologies

4 Declarations of interest

Guidance is available online to Councillors and co-opted members on making [declarations of interest](#)

5 Matters of urgency

Information on [matters of urgency](#) is available online

6 Confidential/exempt item(s)

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. There are no items which officers recommend should be dealt with in this way.

7 Seaton Taxi rank (Pages 7 - 11)

8 Update on Proposed Hackney Carriage (Taxi) Fare Tariff Changes (Pages 12 - 22)

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EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Enforcement Committee held at Council Chamber, Blackdown House, Honiton on 3 July 2019****Attendance list at end of document**

The meeting started at 9.30 am and ended at 10.30 am

1 Public Speaking

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited those present to introduce themselves.

He suggested that the start time of the sub-committee meetings change from 9:30am to 10:30am. Licensing and Enforcement Committee meetings would continue to commence at 9:30am.

RESOLVED: that the sub-committee meeting start time be amended from 9:30am to 10:30am for future meetings.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Licensing and Enforcement Committee held on 20 February 2019 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

3 Declarations of interest

9. Proposed Hackney Carriage (Taxi) Tariff Changes.
Councillor Sarah Jackson, Personal, She had close friendships with taxi drivers..

4 Matters of urgency

There were no matters of urgency raised at the meeting.

5 Confidential/exempt item(s)

There were no confidential or exempt items.

6 Committee Update - Licensing Act 2003, Gambling Act 2005, Taxis & General (Street Trading) Licensing

The Licensing Manager presented his report to the committee. It provided an update on the activities of the Licensing Service under the Licensing Act 2003, Gambling Act 2005, taxi legislation and general licensing, including street trading.

The Licensing Manager highlighted that the licensing team covered almost everything across East Devon. This included:

- All alcohol related matters.
- Taxis and private hire work.
- Gambling (excluding online betting).

- Street trading.
- Charitable collections.
- Cemeteries and burial bookings.

It was noted that officers undertook compliance visits to licensed premises. Visits with partner agencies occurred when there was a need in addition to those inspections completed each month by the team. Two mediation meetings had occurred for new license applications during the March to July 2019 period. It was noted that each case was dealt with on its merits and that about 70% of mediation was successful.

At the last meeting of the Licensing and Enforcement Committee members raised a need for officers to consider a review of the street trading policy by exploring options to re-introduce application charges for commercial street trading consents. It was not proposed to charge fees for charitable/community events, but would be applied to commercial trading. The background behind the previous removal of the street trading charges was explained and discussed. The situation had been reviewed for the past two year and there was a dedicated officer post for delivering the work required to manage applications. It was noted that street traders tended to be more common in the western side of the district, particularly in locations adjacent to Exeter (where street trading fees were charged). The Licensing Manager advised that there were approximately 20 constant traders who moved to different locations around the district. There was no application fee for street trading consents, so if one location was refused, traders simply applied elsewhere. This was expensive and time consuming process for officers.

It was noted that town and parish councils were consulted during the process for dealing with a street trading application, however, they were not informed whether or not an application was successful. The Licensing Manager acknowledged that it would be good practice to inform town and parish councils when a street trading consent was granted.

RESOLVED:

1. that the Licensing Manager's update report be noted.
2. that a detailed structure for charging commercial street trading fees be brought to the next meeting of the Licensing and Enforcement Committee to allow further consideration of charging fees.

7 **Sex Establishment Licensing Policy**

The Licensing Manager's report updated the committee on the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009 – Sex Establishment Licensing Policy and standard conditions, and sought approval to make minor amendments to update the policy.

The Licensing Manager explained that there had only been one sex establishment in East Devon, which had closed in 2014. The legislation did not require the Council to have a policy relating to the licensing of sex establishments, however it was regarded as good practice in order to indicate the authority's approach to licensing premises of this type. It was noted that the changes to the policy were minor but that the Council was vulnerable without an updated policy.

RECOMMENDED: that Council adopt the revised Sex Establishment Licensing Policy.

RESOLVED: that the minor revisions to the Council's Sex Establishment Licensing Policy be approved.

8 **Proposed Hackney Carriage (Taxi) Tariff Changes**

The Licensing Manager's report asked the Licensing and Enforcement Committee to consider a proposed increase to the Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff. The tariff set the maximum fares that taxis could charge the public when using their vehicles. The last tariff increase was agreed by the Committee in December 2012.

