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Meeting name	Licensing Committee
Date	Thursday, 13 June 2019
Start time	6.30 pm
Venue	Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street,
	Melton Mowbray, Leics, LE13 1GH
Other information	This meeting is open to the public

Members of the Licensing Committee are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the following items of business.

#### Edd de Coverly Chief Executive

#### **Membership**

**Councillors** S. Lumley (Chair)

- S. Carter
- M. Glancy
- P. Posnett
- M. Steadman

P. Chandler (Vice-Chair)A. Freer-JonesL. HigginsD. PritchettJ. Wilkinson

Quorum: 5 Councillors

Meeting enquiries	The Licensing Team
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Agenda despatched	Wednesday, 5 June 2019

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5.	<b>URGENT BUSINESS</b> To consider any other items that the Chair considers urgent	

## **Advice on Members' Interests**

#### PERSONAL AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

If the issue being discussed affects you, your family or a close associate more than other people in the area, you have a personal and non-pecuniary interest. You also have a personal interest if the issue relates to an interest you must register under paragraph 9 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

You must state that you have a personal and non-pecuniary interest and the nature of your interest. You may stay, take part and vote in the meeting.

#### PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

If a member of the public, who knows all the relevant facts, would view your personal interest in the issue being discussed to be so great that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest and it affects your or the other person or bodies' financial position or relates to any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration then **you must state that you have a pecuniary interest, the nature of the interest and you must leave the room\*.** You must not seek improperly to influence a decision on that matter unless you have previously obtained a dispensation from the Authority's Governance Committee.

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If you are present at any meeting of the Council and you have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter to be considered or being considered at the meeting, if the interest is not already registered, you must disclose the interest to the meeting. You must not participate in the discussion or the vote and you must leave the room.

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If you have been involved in an issue in such a manner or to such an extent that the public are likely to perceive you to be biased in your judgement of the public interest (bias) then you should not take part in the decision-making process; you should leave the room. You should state that your position in this matter prohibits you from taking part. You may request permission of the Chair to address the meeting prior to leaving the room. The Chair will need to assess whether you have a useful contribution to make or whether complying with this request would prejudice the proceedings. A personal, pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest will take precedence over bias.

In each case above, you should make your declaration at the beginning of the meeting or as soon as you are aware of the issue being discussed.\*

\*There are some exceptions – please refer to paragraphs 13(2) and 13(3) of the Code of Conduct



# Minutes

Meeting name	Licensing Committee
Date	Monday, 11 March 2019
Start time	6.30 pm
Venue	Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, Leics, LE13 1GH

#### Present:

Chair	Councillor J. Wyatt (Chair)	
Councillors	P. Baguley (Vice-Chair) J. Douglas	P. Cumbers A. Freer-Jones
Observers		
Officers	Assistant Director for Strategic Planning and Regulatory Service Principal Solicitor Administrative Assistant (LS)	

Minute No.	Minute
L17	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were sent by Councillors J. Simpson, E. Holmes, P. Faulkner and J. Hurrell.
L18	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.
L19	<b>Minutes</b> Members discussed the minutes from the meeting of 14 January 2019 and asked the minutes to be corrected in L15 from the word borough to town.
	Councillor A. Freer-Jones proposed the minutes with amendments, Councillor P. Cumbers seconded. The vote was unanimous.
L20	Hackney Carriage Tariff Increase The Assistant Director for Strategic Planning and Regulatory Services summarised the points of the report and provided further clarification where needed. An example of charges over a 5 mile journey were circulated to members with the approval from the Chair.
	Members asked for a typo to be amended in appendix 4. The removal of 'to' from 'for more than to 4 passengers' at Tariff 5. Members also queried whether 'guide dogs and listening dogs' in appendix 4 should be assistance dogs instead.
	Councillor A. Freer-Jones proposed the recommendations at section 2.1 of the report, Councillor P Baguley seconded. The vote was unanimous.
	<b>DETERMINATION:</b> 1. Unless objection/s are received by 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 the increased Hackney Carriage fares as shown at appendix 4 be approved to commence on 1st May 2019 within the Borough of Melton Mowbray.
	2. If objection/s are received by 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 Licensing & Regulatory Committee shall consider the objections prior to the approval of the increased Hackney Carriage fares within the Borough of Melton.
L21	Minutes to be Noted from Licensing Sub-Committees and Licensing Panels There were no comments from members about these minutes.
L22	Urgent Business There were no urgent business to consider.



