

**COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL
LICENSING COMMITTEE
31 August 2011 at 6:00pm**

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Part A

(open to the public including the media)

Pages

- 8. Request to increase waiting time charged by Hackney Carriage Vehicles.**

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See report by the Head of Environmental and Protective Services.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Part B

(not open to the public or the media)

Pages

There are no Section B Items



**COLCHESTER C
ASSOCIATION**

Please reply to: Tony Saunders (Chairman) 23 Craven Drive Colchester Essex CO4 9BE

12th July 2011

Dear Mark

Application to Increase Waiting Time

Over the past couple of months the Association has conducted two ballots amongst all drivers, both members and non-members.

Although there was not a majority for a full fare increase the drivers did vote for an increase in waiting time. No one seems sure when waiting time was last increased, it is normally difficult to add it on top of a conventional fare rise as the resulting increase is too great.

Most drivers are content with Rate 2 but an increase in waiting time will help when traffic is heaviest during the day time on Rate 1.

We would therefore like to formally request an **increase in Waiting Time to £16 per hour.**

With inflation between 4 and 5 %, Public Hire Insurance up 20% on average and British Gas announcing an 18% price rise the need for a relatively modest increase, without damaging business is clear.

Yours sincerely

Tony Saunders
CHCA Chairman

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PART II

HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

Annotations:

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Pt. II(ss. 45–80) modified by Transport Act 1978 (c. 55, SIF 126), s. 7(3)
- C2 Pt. II(ss. 45–80) amended by Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 (c. 14, SIF 107:1), s. 79
- C3 Pt. II(ss. 45–80) applied with modifications by S.I. 1986/567, regs. 3, 4
- C4 Pt. II (ss. 45–80) extended (1.4.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 255(1)(4); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(a), Sch. Pt. 1
Pt. II (ss. 45–80) excluded (1.7.2001) by 1981 c. 14, s. 79A(1)(a) (as inserted (1.7.2001) by 2000 c. 38, s. 265(2); S.I. 2001/1498, art. 3)

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 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 M1 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.

Annotations:

Marginal Citations

M1 1972 c. 70.



**COLCHESTER C
ASSOCIATION**

8th March 2011

To All Hackney Carriage Drivers

Your Plate No.

With the present economic climate it may not be possible to have a straight forward fare increase but would you like to “restructure” fares in the following way.

Most drivers seem to think that Rate 2 is a fair price but an increase in the waiting time (by an amount to be voted upon) would boost Rate 1 when traffic is heaviest.

Please bear in mind that it is not normally possible to increase waiting time in conjunction with a normal fare increase.

Vote to Increase Waiting Time

YES

NO

To change the increments that the meter advances in, from 30p to 50p (yardages will be adjusted) and the initial “Flag Fall” to:

Rate 1 £2.50

Rate 2 £3.50

Rate 3 £4.50

This will simplify fares and change required.

Some fares will increase slightly some will decrease, so for example a £7.10 fare currently would become £7.00 but an £8.30 fare currently would become £8.50.

Vote to Change Meter Increments

YES

NO



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ASSOCIATION
2nd

Waiting Time Increase Ballot Result

Votes for £15 per hour.....**38**

Votes for £16 per hour.....**67**

No Votes.....**5**

A formal application for the increase to £16 per hour will be made to the Council shortly.

CHCA Committee