Since the 2012 increase the subject of fare increases had been kept under review and discussed at twice yearly meetings held between taxi proprietors, the chairman and vice chairman of the Licensing and Enforcement Committee and licensing officers. The taxi trade's opinion had generally been divided over the past two years in view of the economic situation that some did not wish to see a fare increase as the costs for fares were met by the public using taxis. In late 2018 all taxi drivers were balloted and asked whether a fare review was necessary. Two thirds who responded were in favour of a fare increase and one third against. It tended to be the taxi companies that wanted to the fare increase and the self-employed/individual drivers not wanting it. No figures were provided in the consultation.

Officers had researched and produced a comparison table of current fares set by EDDC and other authorities which was considered by the committee. EDDC sat mid table in the Devon comparison. If EDDC increased Tariff 1 it would become second in the Devon fares comparison table and become one of the 16 Council's in the national table that had set the charge of £6.60 for the first two miles of a journey

It was noted that legislation required that before any alteration to the tariff table could take effect a public notice explaining the changes must be placed in a local newspaper. An alternative was to continue to consult with taxi drivers, with indicative price increase figures and review taxi fares again at the next committee meeting.

The Chairman advised the committee that he has met with the trade in taxi licenses in Exmouth to discuss a 'keep safe campaign' for taxi drivers, to show support that there was no excuse for abuse. He would also be taking the issues of lack of police presence/response times to the Police and Crime Panel

RESOLVED: that the Licensing Manager carry out further consultation with taxi drivers on a proposed increase to the Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff and report back with a full update to the next meeting of the Licensing and Enforcement Committee.

Attendance List

Councillors present:

P Jarvis (Chairman)
K Bloxham (Vice-Chairman)
C Brown
M Chapman
N Hookway
S Jackson
J Rowland
B Taylor

J Whibley

Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)

Officers in attendance:

Stephen Saunders
Alethea Thompson, Democratic Services Officer
Nicola Cooper, Solicitor

Councillor apologies:

I Chubb
S Gazzard
T Wright

Chairman

Date:



Report to: **Licensing and Enforcement Committee**

Date of Meeting: 18 September 2019

Public Document: Yes

Exemption: None

Agenda item: 7

Subject: **The Licensing and Enforcement Committee is asked to consider a request from Seaton Town Council for the removal of the taxi rank in Marine Place which is to be relocated nearby, on the same side of the road on Castle Hill, Seaton. The request is part of the Town Council's seafront enhancement proposals.**

Purpose of report: To consider accommodating the change needed for the redevelopment of Seaton town centre seafront.

Recommendation: **That the Committee consider a request from Seaton Town Council to relocate the Hackney Carriage rank from Marine Place to Castle Hill, Seaton and to approve the options contained in this report to commence consultation with the taxi trade.**

Reason for recommendation: The Town Council has made this request which will require a series of legal steps to be taken before adopting the change.

Officer: Steve Saunders, Licensing Manager

Financial implications: Advertisement costs for public notices and officer time

Legal implications: The legal implications are explained within the body of the report.

Equalities impact: Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk

Appendices:

Appendix A – Minutes of Seaton Town Council's meeting to request consulting on relocating the taxi rank

Appendix B – Plan showing the location of taxi ranks at Marine Place and Castle Hill, Seaton

Link to Council Plan: Living in, working in, enjoying and funding this outstanding place

1 Background

- 1.1 The Licensing Authority has received a request from Seaton Town Council for removal of the taxi rank currently sited on Marine Place, Seaton and for it to be relocated to Castle Hill, being a short distance on the same side of the road. A copy of Town Council's minutes of a meeting on 19th August requesting EDDC consult the taxi trade appears at **Appendix A**. The reason for this request is that Seaton seafront is being redeveloped to update the road layout including pedestrianisation and other alterations to enhance the area.

