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TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENT PACK

Thursday 28 October 2021
10.00 am
Council House

Members:

Councillor Singh, Chair
Councillor Salmon, Vice Chair
Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Corvid, Derrick, Jordan, Partridge and Tuffin.

Please find attached additional information, for your consideration, relating to agenda item 5.

Tracey Lee
Chief Executive

Taxi Licensing Committee

AGENDA

5. Review of Taxi Table of Fares (Taxi Tariff) (Pages 1 - 2)

The Director for Public Health will submit a report on the review of taxi table of fares (taxi tariff).

Review of Taxi Table of Fares (Taxi Tariff)

Addendum Report

Ref: ERS/LIC/GH/Oct 28 Tariff

Date: 28 October 2021

This addendum report sets out the details of an additional proposed extra charge to allow for impromptu/adhoc bank/public holidays.

The phrase 'bank holiday' is used to refer to the certain number of public holidays we get each year. In England there are eight standard bank/public holidays.

The Government can allow additional/adhoc bank/public holidays for special events, such as royal weddings, jubilees, funerals and coronations.

The Government can also change the dates of bank/public holidays to align with important anniversaries. The last time the Government did this was in 2019 when they announced that the early May bank holiday in 2020 was to be moved from Monday (4 May) to Friday (8 May) to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

There has been an extra bank/public holiday announced for next year (2022). The May bank holiday weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional bank holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Should the proposed tariff be agreed these dates can be programmed into the taximeters at the same time as the new tariff as they are known in advance. However, when other additional/impromptu bank/public holidays are put in place at short notice or after a tariff change, they cannot be added without reprogramming the whole meter. This is a considerable inconvenience logistically and financially for the drivers, operators and the meter agents.

It is therefore proposed and supported by Licensing Officers, that provision be put into the proposed tariff wording so that a simple one off additional extra charge per journey can be applied to cover these days. The suggested wording is shown in the following table:

Extra Charges	
In the event of an extra public holidays being announced within the life of this tariff, the tariff stands with an additional charge to be added to the meter for each hiring on the new bank holiday.	50p

The addition of this extra charge, which only comes into effect for infrequent changes, or additions to bank/public holidays is considered a logical and reasonable solution to this matter.

The proposed Tariff card has been amended to show the addition of the extra charge and is shown below.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES



Made by virtue of Section 23 of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975

The driver must not refuse, without reasonable excuse, to take a hirer or would be hirer to any place within the licensing district, Section 53, Town and Police Clauses Act 1847.

Applies to **ALL** journeys within the City boundary, and to journeys outside the City boundary unless agreed otherwise between driver and hirer, **PRIOR** to the hiring being commenced. Fares detailed below are the **MAXIMUM** fares that may be charged. Hiring's may be undertaken without the use of the meter where there is a prior contract with a public authority or for a period in excess of one hour. No other charges may be made.

Tariff 1 Applies Monday to Saturday from 6am to 7pm

Tariff 2 Applies Monday to Saturday from 7pm to 6am, Sundays/Bank Holidays from 6am to 6am the following day

Tariff 3 Applies from 7pm Christmas Eve to 6am 27 December and from 7pm 31 December to 6am 1 January

Distance	Tariff 1	Tariff 2	Tariff 3
For any distance up to 1/6 th of a mile	£3.30	£3.80	£6.60
For each subsequent 1/6 th of a mile or part thereof	30p	-	60p
For each subsequent 1/7 th of a mile or part thereof	-	30p	-

Waiting Time	Tariff 1	Tariff 2	Tariff 3
For each completed period of 60 seconds		30p	
For each completed period of 90 seconds	30p		60p

Extra Charges	
Each additional passenger after the second (accompanied children under the age of 3 are not charged, two children between 3 & 12 to be charged as one).	20p
Entrance to MOD establishments, booking fee, or from Plymouth Railway Station (subject to permit).	50p
For each uncaged animal except guide, hearing or other assistance dogs.	50p
In the event of an extra public holidays being announced within the life of this tariff, the tariff stands with an additional charge to be added to the meter for each hiring on the new bank holiday	50p
Fuel - to be added to each hiring if and when fuel oil is £1.50 at Exeter Street service Station with a further 10p for each subsequent increase of 10p per litre.	10p
For any soiling of vehicle, inside or out	£100.00
Toll charges incurred at current rate for return journey	