



## Licensing Committee

**Date:** Thursday, 29 June 2023  
**Time:** 1.45 pm  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

**Members (Quorum: 3)**

Emma Parker (Chairman), Jon Andrews (Vice-Chairman), Mike Barron, Derek Beer, Susan Cocking, Mike Dyer, Les Fry, Paul Harrison, Brian Heatley, Cathy Lugg, David Morgan, Julie Robinson, Andrew Starr, Kate Wheller and Sarah Williams

**Chief Executive:** Matt Prosser, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

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### Agenda

Item		Pages
1.	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
	To receive any apologies for absence.	
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
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3.	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>	
	Representatives of town or parish councils and members of the public	

who live, work, or represent an organisation within the Dorset Council area are welcome to submit either 1 question or 1 statement for each meeting. You are welcome to attend the meeting in person or via MS Teams to read out your question and to receive the response. If you submit a statement for the committee this will be circulated to all members of the committee in advance of the meeting as a supplement to the agenda and appended to the minutes for the formal record but will not be read out at the meeting. **The first 8 questions and the first 8 statements received from members of the public or organisations for each meeting will be accepted on a first come first served basis in accordance with the deadline set out below.** Further information read [Public Participation - Dorset Council](#)

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When submitting your question or statement please note that:

- You can submit 1 question or 1 statement.
- a question may include a short pre-amble to set the context.
- It must be a single question and any sub-divided questions will not be permitted.
- Each question will consist of no more than 450 words, and you will be given up to 3 minutes to present your question.
- when submitting a question please indicate who the question is for (e.g., the name of the committee or Portfolio Holder)
- Include your name, address, and contact details. Only your name will be published but we may need your other details to contact you about your question or statement in advance of the meeting.
- questions and statements received in line with the council's rules for public participation will be published as a supplement to the agenda.
- all questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.

#### **4. WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND ZONE TAXI FARES - CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS**

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To consider any objections raised by members of the public to the fare increase proposed for the Weymouth and Portland zone.

#### **5. URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any items of business which the Chairman has had prior notification and considers to be urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for the urgency shall be recorded in the minutes.

#### **6. EXEMPT BUSINESS**

To move the exclusion of the press and the public for the following item

in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The public and the press will be asked to leave the meeting whilst the item of business is considered.

**There is no scheduled exempt business to report.**

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## Licensing Committee

29 June 2023

## Weymouth and Portland Zone Taxi Fares – Consideration of Objections

### For Recommendation to the Portfolio Holder

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr L Beddow, Culture and Communities

**Local Councillor(s):** All Cllrs

**Executive Director:** J Sellgren, Executive Director of Place

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**Report Status:** Public

**Brief Summary:** To consider any objections raised by members of the public to the fare increase proposed for the Weymouth and Portland zone.

#### **Recommendations:**

The Licensing Committee recommends that the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities approves the new tariffs for the Weymouth and Portland hackney carriage zone as set out in Appendix 3, to take effect from 1 July 2023.

#### **Reason for Recommendations:**

The modest increase requested by the trade will allow them to continue to operate in the current financial landscape, and the effect on the travelling public is minimal, as can be seen by the extremely low level of objections.

#### 1. **Background**

- 1.1 Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 sets out the legislative provisions for setting the tariff. Section 65 requires that any changes to fares need to be advertised to allow the public to comment. The legislation is attached at Appendix 1.

- 1.2 On 1 June the Licensing Committee accepted the request from the Weymouth and Portland Taxi and Private Hire Association to increase the fares in the Weymouth and Portland zone.
- 1.3 On the 2 June the Portfolio holder for Culture and Communities agreed with the decisions of the Licensing Committee and the proposed fare increases were published in the Dorset Echo on 7 June, with the statutory public consultation running until 21 June.

## 2. **New Fares**

- 2.1 There has been one objection at the time of writing the report, any objections received after the report is published will be added as supplementary information. The objection is attached at Appendix 2.
- 2.2 The proposed 2023 fare chart and the current 2022 fare chart are attached at Appendix 3 for comparison.

## 3. **Financial Implications**

The funding for the public consultation of the fares will come from existing budgets. The Taxi and Private Hire Licensing regime is self-funding, so any advertising costs are met from this. There are no further financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## 4. **Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Implications**

There are no negative implications arising from the recommendations contained within this report in terms of meeting the Council's climate change obligations.