- 1.2 The existing taxi rank in Marine Place is one of four dedicated taxi ranks in Seaton having been formally adopted for that use in 2010 and provides two spaces for taxi vehicles. At present the hackney carriage ranks in Seaton are as follows:
- (a) Marine Place 2 spaces
 - (b) Fore Street (west side of the road) 2 spaces
 - (c) Fore Street (east side of the road) 2 spaces
 - (d) Queen Street 1 space
- 1.3 The current taxi rank would be removed because of the redevelopment of the seafront area being proposed across a wider area of roads and highways than just Marine Place, hence the alterations requiring removal of the taxi rank from its existing place.
- 1.4 The redevelopment project is being managed by NDM Collins Architects of Seaton. A plan prepared by the architect showing the location of the existing taxi rank in Marine Place together with the proposed new site in Castle Hill appears in **Appendix B**. The new proposed location is on the same side of the road as Marine Place, being across the junction with Sea Hill and being a distance of less than 50 metres from the current and proposed location.
- 1.5 The relocated taxi rank will provide one space for a taxi vehicle and would be based at the start of a new bus stop bay that would see both the taxi rank and bus bays connected.
- 1.6 Under Section 63(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the district council can appoint stands (ranks) for taxis either on public highways or private land and the stands can be for continual or part time use. The district council can also determine the number of hackney carriages that can use a stand and also has the power to vary the numbers. If the land is to be on the public highway the consent of the highway authority is required. It also requires that notice must be given to the Chief Officer of Police.
- 1.7 Although the district council has the responsibility to appoint ranks it has to be done with the approval of the highway authority at Devon County Council. Before a rank can come into use the highway authority needs to designate the rank with a traffic order and also have it signed and marked on the highway. This involves a considerable cost to implement and the revised works are as a result of Seaton Town Council redeveloping the seafront with the Town Council meeting costs incurred by marking the new rank if approved. There is also a financial implication for the district council through the need for a public notice outlining the proposal at a later stage in a local newspaper.
- 1.8 District (and City) Councils have a duty to provide taxi ranks for the taxi trade as licensed taxis need ranks from which to operate. If this rank is relocated there would still be four legally enforceable taxi ranks in Seaton. The proposed change by moving a rank of two vehicle spaces to a rank for one vehicle space still offers a taxi rank near to the seafront from which licensed hackney carriage drivers can operate their trade and which the public can still gain access to.
- 2 Proposed consultation
- 2.1 The Licensing Authority propose consulting the local taxi drivers who regularly use the rank in Seaton subject to approval from this Committee commencing from 19th September to 10th October for a period of three weeks. Although this is a relatively short period of time, the taxi trade in Seaton is aware of the redevelopment and the period will allow sufficient time for responses to be provided.

- 2.2 If approved, the result of the consultation will be available to members at the meeting on Wednesday 16 October. There has been a general consultation undertaken locally in relation to the whole of the regeneration scheme through the planning application.
- 2.3 Should the Committee approve going ahead with relocating the taxi rank following the consultation, legislation requires that a public notice be placed in a local newspaper providing local residents the opportunity to make representations. Representations must be made within a 28 day period from the date of publication. Should any objections be received and not withdrawn the matter would then need to be returned for further reconsideration by members.
- 2.4 In view of the frequency of Licensing and Enforcement Committee meetings, it has been necessary to convene this extra meeting to seek approval for the first stage to begin by consulting the taxi trade. The outcome of that consultation will be reported back to this Committee to allow a decision whether to exercise the Council's powers under Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to appoint the rank in Seaton through then circulating the public notice.
- 2.5 It is considered by the Town Council and the Licensing Authority that the proposal to relocate rather than completely removing the taxi rank is a positive outcome despite being one vehicle space less. It still provides a location in the same area of Seaton from where the trade can continue to operate and from where the public can obtain a taxi.



APPENDIX A

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**Extraordinary Meeting of Seaton Town Council
held on Monday 19th August 2018 at 6.00pm**

Present

In the chair: Cllr K Beer

Councillors: T Antoniou, A Davies, D Haggerty, D Ledger, S Read, J Rowland, J Russell, H Sanham, M Shaw, A Singh and D Squire

101. Apologies: None

102. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Shaw declared an interest as a Devon County Councillor; Cllrs Ledger and Rowland declared interests as East Devon District Councillors