### Licensing Committee

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Report of: Assistant Director for Strategic Planning and Regulatory Services

### HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF INCREASE

#### 1.0 **Summary:**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to the Committee the results of the public consultation to the proposal to adjust the taxi tariff increase proposed on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

#### 2.0 **Recommendations**

- 2.1 To consider the representations made by members of the public and to make a decision on the proposed fare increase.
- 2.2 To approve the fare increase to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 within the Borough of Melton.

#### 3.0 **Report Detail**

- 3.1 The request to consider an increase to the Hackney Carriage Tariff was received from a representative of the Melton Hackney Carriage drivers. The drivers explain that he has canvassed felt that the fares required increasing due to inflation, particularly the cost of fuel and because it has been over 5 years since they were last reviewed. **Appendix 1(a) & 1(b)**
- 3.2 A Local Authority has the power to set fares for Hackney Carriages under the provisions of s65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
- 3.3 There is a prescribed process that should be followed by a Local Authority when considering a tariff increase, this is attached as **Appendix 2.**
- 3.4 If there is to be an increase in the tariff, this should be a balanced approach that ensures that the demand for the use of Hackney Carriages continues and that the cost of providing the service reasonably reflects the cost of running such a service.
- 3.5 The increases requested may not adequately reflect the increase in cost of providing a taxi service since the last increase in 2014, taking into consideration running cost increases, e.g. fuel, insurance, minimum wage increases etc as no supporting evidence has been supplied.
- 3.6 The Table of fares which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 is attached at **Appendix 3.**

- 3.7 The increase that has been proposed shows an decrease as the First 1/3 mile has been changed to first ½ mile of around -16.67 25% but an increase on each mile thereafter of 12.5%. Waiting time has been increased by 33.3% pro rata. A table of proposed fares has been created **Appendix 4.**
- <sup>3.8</sup> To indicate how the calculations have been made and how this affects the total fares a table has been shown over a 5 mile journey (Without waiting time) See **Appendix 5.**
- 3.9 S.65 of the LG(MP)Act 1976 requires that the objections must be considered.

4.0	<b>Consultation and</b>	Feedback	(including	Scrutin	v Committee)	
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- 4.1 Consultation took place between 4<sup>th</sup> April 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019
- 4.2 4 responses were received during the consultation period and a table of responses has been produced **Appendix 6**
- 4.3 The letters and emails can be seen **Appendix 6a 6d**

Summary of representations received:

• See Table of responses Appendix 6

#### Assessment of representations:

- Of the four representations received, only one objected to the proposals stating that they had not been consulted and that the new rate 5 is at best excessive and at worst likely to do their trade harm.
- Two gave alternative charges and suggested change to the soiling charge.
- The third was a general comment regarding the consultation process and lack of taxis in rural locations.

As there appears to be no reasoning or justification behind the alternative charges and as the proposed new fares are to be increased pro rata it would be difficult to justify amending the proposals.

Consideration can be given to the New rate 5 and if it is judged to be excessive for a large seating capacity hackney carriage operating on a public holiday.

The issue of the consultation process, it has followed the legislation in being advertised in the local newspaper, On the council website and by letter to all drivers, operators and responsible authorities.

The issue of Taxis not accessing the outlying district is a common thread which cannot be answered by a change to the fare structure.

#### 5.0 Next Steps

- 5.1 To advertise the increase in line with the tariff agreed by the Licensing Committee
- 5.2 To inform the approved taxi meter companies and arrange recalibration of all Melton Mowbray hackney carriages.

#### 6.0 **Financial Implications**

- 6.1 An increase in the taxi fare tariff would not impose additional costs nor generate any income for the Council.
- 6.2 Depending on the resolution of the Committee, there could be a cost to the Council in terms of officer time in the carrying out any re-consultation, development and implementing any change and financially for the advertising of proposed tariff in the newspaper. The exact quantity of this cost has not yet been established but is estimated to be in the region of £1500. This can be met from existing budgets

#### 7.0 Legal and Governance Implications:

- 7.1 The legal basis for considering changes to the tariff and the procedure to be followed has been set out above.
- 7.2 Upon the adoption of a new taxi tariff the existing tariff within the Borough shall cease to have any effect and all drivers will be bound to the new tariff.