## 5. **Well-being and Health Implications**

There could potentially be an impact on the health and wellbeing of the public if the hackney carriage fares are set too high, which could make this form of transport inaccessible to some. The same could however be said if the fares are set too low resulting in a reduction of vehicles as they become uneconomical to run.

6. **Other Implications**

There are no other implications arising from the recommendations contained within this report in terms of impacts on other service areas within the Council.

7. **Risk Assessment**

HAVING CONSIDERED: the risks associated with this decision; the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: Low

Residual Risk: Low

8. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

An EqIA was prepared as part of the wider Dorset Council Taxi Licensing Policy consultation.

9. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 Legislation

Appendix 2 Consultation Responses

Appendix 3 New Tariff

10. **Background Papers**

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

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# Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

## 1976 CHAPTER 57

### PART II

#### HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

#### **65 Fixing of fares for hackney carriages.**

- (1) A district council may fix the rates or fares within the district as well for time as distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a vehicle or with the arrangements for the hire of a vehicle, to be paid in respect of the hire of hackney carriages by means of a table (hereafter in this section referred to as a “table of fares”) made or varied in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2)
  - (a) When a district council make or vary a table of fares they shall publish in at least one local newspaper circulating in the district a notice setting out the table of fares or the variation thereof and specifying the period, which shall not be less than fourteen days from the date of the first publication of the notice, within which and the manner in which objections to the table of fares or variation can be made.
  - (b) A copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall for the period of fourteen days from the date of the first publication thereof be deposited at the offices of the council which published the notice, and shall at all reasonable hours be open to public inspection without payment.
- (3) If no objection to a table of fares or variation is duly made within the period specified in the notice referred to in subsection (2) of this section, or if all objections so made are withdrawn, the table of fares or variation shall come into operation on the date of the expiration of the period specified in the notice or the date of withdrawal of the objection or, if more than one, of the last objection, whichever date is the later.
- (4) If objection is duly made as aforesaid and is not withdrawn, the district council shall set a further date, not later than two months after the first specified date, on which the

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*Changes to legislation:* There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Section 65. (See end of Document for details)

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table of fares shall come into force with or without modifications as decided by them after consideration of the objections.

- (5) A table of fares made or varied under this section shall have effect for the purposes of the Act of 1847 as if it were included in hackney carriage byelaws made thereunder.
- (6) On the coming into operation of a table of fares made by a council under this section for the district, any hackney carriage byelaws fixing the rates and fares or any table of fares previously made under this section for the district, as the case may be, shall cease to have effect.
- (7) Section 236(8) (except the words “when confirmed”) and section 238 of the <sup>M1</sup>Local Government Act 1972 (except paragraphs (c) and (d) of that section) shall extend and apply to a table of fares made or varied under this section [<sup>F1</sup>by a district council in England] as they apply to byelaws made by a district council [<sup>F2</sup>in England] .
- [<sup>F3</sup>(7A) Section 8(5) and section 19 of the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012 shall extend and apply to a table of fares made or varied under this section by a council for a county or county borough in Wales as they apply to byelaws made by a council for a county or county borough in Wales.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 65(7) inserted (31.3.2015) by [Local Government Byelaws \(Wales\) Act 2012 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 22(2), [Sch. 2 para. 10\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2015/1025, art. 2(r) (with art. 3)
- F2** Words in s. 65(7) inserted (31.3.2015) by [Local Government Byelaws \(Wales\) Act 2012 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 22(2), [Sch. 2 para. 10\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2015/1025, art. 2(r) (with art. 3)
- F3** S. 65(7A) inserted (31.3.2015) by [Local Government Byelaws \(Wales\) Act 2012 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 22(2), [Sch. 2 para. 10\(3\)](#); S.I. 2015/1025, art. 2(r) (with art. 3)

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1972 c. 70.

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- 1) I read recently that you are considering putting up taxi fares I'm writing in to say I wouldn't agree with that. A lot of local people rely on taxis daily or frequently so it's the last thing we need at the moment with everything else going up . Taxi drivers say they are doing OK, they have all the holiday makers down here ,and maybe a few from the Cruises and these are all extra trips.