103. To receive reports and recommendations from Town Council Website Working Party

104. Seafront Enhancement Scheme

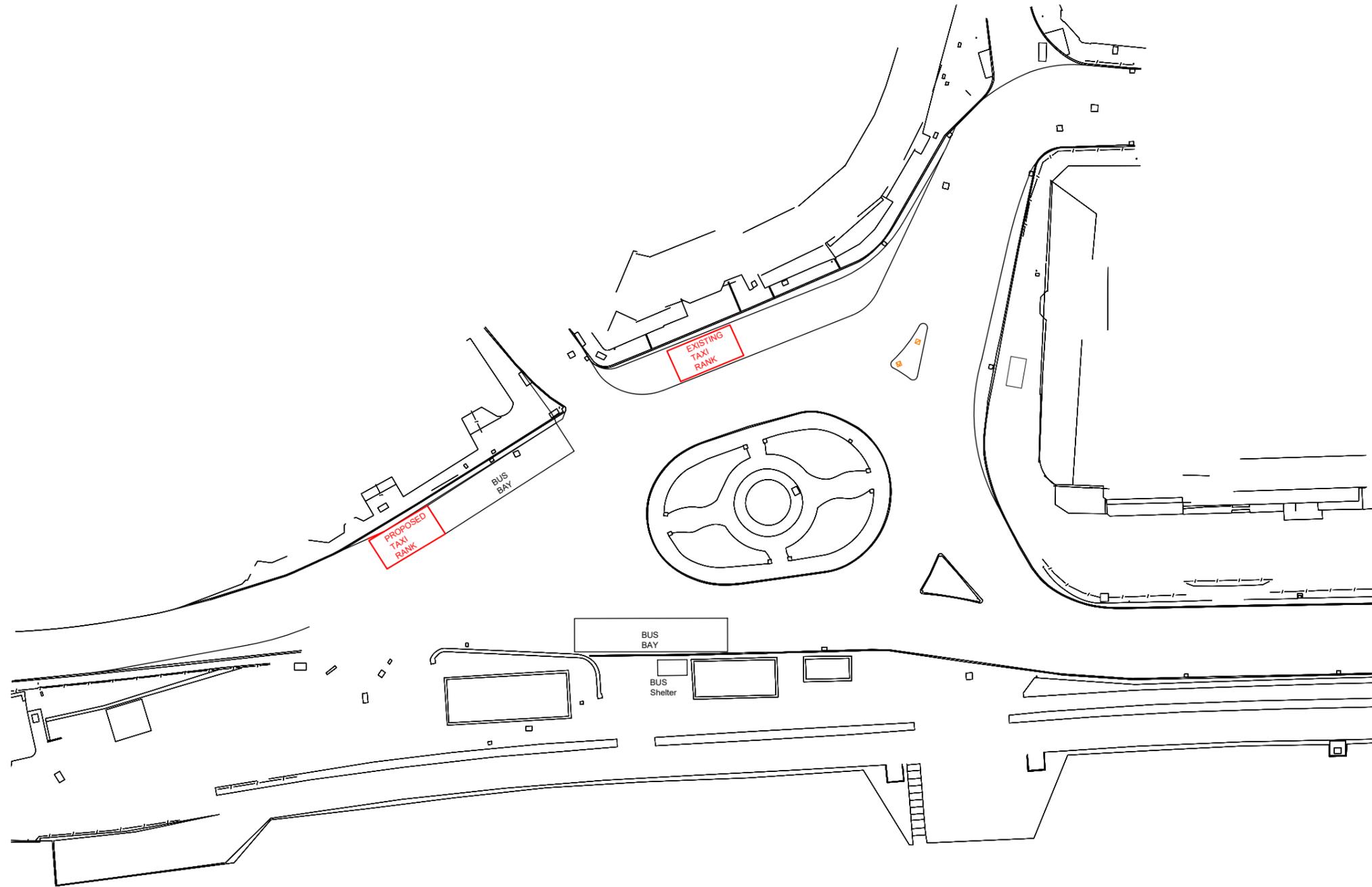
To propose that EDDC be asked to commence the consultation process to relocate the taxi rank at Marine Place as part of the Council's seafront enhancement plans.

The Seafront Enhancement Working Party explained that following Council's resolution to move forward on Phase 1 of the Council's approved seafront plans, to enable this to progress the next step was for EDDC to undertake consultation with taxi drivers and taxi companies on the proposal to relocate the taxi rank at Marine Place.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that EDDC should be asked to commence the consultation process to relocate the taxi rank at Marine Place as part of the Council's seafront enhancement plans.

105. Staffing Matters

106. Current Administrative Affairs



Proposed Phase 1

Scale - 1:500



General Notes:

- 1) do not scale from this drawing except for planning purposes
- 2) all dimensions to be checked on site by the contractor
- 3) report all omissions and/ or errors to NDM Collins Architects
- 4) all dimensions in millimetres unless otherwise stated
- 5) if in doubt contact administrator for clarification
- 6) all drawings are copyright of NDM Collins Architects

Legend

Red denotes proposed approved plans

Black denotes existing

APPENDIX B

Revisions

Rev	Date	Revision notes
A	07/08/19	Taxi Rank Alterations

Job title

Seaton Seafront Development

Drawing title

Proposed plan - phase 1

First issued 07.08.19

Scale 1:500@A3

Job code -

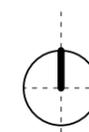
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Revision A

Drawn by: GL

Checked by: RC





Report to: **Licensing and Enforcement Committee**

Date of Meeting: 18 September 2019

Public Document: Yes

Exemption: None

Review date for release None

Agenda item: 8

Subject: **Update on Proposed Hackney Carriage (Taxi) Fare Tariff Changes**

Purpose of report: To provide an update to the Licensing and Enforcement Committee regarding a proposed increase to the Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff.