#### 8.0 Equality and Safeguarding Implications:

8.1 There are no equality or safeguarding issues to be considered with a taxi tariff increase.

#### 9.0 **Community Safety Implications:**

9.1 There are no community safety issues to be considered with a taxi tariff increase.

#### 10.0 Other Implications

10.1 If the tariff increase is agreed as per the recommendation there would be no changes to the existing taxi policy, nor any corporate implications.

11.0	Risk & M	/liti	gation:					
11.1			at the risk is and how you will mitigate this risk.]					
11.2	L	Α	Very High					
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	_	Е	Very Low		3			
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	1	Ne	egative public	reaction to th	ne increase	in fares		
	2	0	pposition from nd disputes pla	some driver	s resulting i		cted process	
	3	R	educed compe	etitiveness fo	r Melton tax	is		

#### Background Papers:

[Need to explain what a background paper is and when it should be included here.]

#### Appendices

- 1 Letters from Taxi representative
- 2 Statutory procedure
- 3 Current Table of fares 2014
- 4 Proposed Table of fares 2019
- 5 Fare tariff calculations
- 6 LE13 Postcode map
- 7 Table of responses
- 8 Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Policy 2018

### **Report Timeline:**

**Director Approval** 

**Chief Finance Officer Sign Off** 

Monitoring Officer Sign Off

#### **Exempt Reports** Nil

#### Date of Review to make public (Exempt Reports only)

Report Author & Job Title Name and Job title: Simon Greensmith Licensing & Compliance Officer

**1** 01664 502502

Dear Sirs,

We would like to request a fare review for the hackney fares in Melton. The last review took place in 2013 and was implemented in April 2014.

In determining the following rates we have used the "This is Money" historic inflation calculations.

Implementation is requested for April 2019 to coincide with the implementation of the new Council fees.

We would like to change the flagfall from the current rates for 1/3 of a mile

Being rate 1 £2,50, rate 2 £3.00 Rate 3 £4.00 and rate 4 £5.00

To the following for ½ of a mile

Rate 1 £3.00, rate 2 £3.75, rate 3 £4.50, rate 4 £6.00

We would also request that the rate per mile be increased from £1.60 per mile to £1.80 per mile for rate 1 and pro rata for all other rates.

We would also request that the waiting time be increased because this has not changed for many years, from £15.00 to £20.00 per hour for rate 1 and pro rata for the other rates.

The soiling charge of £100.00 max to remain the same.

At the last review in 2013 it was agreed in principal to add an additional rate for 6 and 8 passenger vehicles to be used on bank holidays because there is currently no benefit for drivers to use these vehicles on bank holidays because the rate for a 4 passenger vehicle is the same so we would like to propose a new rate 5 for this purpose and set the rate at 1.5 of the rate 4 charge so a flagfall of £9.00 for the first ½ of a mile and £5.40 per mile thereafter.

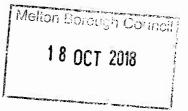
For future reviews we would like these to take place automatically every 3 years and that they be based on the above statistics.

This review is supported by at least 25% of current drivers and a list can be provided on request.

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Elaine's Taxis Limited, office 6B PERA Business Park,

Nottingham Road, Melton Mowbray Leics. LE13 OPB





Dear Sirs,

Further to my letter yesterday requesting a fare review I would also like the Council to consider the following.

People who live in the villages in the Borough who only want to travel to say the next village for a party find it impossible to book a taxi legally because no driver is going to travel to say Long Clawson Village Hall to take a passenger to Hose because of the dead mileage that can't be charged for. The passengers often say that they will pay for the vehicle to come out to them but this is not permitted under the current conditions.

Would it be possible to consider changing the "district" to cover just the LE13 post code area and all other fares to be negotiated.

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s65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 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 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 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 as they apply to byelaws made by a district council.

