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Date

Applicant name and address

Dear Applicant title and surname

HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE REVIEW 2019

Request for review of current table of fares

I am writing to inform you that I have received a request from members of the Cotswold District taxi trade to review the current fares and charges tariff. This has been supported by over 10% of the trade as required by the Cotswold District Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.

It is important that you take part in this consultation and reply to me by email at ers@publicagroup.uk or by writing to me at the above address.

I currently have concerns over the validity of the proposal that I have received, but fully support a review as it has been a considerable amount of time since the last review, I would ask that:

- 1) If you have any proposals concerning a fare increase please advise me in writing. Please return this with any supporting information e.g. statistics covering the cost of fuel, insurance and general running costs since the last fare increase. These proposals should take into account tariff's 1,2,3 and the applicable times for those tariff charges to be in operation, also include any proposals in respect of extra charges for each hiring. E.g. Baggage, waiting times etc.
- 2) If you do not wish to see a fare increase or changes in extra charges please reply to me with the reasons for not requiring these changes.

All proposals will be collated and referred to the Licensing Committee for a decision at a later date.

It is important that I receive your input into this matter and any responses should be returned to me no later than **5pm on Friday 5 July 2019**.

Due to the dual driver licences being issued to Private Hire drivers prior to 2011, if you hold a dual badge (HACKDL) but carry out private hire work, your proposals will not be accepted.

Cotswold District Council Taxi Trade Association

This consultation letter has been sent to all licensed taxi drivers who are licensed by Cotswold District Council (113 drivers).

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As we are a vast geographical area and it is difficult for all drivers to communicate to each other, I have been approached by a group of drivers in Cirencester to communicate that they would like to resurrect the Cotswold District Council Taxi Trade Association. This will be an independent group and the Council will not be involved in its operation or management. It can be a useful group to discuss issues and can also be a way of communication between the Council and the trade (the secretary can email the Council and vice versa

with any communications to pass on to the trade). Two meetings have been arranged on the following dates and times:

- **Thursday 13 June at 3.30pm, Porters Bar, 34 Castle Street, Cirencester GL7 1QH**
- **Thursday 13 June at 5pm, Porters Bar, 34 Castle Street, Cirencester GL7 1QH**

These meetings will be held to elect a new Committee and to discuss the fare review and to agree a proposal to submit to Cotswold District Council.

It is recognised that this may not be convenient to the drivers based in the North Cotswolds. A further meeting will be held for the trade members that are not able to make this meeting to meet the newly elected Chair of the Association on **Thursday 20 June at 12pm at the Councils Offices, High Street, Moreton in Marsh GL56 0LW** to discuss the outcomes of the previous meetings.

I will be present at these initial meetings to offer advice on the fare review.

If you are able to attend any of the meetings, or are unable to but would like to be part of this association, please email Lee Green at info@a2btaxisofcirencester.com who will be collating an email distribution list ahead of the meeting to pass on to the elected secretary for future correspondence.

Please note that everyone has their own right to reply individually to the consultation but can still attend the meetings.

Please email or call me on (01285) 623000 if you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Michelle Bignell (Mrs)
Service Leader (Licensing)
Environmental and Regulatory Services