Recommendation: **That the Committee consider the update provided in this report for proposed Hackney Carriage Tariff increase options set out in Appendices C and F following recent consultation with the taxi trade and to approve a further short consultation on a proposal submitted by the taxi trade in Exmouth**

Reason for recommendation: To enable the Hackney Carriage trade within the District to continue to operate economically whilst still maintaining an efficient, safe and cost effective service for those residents of and visitors to East Devon who need to use the services of a Hackney Carriage

Officer: Steve Saunders, Licensing Manager, ssaunders@eastdevon.gov.uk
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Financial implications: There are minimal costs mentioned in the report as a public notice in the local newspaper will be required before any alteration to charges. Also if there are any objections this will need to be referred to Committee which would incur minimal officer time.

Legal implications: The statutory context is set out within the report and requires no further comment

Equalities impact: Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk

Links to background information: **Appendices:**

Appendix A - Current Taxi Fares Tariff

Appendix B – Consultation Letter Sent to Taxi Proprietors

Appendix C – Proposed Taxi Fare Tariff Increase (July 2019)

Appendix D – Comparison of Taxi Fare Tariffs (Devon, Dorset & Somerset)

Appendix E – Email Response Received to Fare Tariff Increase

Appendix F – Proposal received from Exmouth Trade Association Taxi for a Fare Tariff Increase (Sept 2019)

Appendix G – Comparison Table of All Devon fares (Sept 2019)

Background Papers:

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Report to Licensing & Enforcement Committee 3rd July 2019

Link to Council Plan: Living in, working in, enjoying and funding this outstanding place

1 Background Information

- 1.1 This report should be considered in conjunction with the previous report on the subject and provides members with an update since it was last considered at its meeting on 3rd July 2019. The Licensing Manager had submitted a proposed increase on the current Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff at that meeting and members then resolved that the taxi trade should be consulted. The consultation has taken place and has prompted the Exmouth Taxi Trade Association to propose an alternative single increase to the taxi fares tariff set by the Council.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to inform this Committee of the outcome of the recent consultation and to outline the details proposed by the Exmouth Taxi Trade Association together with seeking approval to consult again district wide on the latest proposal.
- 1.3 The previous report to members set out the reasons and the progress achieved to this point with regard to revising the tariff of fares that can be charged by taxis in East Devon.
- 1.4 Section 65 of the of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 permits district councils to set the fares tariff for hackney carriages (taxis) licensed in the district. The tariff sets the maximum fares that taxis can charge the public when using their vehicles and taxis can charge below the maximum. The last tariff increase was agreed by this Committee in 2012. A copy of the current tariff table appears at **Appendix A** to this report.
- 1.5 All changes to the hackney carriage tariff table in use in East Devon must be approved by the Licensing and Enforcement Committee.

2 Fare Tariff Pricing Proposals

- 2.1 At the last meeting of this Committee a proposal was considered to increase Tariff 1 of the table of fares with that being an increase to the 'flag' fare in a similar manner to that occurred in 2012. The proposed increase would amount to an additional 20 pence on Tariff 1 which would mean a £3.20 initial 'flag' charge rather than the current £3.00, this being an increase of 6.66%. There would also be an increase for each subsequent mile travelled by 4.76%.
- 2.2 That proposal for just increasing Tariff 1 would revise the position of East Devon in the Devon and the national fare comparison tables taking the first two mile journey cost to **£6.60**. This option would result in EDDC sitting in second place in the Devon fares comparison table and EDDC would also become one of 16 Council's in the national table that have set the charge of £6.60 for the first two miles of a journey.
- 2.3 Following the previous meeting and the requirement for further consultation with the taxi trade, the Licensing Manager circulated the written proposal to all East Devon taxi proprietors

shown in **Appendix B**. The correspondence was sent together with the proposed fare tariff increase shown in **Appendix C** and also the comparison table of the fares being proposed showing how this and other authorities in Devon, Dorset and Somerset would appear at **Appendix D**.