Melton Borough Council	HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE	
	E MAXIMUM FARES THAT CAN BE THIN THE BOROUGH OF MELTON	CHARGED
VI	THIN THE BOROUGH OF MELTON	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014
Daytime Rate (7am	to 11pm) for up to 4 passengers	TARIFF 1
For the first 1/3 mile		£2.50
For each mile therea	lfter	£1.60
Waiting rate		£15.00 per hr
Night-time Rate (11	pm to 7am) for up to 4 passengers	TARIFF 2
For the first <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> mile	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	£3.00
For each mile therea	lfter	£2.00
Waiting rate		£20.00 per hr
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passengers b) Daytime Rate (7a passengers	a New Years Eve Rate for up to 4 arm to 11pm) for more than 4	TARIFF 3
For the first <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> mile	<i>.</i>	£4.00
For each mile therea	lifter	£2.40
Waiting rate		£15.00 per hr
Friday, Easter So Bank Holiday, So Holiday Rate for b) Night-time Rate passengers	Boxing Day, New Years Day; Good unday, Easter Monday; Early May oring Bank Holiday, Summer Bank up to 4 passengers e (11pm to 7am) for more than 4	TARIFF 4
For the first <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> mile		£5.00
For each mile therea	lifter	£3.20
Waiting rate		£30.00 per hr
	EXTR	A CHARGES
For each animal		£1.00
Guide dogs and liste		FREE
MAXIMUM SOILING	G CHARGE	£100.00
Enforcement Tea	f any complaint please contact the L am at Melton Borough Council on 01 ww.melton.gov.uk for further inform Page 19	664 502502



### HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES (Proposed from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019)

Council		
THESE ARI	E THE MAXIMUM FARES THAT CAN BE CHAN WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MELTON	RGED
Daytime Rate (7am to 11p	m) for up to 4 passengers	TARIFF 1
For the first ½ mile For each mile thereafter Waiting rate		£3.00 £1.80 £20.00 per hr
Night-time Rate (11pm to	7am) for up to 4 passengers	TARIFF 2
For the first ½ mile For each mile thereafter Waiting rate		£3.75 £2.25 £25.00 per hr
-	Years Eve Rate for up to 4 passengers	TARIFF 3
For the first ½ mile For each mile thereafter Waiting rate		£4.50 £2.70 £20.00 per hr
Sunday, Easter Mono Holiday, Summer Bank	g Day, New Years Day; Good Friday, Easter day; Early May Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday Rate for up to 4 passengers	TARIFF 4
b) Night-time Rate (11pm	to 7am) for more than 4 passengers	
For the first ½ mile For each mile thereafter Waiting rate		£6.00 £3.60 £40.00 per hr
Sunday, Easter Monday; I	ay, New Years Day; Good Friday, Easter Early May Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday, te for MORE than to 4 passengers	TARIFF 5
For the first ⅓ mile For each mile thereafter Waiting rate	NEW NEW NEW	£9.00 £5.40 £60.00 per hr
		EXTRA CHARGES
For each animal Guide dogs and listening do MAXIMUM SOILING CHAP		£1.00 FREE £100.00

In the event of any complaint please contact the Licensing Enforcement Team at Melton Borough Council on 01664 502502 or visit www.melton.gov.uk for further information

Standing charge rate calculations					
	Rate 1	Rate 2	Rate 3	Rate 4	
First 1/3 Mile	£2.50	£3.00	£4.00	£5.00	Existing
X3 = 1 Mile	£7.50	£9.00	£12.00	£15.00	
First ½ Mile	£3.00	£3.75	£4.50	£6.00	Proposed
X2 = 1Mile	£6.00	£7.50	£9.00	£12.00	
Difference	£-1.50	£-1.50	£-3.00	£-3.00	
1Mile					
% decrease	-20%	-16.67%	-25%	-20%	
% Change = Dif	ference / origin	al No X 100 (-1.5	/ 7.5 x 100 = 20)		

For each Mile thereafter Calculations					
	Rate 1	Rate 2	Rate 3	Rate 4	
	£1.60	£2.00	£2.40	£3.20	Existing
	£1.80	£2.25	£2.70	£3.60	Proposed
Difference	£0.20	£0.25	£0.30	£0.40	
% Increase	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	£12.5%	

		Waiting Time	e rate Calculation	ns	
	Rate 1	Rate 2	Rate 3	Rate 4	
	£15.00	£20.00	£15.00	£30.00	Existing
Pro rata on existing differentiation	£20.00	£25.00	£20.00	£40.00	Proposed
Difference	£5.00	£5.00	£5.00	£10.00	
% Increase	33.3%	25%	33.3%	33.3%	
% Change = Dif	ference / original	No X 100 (5 / 1	5 x 100 =33.3 )		·
% Change = Dif	ference / original	No X 100 (5 / 20	0 x 100 =25 )		

