

TAXI & PRIVATE HIRE FORUM MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday 12 July 2022 11:00

Wessex Room – City Offices

ATTENDED

Drivers/Operators	Winchester City Council
Yaqoob Ali Saddiq Khurram Hussain Anjum Ghyas Marouane El Mamouni	Briony Appletree – Interim Licensing Manager Claire Humphreys – Licensing Officer

APOLOGIES

Imran Khan – on holiday

Briony welcomed all forum members to the meeting.

Fare Review

Briony explained that this meeting was primarily to discuss the hackney carriage fare review in preparation for the upcoming Licensing and Regulation Committee hearing, which she advised looked likely to be in September. If an earlier date could be arranged she would let the forum members know.

Briony set out before the members how the fare review is undertaken;

- ***The forum will decide on 3 to 4 proposed example fare tariff increases to be put forward to Committee.***
- ***Committee will agree on one of the fare tariff increase proposals***
- ***A two week public consultation will take place – published in local newspaper, Council Website and City Office Reception***
- ***If any negative comments are received from the public consultation relating to the proposed fare tariff increase, another committee hearing will be held to consider these.***

Briony recommended all forum members attend the hearing and speak on behalf of the trade giving reasons for their preferred choice of new tariff.

Forum members discussed and decided on four proposed new fare tariffs to be put before Committee at the hearing.

Action: Proposed tariffs to be emailed to forum members with minutes.

Briony suggested to the forum that a voting form be available to all licensed drivers on the website to enable them to vote for their preferred proposed tariff. The results from this would be included as an appendix with the committee report. It was felt that this would be helpful to the Committee when making their decision.

Action: Briony to arrange for voting form to be put on website next week beginning 18 July 2022.

Briony advised that once the fare review had been decided and approved by Committee, things would move quickly. All meter fitters would be notified and days/times would be organised at the Coach Park on Worthy Lane to enable drivers to have their meters updated.

Forum members asked that Shamus Farooq be spoken to regarding his intentions for a Private Hire increase of fares. It was agreed that Briony would write a formal letter to Shamus Farooq and that Khurram Hussain speak with him in addition to this

Action: Forum to be updated when more information has been received from Shamus Farooq.

It was agreed a fare review discussion with the forum be held every 2 to 3 years in order to decide if a formal fare review be taken to Committee.

Forum members asked if there was any news on the private hire kiosks at Winchester Train Station. Briony advised that she had no update to give at the moment.

Action: Briony to update forum when she has more information.

Next forum meeting date to be confirmed.