2.4 Because East Devon is a large and widely rural district with towns being widespread there is not one overall taxi trade association and so all vehicle licence holders were invited to respond to the consultation. There is a taxi trade association in Exmouth which is well represented by its members and Licensing Officers attend the quarterly meetings.

3. Response to the Proposed Fare Tariff Increase

3.1 The response to the consultation sent to taxi proprietors was very low with just one email received from a self-employed taxi driver/proprietor shown at **Appendix E**. In summary, the respondent welcomed an increase to soiling charges of £80 and outlined that some drivers may charge less than the tariff (which they are entitled to do). It ended that any increase be considered for all three fare tariffs. There was also mention of possible costs being incurred by the trade when having taxi meters recalibrated, this being a cost to be met by the trade and not the Council when the table of fares change.

3.2 On 2nd September 2019 Licensing Officers attended the quarterly meeting of the Exmouth Taxi Trade Association where the proposed fare tariff increase was discussed under the agenda. The meeting was well attended by taxi proprietors who operate in the town and overall the view of those present was that an increase is now necessary without a need for increases under Tariff 2 (evening/weekend fares) or Tariff 3 (bank holiday fares).

3.3 The association proposed another alternative fare increase to that circulated in **Appendix C**, by proposing that instead of increasing an additional 20 pence on Tariff 1 to the first half mile initial 'flag' charge or the increases for each subsequent mile, that just one increase should be made. The proposed increase is for 50 pence on the initial 'flag' charge resulting in an increase from £3 to £3.50. It was accepted that the proposed soiling charge should increase to £80, this being the cost for cleaning soiled taxis. The new Exmouth proposal is contained in **Appendix F**.

3.4 The latest proposal received from the Exmouth Taxi Trade Association was specific to just the first half mile initial 'flag' charge and without the other increases per mile circulated to the taxi proprietors under **Appendix C**. Officers acknowledged the proposal being put forward at the meeting of the Exmouth Taxi Trade Association whilst reminding the forum that any change will be applicable to all East Devon licensed taxis and not just Exmouth.

3.5 It was reported in the previous report to this committee that market forces are known to come into play for the district and because of the level of competition in Exmouth the charges levied in that area are often less than the maximum tariff.

4 Options Going Forward for Fare Tariff Pricing

4.1 Contact has been made with one of the companies that complete taxi meter calibration following receipt of the Exmouth proposal contained in **Appendix F**. It is understood that the one-off change to just the initial 'flag' charge of £3.50 is achievable without it being necessary to increase costs subsequently mile by mile. The response from the meter engineer also indicated the work to recalibrate just one increase would be less through completing one tariff change rather than that proposed for all the increases considered under **Appendix C**.

4.2 The general response from the meeting of Exmouth Taxi Trade Association supports the overall consideration of this committee to set an increase only against Tariff 1 and maintaining current charges on Tariff 2 and Tariff 3 without change.

- 4.3 The new proposed increase from the meeting of Exmouth Taxi Trade Association has not been considered by the remainder of the taxi trade in East Devon contained in **Appendix F**.
- 5 Recommendation
- 5.1 Members will note from the contents of the previous report in July that the existing fare tariff table in East Devon has not actually fallen significantly behind in comparison with other Devon licensing authorities. An up to date comparison of all authorities in Devon which includes the present, unchanged tariff has been updated in September and is contained in **Appendix G**.
- 5.2 The proposed increases to the fare tariff that was circulated after the July meeting under **Appendix C** now differs to the latest proposal from the Exmouth Taxi Trade Association contained in **Appendix F**.
- 5.3 Members are therefore asked to consider approving a further consultation for the full taxi trade in East Devon to allow all taxi proprietors to consider the Exmouth proposal allowing all the opportunity to respond and comment.
- 5.4 The Licensing Authority propose consulting the East Devon taxi trade subject to approval from this Committee, to commence from 19th September and to end on 10th October for a period of three weeks. Although this is a relatively short period, the time is considered sufficient to allow the taxi trade to consider and respond during that time.
- 6 Conclusion
- 6.1 The purpose of this report is because there are now two separate options to consider for increasing the fare tariff detailed under **Appendix C**, from the last meeting in July with the latest proposal from the Exmouth Taxi Trade Association contained in **Appendix F**.
- 6.2 A third option would be to leave the fare tariff unchanged although the majority of respondents amongst the taxi trade support increasing the fares.
- 6.3 Due to the latest proposal received from the taxi trade it will be necessary to bring back the outcome of the consultation at the next meeting of this committee in October. At that point it may be clearer regarding what the trade considers as preferred option.
- 6.4 As explained earlier in this report 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. The public then have 14 days to make comment on the proposals. If no adverse comment/objection is received the approved changes can take effect and it is planned that they should come into use in early December.
- 6.5 Alternatively if adverse comment/objection is received then the matter must be returned to allow this Committee to consider the representation(s).