Example fares over 5 Miles					
	Rate 1	Rate 2	Rate 3	Rate 4	
First 1/3 Mile	£2.50	£3.00	£4.00	£5.00	Existing
Each Mile	(£1.60)	(£2.00)	(£2.40)	(£3.20)	
4.7 Miles	£7.50	£9.40	£11.28	£15.04	
Total	£10.00	£12.90	£15.28	£20.04	
First ½ Mile	£3.00	£3.75	£4.50	£6.00	Proposed
Each Mile	(£1.80)	(£2.25)	(£2.70)	(£3.60)	
4.5 Miles	£8.10	£10.13	£12.15	£16.20	
Total	£11.20	£13.88	£16.65	£22.20	
Difference	£1.20	£0.98	£1.37	£1.80	
% Increase	11%	7.6%	8.97%	10.78%	
% Change = Dif	ference / origin	al No X 100 (0.98	/ 12.90 x 100 =7.	.596 )	



#### **MELTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

#### HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY TABLE OF RESPONSES 2019

Date	Name	Comments	Consideration/Reasoning
03.04.19	Mr J Winters	<ul> <li>Max Soiling charge increased to at least £125</li> <li>Surcharges for passengers with excessive shopping</li> </ul>	Non Given
18.04.19	Cllr L Higgins	<ul> <li>Confusing tariff</li> <li>Taxi's refusing to pick up in rural locations</li> <li>Poorly communicated</li> </ul>	Non Given
25.04.19	R Ball A Blumfield, D Bates J Kerr-Morrow	<ul> <li>We as operators have NOT been consulted.</li> <li>new rate 5 is at best excessive and at worse, likely to do our trade harm</li> </ul>	
26.04.19	Mr M Addesso	<ul> <li>I suggest day rate 3 pounds</li> <li>start-Rate +170 running waiting time wants to be</li> <li>£25 an hour night time rate</li> <li>350 start-up rate</li> <li>running time 220 and</li> <li>waiting time £30</li> </ul>	Non Given

From: jonathan winters REDACTED Sent: 03 April 2019 17:44 To: Layla Sawyer Subject: RE: VARIATION OF THE TABLE OF FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

Hi Layla,

I'm Jonathan Winters the proprietor of Handy Cars, I believe that the £100 maximum soiling charge should be increased to at least £125 maximum. Also I think you should look at surcharges for passengers with excessive shopping, when you look at you could be carrying 4 larger adults with a boot full of shopping and be on rate 1, and on the other hand be carrying 5 small passengers e.g children and be on rate 3. Food for thought I think.

Jonathan Winters Handy Cars

### **Richard Ball**

**Bandana** Cab

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23 April 2019

Jim Worley MBC

Taxi fare increase

Dear Jim,

Please accept this objection letter for the proposed taxi fare increase 1/5/2019

I/we object on the following grounds

1/ We as operators have NOT been allowed to input any views or proposals as we have NOT been consulted.

2/ The proposed new rate 5 is at best excessive and at worse, likely to do our trade harm

Therefore, myself, Andrew Blumfield, Darren Bates and John Kerr-Morrow propose the following

A full meeting should be offered for ALL taxi operators to attend and offer views and counter proposals.

Please withdraw the current proposal forthwith.

Kind regards

Richard Ball Taxi Operator

I have asked for the details on this as in my email on the 21<sup>st</sup> March at 08:17.

Simon could you send Councillors the report so we can understand the reasoning and also what has it gone from prior?

I have not had a reply and neither have colleagues. The schedule proposed seems to have some confusing parts to it and as I've not seen any justification while having multiple concerns raised with me from rural customers on the **current fees** and **taxis refusing to pick up or return customers if living in the rural area such as the Somerby Ward**. I therefore need to raise a **formal objection** to the schedule on behalf of my residents. I be engaging with my Parish Council's as some have raised this with me too.

I equally cannot find the consultation on the website and if I am struggling then I believe the public are. I am not aware of this being published on the social media channels we have although this is not to say it's not happened.

I am sure there are some reasoning behind it but I feel the consultation has been poorly communicated. I therefore have a major concern that the public are not aware of this and have not been able to engage to pass on their views.

I will need reassurances of the above and to understand the justification of the increase in the fare schedule. Equally I need stronger reassurance that my area will not be isolated from the new fares or customers being refused in favour of town runs.

Many thanks

Leigh Councillor Somerby Ward.

#### **Simon Greensmith**

From:	Miguel Addesso REDACTED
Sent:	26 April 2019 12:30
То:	Licensing for External
Subject:	I suggest day rate 3 pounds start-Rate +170 running waiting time wants to be £25 an hour nighttime rate 350 start-up rate running time
	220 and waiting time £30

Sent from my iPhone