

Report to the Licensing Committee

Date of meeting: 26 April 2017

Portfolio: Safer Greener Transport

Subject: Changes to the Taxi Tariff

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**Epping Forest
District Council**

Recommendation:

- 1. That Members consider the request made by some Licensed Taxi Drivers to alter the current taxi tariff in the following manner:**
 - a) That Rate 1 on the attached schedule be changed to read:**

For hiring begun between 6.00am and 10.00pm Monday to Sunday inclusive.
 - b) That Rate 2 on the attached schedule be changed to read:**

For hiring begun between 10.00pm and 6.00am Monday to Sunday inclusive and all day on Bank Holidays.
- 2. That before a decision is made regarding recommendation 1 above, the trade be consulted on any proposals to alter the tariff.**

Report:

1. Officers have been approached by some licensed taxi drivers and operators who are concerned about the current taxi tariff. They feel that the rate for Sunday between 6:00am and 10:00pm should be lowered to be the same as the rest of the week at those times.
2. It has been nearly three years since the tariff was reviewed and in that time some drivers have expressed concerns that the tariff for Sunday's is too high hence this report.
3. Members may also wish to consider reviewing the level of charges in general.
4. The legal process for changing the tariff requires the Local Authority to publish the proposal in various ways and to take into consideration any comments made, however experience has shown that it is normally circumspect to consult directly with the trade before a firm proposal is made.

Background Papers: Current EFDC taxi tariff.