APPENDIX A

FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES



Effective from 5 December 2012

FARES FOR DISTANCE OR TIME	TARIFF 1	TARIFF 2	TARIFF 3
	Daytime Rate	Evening & Night Rate	Bank Holiday, Christmas and New Year Rate
	Applies on weekdays between 7 am and 7 pm	Applies on weekdays between 7 pm and 7 am and on Sundays	All Bank Holidays (12mn to 12mn) and from 7 pm on 24 December to 7 am on 27 December; and from 7 pm on 31 December to 7 am on 2 January
TO HIRE THIS TAXI FOR THE FIRST HALF OF A MILE	£3.00	£4.00	£5.20
FOR THE FIRST WHOLE MILE	£4.20	£5.25	£6.80
FOR EACH MILE THEREAFTER	£2.10	£2.50	£2.80
WAITING TIME	£0.30 for 37.50 seconds	£0.25 for 31.25 seconds	£0.40 for 50 seconds
PRICE GUIDE			
1 mile	£4.20	£5.25	£6.80
2 miles	£6.30	£7.75	£9.60
3 miles	£8.40	£10.25	£12.40
5 miles	£12.60	£15.25	£18.00
10 miles	£23.10	£27.75	£32.00
EXTRAS			
Soiling Charge	£50.00	£80.00	£80.00
* Must inform customer at time of booking	Maximum Booking Fee *		£12.00
	Baggage Fee per Bag		20 pence
	Each Additional Passenger after the first		20 pence
	Carriage of Dogs		20 pence
	Assistance Dogs and Wheelchairs		Free of charge
	Toll, ferry & car park fees incurred with journey		Actual Fee

Taxi Tariff Updates

Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Hackney Carriage Licence No: [*relevant to recipient*]

We are contacting you about some updates concerning the taxi tariff in relation to what fares can be charged of the public. Increasing the taxi fare tariff has been under review after the ballot resulted in two thirds of responses requesting an increase. The Council's Licensing Committee has asked that a further update be given to taxi proprietors over the proposal to increase the Tariff 1 'flag' fare and the proposed increase would raise the first half mile 'flag' fare from £3.00 to £3.20.

This amounts to an increase of 6.6%. It is also proposed to increase for the first full whole mile by 20 pence in a similar manner to the last fare increase. The first two mile journey would be £6.60.

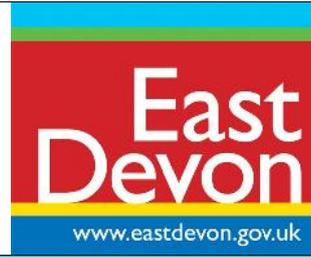
Therefore the increase would be by 4.76% on each subsequent mile and so the proposed increases are between 4.76% and 6.66%. The proposed increase to Tariff 1 prices includes increasing the charge to valet and clean vehicles when soiled rising from £50 to £80.

These proposed changes would see East Devon fares moving to second place in the Devon fares table (see attached comparison). East Devon would also become one of 16 Council's in the country that set the charge for the first two miles of a journey at £6.60 in the national fare tables.

The Council's Licensing Committee would like to consider this subject when it next meets. If you would like to comment further please either write to or email to the licensing team as responses by telephone are not required (email: Licensing@eastdevon.gov.uk).