So no I don't think we want to pay more for our taxis let's keep them at a reasonable rate so more people will use them, because any fare increases soon start to add up .

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### Proposed 2023 Tariff

<b>Tariff 1: Day Rate</b>	Chargeable from 7 am until 11 pm
Initial Charge	£2.80
First Mile	£5.50
Each Additional Mile	£2.10

Waiting Time to be charged at 10p per 20 second period

<b>Tariff 2: Night Rate</b>	Chargeable from 11 pm until 7 am
Initial Charge	£3.20
First Mile	£6.10
Each Additional Mile	£2.50

Waiting time to be charged at 10p per 20 second period

<b>Tariff 3: Tariff 1 + 50%</b>	Chargeable Good Friday and all Bank Holidays unless covered by Tariff 4
Initial Charge	£4.20
First Mile	£8.25
Each Additional Mile	£3.15

Waiting Time to be charged at 15p per 20 second period

<b>Tariff 4: Tariff 1 + 100%</b>	Chargeable Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day
Initial Charge	£5.60
First Mile	£11.00
Each Additional Mile	£4.20

Waiting Time to be charged at 20p per 20 second period

<b>Extras</b>	
<b>NO CHARGE FOR ANY ASSISTANCE DOG OR WHEELCHAIR</b>	
Proprietors of Hackney Carriages licensed to carry <u>and actually carrying</u> 5, 6, 7, or 8 passengers are entitled to Charge 1 and ½ times each Tariff.	
For the soiling of the vehicle by the passenger(s)	£80
For each item of luggage, bicycle, perambulator or animal	20p

**Detailed Breakdown: Tariff 1** - Minimum Charge is for 226.4 yards. All increments beyond that distance are 10p per 56.80 yards until 1 mile has been travelled and 10p per 83.81 yards for all subsequent miles.

**Tariff 2** - Minimum Charge is for 220 yards. All increments beyond that distance are 10p per 53.10 yards until 1 mile has been travelled and 10p per 70.40 yards for all subsequent miles.

**Tariff 3** - Minimum Charge is for 226.4 yards. All increments beyond that distance are 15p per 56.80 yards until 1 mile has been travelled and 15p per 83.81 yards for all subsequent miles.

**Tariff 31** - Minimum Charge is for 226.4 yards. All increments beyond that distance are 20p per 56.80 yards until 1 mile has been travelled and 20p per 83.81 yards for all subsequent miles.

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# Weymouth & Portland Zone



## Table of Fares FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

<b>Tariff1 : Day Rate</b>	Chargeable from 7am until 11pm
Initial Charge	£2.70
First Mile	£5.30
Each Additional Mile	£2.00

**Waiting time** is to be charged at £0.30 per minute, in units of £0.10 per 20 second period.

<b>Tariff2 : Night Rate</b>	Chargeable from 11pm until 7am
Initial Charge	£3.10
First Mile	£5.90
Each Additional Mile	£2.40

**Waiting time** is to be charged at £0.30 per minute, in units of £0.10 per 20 second period.

<b>Tariff3 : Tariff 1 + 50%</b>	Chargeable Good Friday and all Bank Holidays unless covered by Tariff 4
Initial Charge	£4.05
First Mile	£7.95
Each Additional Mile	£3.00

**Waiting time** is to be charged at £0.45 per minute, in units of £0.15 per 20 second period.

<b>Tariff4 : Tariff 1 + 100%</b>	Chargeable Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day
Initial Charge	£5.40
First Mile	£10.60
Each Additional Mile	£4.00

**Waiting time** is to be charged at £0.60 per minute, in units of £0.20 per 20 second period.

### Extras

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For the soiling of the vehicle by the passenger(s)/animals	£80
For each item of luggage, bicycle, perambulator or animal	20p
For each passenger in excess of one, up to a max of three	20p

**Detailed Breakdown: Tariff 1** -Minimum Charge is for 226 yards. All increments beyond that distance are 10p per 59.00 yards until 1 mile has been travelled and 10p per 88.00 yards for all subsequent miles.

**Tariff 2** - Minimum Charge is for 220 yards. All increments beyond that distance are 10p per 55.00 yards until 1 mile has been travelled and 10p per 73.33 yards for all subsequent miles.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976, PART II SECTION 65(2)(a)

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