

# SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

## Report

**Subject** : Taxi Tariffs in Salisbury  
**Committee** : Planning Committee  
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### 1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report introduces a proposal concerning Taxi Tariffs in Salisbury. Salisbury City Council's Standing Orders Scheme of Delegation give the Planning Committee authority to comment on licensing matters.

### 2. Background:

- 2.1. This report concerns tariffs for Hackney Carriage vehicles. Hackney Carriages vehicles can be flagged down by passengers in the streets and can use designated taxi ranks. They must be fitted with a roof sign and a meter, the meter must be calibrated to the maximum fee, which is set by the Licensing Committee of Wiltshire Council (WC). The driver must always use the meter and must not charge more than the maximum fare for the journey, although they can charge less.
- 2.2. However, a private hire vehicle, sometimes referred to as a minicab, must be booked in advance, must not have a roof signs and does not have a meter fitted. WC does not control the fare and bookings must be taken through the private hire operator.
- 2.3. WC's Licensing Committee sets the [Hackney Carriage Tariffs](#) and these are shown at Annex A.
- 2.4. WC's Environmental Select Committee also considered the issues in January 2019. [A report to that Committee](#) is shown at Annex B, which provide concerning tariffs across Wiltshire.

### 3. Taxi Tariffs in Salisbury:

- 3.1. The issue of taxi tariffs in Salisbury has been considered by the Purple Flag Group and by Salisbury Business Improvement District (BID). Recently on 12 Dec 2019, Julie Anderson- Hill, Head of Services for Waste & Environment Culture and Operational Change, Wiltshire Council, meet with representatives from local taxi firms, night time economy operators, the BID, the Street Pastors, the Leader of Salisbury City Council and others to have an informal exchange of views.
- 3.2. It was clear at that meeting that this issues of multiple taxi tariffs in Salisbury is a topic of concern and maybe differently interpreted. The huge discrepancy in

Tariiffs and how they are applied is disadvantaging both the city's residents and visitors.

3.3. On 27 January 2020, Wiltshire Council's Licensing Committee will meet to discuss the issues. It is proposed that SCC forms a view and that this is forwarded to the Licensing Committee as part of the evidence they consider, in addition to hearing the views of the taxi operators.

3.4. Further to the meeting held recently in Salisbury, it is proposed that SCC support the proposal the tariffs 3, 4 and 5 are immediately abolished and that only tariffs 1 and 2 remain as per Wiltshire Council's advertised conditions.

#### **4. Recommendations:**

It is recommend that the Committee

4.1. Agree the SCC supports the retention of Tariffs 1 and 2, and the abolition of Tariffs 3, 4 and 5 for Hackney Carriages in Salisbury with immediate affect.

#### **5. Wards Affected: All**

#### **6. Background papers:**

6.1. Annex A – Hackney Carriage Tariff

6.2. Annex B - Report to WC's Environment Select Committee

#### **7. Implications:**

7.1. **Financial:** Nil in relation to this report

7.2. **Legal:** Nil in relation to this report

7.3. **Personnel:** Nil in relation to this report

7.4. **Environmental Impact :** Nil in relation to this report

7.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Nil in relation to this report