

Title of Report:	Taxi Tariff
Report to be considered by:	Licensing Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 June 2012
Forward Plan Ref:	n/a

Purpose of Report: To request Members to address a trade error in the submission for a tariff rate increase for 2012.

Recommended Action: To consider the request

Reason for decision to be taken: Request from the taxi trade

Other options considered: None

Key background documentation: None

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the following Council Strategy priority(ies):

- CSP1 – Caring for and protecting the vulnerable**
- CSP2 – Promoting a vibrant district**
- CSP3 – Improving education**
- CSP4 – Protecting the environment**

The proposals will also help achieve the following Council Strategy principle(s):

- CSP5 - Putting people first**
- CSP6 - Living within our means**
- CSP7 - Empowering people and communities**
- CSP8 - Transforming our services to remain affordable and effective**
- CSP9 - Doing what's important well**

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Council Strategy priorities and principles by:

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Implications

Policy:	The Council has a policy for considering each request for a tariff variation
Financial:	There are small financial implications for the cost of a newspaper advertisement and a further small charge for re-printing tariff cards if the request is approved. These costs are within existing budget.
Personnel:	None
Legal/Procurement:	None
Property:	None
Risk Management:	None
Equalities Impact Assessment:	Completed
Corporate Board's Recommendation:	None required.

Executive Summary

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the Licensing Committee Meeting held on 30th March 2012, Members agreed to an increase in the maximum rate of tariff to be charged by taxis
- 1.2 The trade have realised that their submission contained an error in the rate of tariff able to be charged for waiting time.

2. Proposals

- 2.1 Members are asked to reconsider the rate charged for waiting time and adjust the rate to that outlined in 1.3 of the Executive Report.

3. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

- 3.1 The EIA is completed but does not discriminate against any specific group of people.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The current rate for waiting time, as agreed by Members on the 30th June 2012, is £5.00 per hour lower at tariff 1 and £10.00 per hour less at tariffs 2 and 3, than the rate applied during 2011/12.

Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The taxi trade have realised that their submission for a tariff variation in waiting time from April/ May 2012, is set at a rate which is less than that which applied for 2011/12.
- 1.2 The trade are now requesting Members to change the rate for waiting time back to that which applied previously.
- 1.3 This would mean that although Members approved a rate increase for time and distance at each level of tariff, which would not change, the rate for “waiting time” would change from 36 seconds, back to 18 seconds.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Officers accept that this was a genuine error made by the trade and had it been correct at the meeting on the 30th March 2012 would have been consistent with the general increases approved by Members.

Appendices

Appendix A – Equality Impact Assessment – Stage 1

Consultees

Local Stakeholders: Taxi operators

Officers Consulted: Paul Anstey

Trade Union: None

APPENDIX A

Equality Impact Assessment – Stage One

Name of item being assessed:	Taxi Tariff
Version and release date of item (if applicable):	V.1
Owner of item being assessed:	Steve Broughton
Name of assessor:	Brian Leahy
Date of assessment:	11 June 2012

1. What are the main aims of the item?
Taxi tariff variation

2. Note which groups may be affected by the item, consider how they may be affected and what sources of information have been used to determine this. (Please demonstrate consideration of all strands – age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation)		
Group Affected	What might be the effect?	Information to support this.
N/A		
Further comments relating to the item:		

3. Result (please tick by clicking on relevant box)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	High Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Relevance - This does not need to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment

For items requiring a Stage 2 equality impact assessment, begin the planning of this now, referring to the equality impact assessment guidance and Stage 2 template.

4. Identify next steps as appropriate:	
Stage Two required	
Owner of Stage Two assessment:	
Timescale for Stage Two assessment:	
Stage Two not required:	X

Name: Brian Leahy

Date: 11 June 2012