APPENDIX C

FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES



Effective from – **Date to be Agreed**

FARES FOR DISTANCE OR TIME	TARIFF 1	TARIFF 2	TARIFF 3
	Daytime Rate	Evening & Night Rate	Bank Holiday, Christmas and New Year Rate
	Applies on weekdays between 7 am and 7 pm	Applies on weekdays between 7 pm and 7 am and on Sundays	All Bank Holidays (12mn to 12mn) and from 7 pm on 24 December to 7 am on 27 December; and from 7 pm on 31 December to 7 am on 2 January
TO HIRE THIS TAXI FOR THE FIRST HALF OF A MILE	£3.20 from £3.00	£4.00	£5.20
FOR THE FIRST WHOLE MILE	£4.40 from £4.20	£5.25	£6.80
FOR EACH MILE THEREAFTER	£2.20 from £2.10	£2.50	£2.80
WAITING TIME	£0.30 for 37.50 seconds	£0.25 for 31.25 seconds	£0.40 for 50 seconds
PRICE GUIDE			
1 mile	£4.40 from £4.20	£5.25	£6.80
2 miles	£6.60 from £6.30	£7.75	£9.60
3 miles	£8.80 from £8.40	£10.25	£12.40
5 miles	£13.20 from £12.60	£15.25	£18.00
10 miles	£24.20 from £23.10	£27.75	£32.00
EXTRAS			
Soiling Charge	£80.00 from £50.00	£80.00	£80.00
* Must inform customer at time of booking	Maximum Booking Fee *		£12.00
	Baggage Fee per Bag		20 pence
	Each Additional Passenger after the first		20 pence
	Carriage of Dogs		20 pence
	Assistance Dogs and Wheelchairs		Free of charge
	Toll, ferry & car park fees incurred with journey		Actual Fee

**Comparison of Proposed Hackney Carriage Fares
Devon, Dorset and Somerset Taxi Tariffs 2019**

POSITION (All England Councils)	COUNCIL	2 MILE FARE COST	DATE OF LAST FARE INCREASE
51	TORRIDGE	£6.62	2017
52-67	EAST DEVON	£6.60	2019
57	EAST DORSET	£6.60	2017
58	EXETER	£6.60	2013
68	NORTH DEVON	£6.55	2016
73	SOUTH SOMERSET	£6.50	2016
92	TORBAY	£6.39	2016
125	TEIGNBRIDGE	£6.20	2013
158	PLYMOUTH	£6.00	2017
161	SOUTH HAMS	£6.00	2017
221	MID DEVON	£5.70	2010

362 total

Figures obtained from Private Hire & Taxi Monthly (PHTM) June 2019

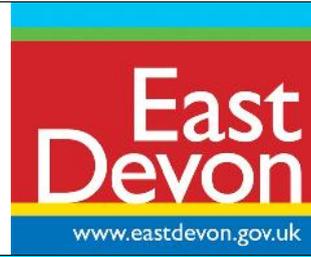
From: RM [mailto:----btinternet.com]
Sent: 04 September 2019 08:36
To: Licensing EDDC <licensing@eastdevon.gov.uk>
Subject: Tariff increase

It looks like you are just looking at an increase in tariff 1, we the owners of are taxi will have to pay a fee for this how much that is now I'm not sure plus lost time and travel to get it changed unless the meter man comes to your premises like they did when I was with North Dorset, the soiled charge was already £20 behind North Dorset so the increase to £80 sounds fine, I'm aware some drivers don't use there meter as many times a customer will try to say it's £3 that's what ???? Charges me, a taxi meter should be used at all times when hired if we want we can charge less but not more, but with the meter on the customer can see what it should be, but my view is if we are getting an increase do it for all tariffs not just one

RM

APPENDIX F

FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES



Effective from – **Date to be Agreed**

FARES FOR DISTANCE OR TIME	TARIFF 1	TARIFF 2	TARIFF 3
	Daytime Rate	Evening & Night Rate	Bank Holiday, Christmas and New Year Rate
	Applies on weekdays between 7 am and 7 pm	Applies on weekdays between 7 pm and 7 am and on Sundays	All Bank Holidays (12mn to 12mn) and from 7 pm on 24 December to 7 am on 27 December; and from 7 pm on 31 December to 7 am on 2 January
TO HIRE THIS TAXI FOR THE FIRST HALF OF A MILE	£3.50 from £3.00	£4.00	£5.20
FOR THE FIRST WHOLE MILE	from £4.20	£5.25	£6.80
FOR EACH MILE THEREAFTER	from £2.10	£2.50	£2.80
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	Toll, ferry & car park fees incurred with journey		Actual Fee

**Comparison of Hackney Carriage Taxi Fares – Devon
September 2019**

POSITION	COUNCIL	2 MILE FARE	LAST FARE INCREASE
52	TORRIDGE	£6.62	2017
59	EXETER	£6.60	2013
69	NORTH DEVON	£6.55	2016
95	TORBAY	£6.39	2016
99	EAST DEVON	£6.30	2012
128	TEIGNBRIDGE	£6.20	2013
165	PLYMOUTH	£6.00	2017
168	SOUTH HAMS	£6.00	2017
223	MID DEVON	£5.70	2010

Figures obtained from Private Hire & Taxi Monthly (PHTM) Sept 2018