

**Minutes of a meeting of the Hackney Carriage Consultative Group held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Pippbrook, Dorking from 11am to 12:47pm.**

**Present: Representing Mole Valley District Council:** Councillor John Chandler ( Chairman), Councillor Mary Cooper, Councillor Paul Elderton

**Representing the Hackney Carriage Trade:** Bill Adams, Greg Rosser, Marc Jacka, Peter Harms.

**Also in Attendance:** Paul Holliday (Senior Licensing Officer), David Hine (Strategic Partnership Manager), Alex White (Democratic Services)

<b>Agenda Item NO.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1.	<p><b>Apologises for Absence</b></p> <p>There were no apologies for the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved as a correct record for the meeting the group held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Consideration of Hackney Carriage Tariff Amendments</b></p> <p>The group discussed whether there should be an increase to the Hackney Carriage fare table inline with RPI (currently at 12.5%) or if an alternative increase would be best for the drivers.</p> <p>All the Hackney Carriage Trade Representatives made it aware that they had concerns that earnings had been affected due to competition from Uber, Belfry cars and Roadrunner taxis etc.</p> <p>The Hackney Carriage Trade Representative from Dorking present at the meeting was particularly concerned that a significant increase in the fare table would not be welcomed by the public and may reduce custom. The Hackney Carriage Representatives from Leatherhead were particularly concerned that unless the fare was increased by at least 10% it would be difficult financially for drivers to earn a living.</p> <p>It was discussed that some drivers offer regular customers small discounts to the fare shown on the meter, and that this was at the discretion of the driver.</p>	

	<p>The group agreed that annual meetings should be arranged to review the fare table to avoid significant increases to the fare as a result of increases not being applied regularly.</p> <p>There was discussion that increasing the initial tariff rate could be damaging to the trade as it could potentially frighten off customers. The group wanted the flag cost to remain at £3.90 but decrease the flag distance (The distance before incremental increases start).</p> <p>The 'time and a half' and 'double time' rates were discussed. Some of the drivers felt that there needed to be a change to the rates paid for unsociable hours that they work to reflect recent changes in society. However this was agreed that it will require further consideration and is to be discussed at a future meeting.</p> <p>A 5% increase was considered, however following discussions the majority of the group felt that a 10% increase was appropriate given the increased costs that drivers are facing. It was agreed that the 10% increase in the tariff rate would be submitted to the Cabinet for consideration, with the flag at £3.90 and reducing the flag distance accordingly.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>It was agreed that cross-boarder hiring would be discussed at a future meeting.</p>	<p><b>Paul Holliday to arrange for further meetings.</b></p>