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# Licensing and Environmental Committee

## Agenda

10.30am  
Friday, 27th April 2012  
The Council Chamber  
Civic Centre  
Stourport-On-Severn



## Licensing and Environmental Committee

### **Members of Committee:**

**Chairman: Councillor J Baker**  
**Vice-Chairman: Councillor P B Harrison**

**Councillor R Bishop**

**Councillor A J Buckley**

**Councillor B T Glass**

**Councillor J Greener**

**Councillor P V Hayward**

**Councillor V Higgs**

**Councillor A T Hingley**

**Councillor M B Kelly**

**Councillor M Price**

**Councillor M A Salter**

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**Information which is subject to any obligation of confidentiality.**

**Information which relates in any way to matters concerning national security.**

### **Declarations of Interest - Guidance Note**

#### **Code of Conduct**

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Wyre Forest District Council

Licensing and Environmental Committee

Friday, 27th April 2012

The Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Stourport-On-Severn

Part 1

Open to the press and public

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Appointment of Substitute Members</b>  To receive the name of any Councillor who is to act as a substitute, notice of which has been given to the Director of Community Assets & Localism, together with the name of the Councillor for whom he/she is acting.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  In accordance with the Code of Conduct, to invite Members to declare the existence and nature of any personal or personal and prejudicial interests in the following agenda items. Members should indicate the action they will be taking when the item is considered.  Members are also invited to make any declaration in relation to Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.  (See guidance note on cover.)	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes</b>  To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th February 2012.	5
<b>5.</b>	<b>Increase of Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Licensing Fees and Charges for 2012/2013</b>  To receive a report from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council to consider an objection received relating to the proposed increase in Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Licensing Fees and Charges for 2012/2013.	7
<b>6.</b>	<b>Hackney Carriage Fare Increase Request</b>  To receive a report from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council to consider a request for an increase to the current Wyre Forest Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff.	11

7.	<p><b>To consider any other business, details of which have been communicated to the Director of Community Assets &amp; Localism before the commencement of the meeting, which the Chairman by reason of special circumstances considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting.</b></p>	
8.	<p><b>Exclusion of the Press and Public</b></p> <p>To consider passing the following resolution:</p> <p>“That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of “exempt information” as defined in the paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act”.</p>	

Part 2

Not open to the Press and Public

9.	<p><b>To consider any other business, details of which have been communicated to the Director of Community Assets &amp; Localism before the commencement of the meeting, which the Chairman by reason of special circumstances considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting.</b></p>	
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**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN**

**MONDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY 2012 (10.30 AM)**

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**Present:**

Councillors: J Baker (Chairman), P B Harrison (Vice-Chairman), R Bishop, A J Buckley, J Greener, P V Hayward, V Higgs, A T Hingley, H J Martin, M Price and M A Salter.

**Observers**

There were no members present as observers.

**LIC.48 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M B Kelly.

**LIC.49 Appointment of Substitutes**

Councillor H J Martin was appointed as a substitute for Councillor M B Kelly.

**LIC.50 Declaration of Interests**

No declarations of interest were made.

**LIC.51 Minutes**

**Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**LIC.52 Increase in Fees and Charges for Licensing the Council's Regulatory Service Function for 2012/2013**

A report was considered from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council on the proposed increases in the fees and charges in respect of the Council's Regulatory Services Function for 2012/2013.

The Licensing Officer led Members through the report and advised that a meeting had taken place between the Licensing Manager and Finance Officers and the figures produced were a true reflection of the cost of the service and no profit would be made from the proposed increases.

Members were advised the proposal would be discussed at Council on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Once the fees had been agreed, a 28 day consultation period would be undertaken which would give the taxi trade an opportunity to raise any objections.

**Decision: Recommend to Council:**

**The proposals for fees and charges within the Council's Licensing, Food, Health, Safety and Pollution Control functions for 2012/2013, as detailed in the report, be included in the 2012/2013 budget strategy.**

**LIC.53 Application for an Increase in the Current Taxi Fare Tariff**

A report was considered from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council which asked the Committee to consider giving approval to undertake a 4 week consultation to measure the level of support for an increase to the current Taxi Fare Tariff.

The Licensing Officer led Members through the report and advised that the signatures on the petition attached at appendix 1 of the report had been redacted for data protection purposes.

Members discussed the various options put forward by the Bewdley Taxi Association and agreed in fairness to the trade the consultation should be allowed to take place.

The Licensing Officer confirmed that as part of the consultation process, each individual licence holder would be written to.

**Decision:**

**Approval be given to the undertaking of a 4 week consultation with the Wyre Forest Taxi Trade, with a main outcome of establishing the level of support for the requested Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff increase.**

**LIC.54 Exempt Information**

**Decision: Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "Exempt Information" as defined in paragraphs 2, 6 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.**

**LIC.55 Exempt Minutes**

**Decision: The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.50am.

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**Increase of Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Licensing Fees and Charges for 2012/2013**

<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DIRECTOR:</b>	Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	Niall McMenamin – 01527 548282 Senior Licensing Practitioner Worcestershire Regulatory Services <a href="mailto:niall.mcmenamin@worcsregservices.gov.uk">niall.mcmenamin@worcsregservices.gov.uk</a>
<b>APPENDICES:</b>	Appendix 1 – Letter of objection

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider an objection received by the Licensing Office from The Bewdley Taxi Association relating to the proposed increase in Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Licensing fees and charges for 2012/2013

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**The Committee is asked:**

- 2.1 **To consider the objection received in response to the public notice dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 and endorse the increase in Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licence fees and charges by 5% as set out in the Council's 2012/2013 budget strategy.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Council's current financial strategy in respect of fees and charges is to increase Licensing fees and charges by 5%.
- 3.2 On the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012, members of the Licensing and Environmental Committee considered the proposal for the increase in licensing fees and charges for 2012/2013 and resolved to recommend to Full Council that they be included in the 2012/2013 budget strategy.
- 3.3 The Council's budget strategy was considered and agreed by Full Council on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

**4. KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 Following the agreement of Full Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012 to increase the Licensing Fees and Charges (as per the Council's budget strategy), a public notice was placed in the local press on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

March 2012 advertising the new fees and charges in accordance with Section 70 of the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976.

- 4.2 On the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012, one letter objecting to the increase in fees and charges was received by the Licensing Office. A copy of the objection letter is attached at Appendix 1.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 All licensing fees and charges are set by Wyre Forest District Council and all licensing fees and charges are collected and retained by Wyre Forest District Council.

- 5.2 It has been agreed by Wyre Forest District Council that licensing fees and charges will be increased by 5% rounded up, where appropriate.

- 5.3 The budget forecast for 2012/2013 details the cost versus income for taxi licensing as follows:

WRS - cost including employee and support costs	£ 45,020
WFDC - cost including employee and support cost	£ 24,840
Total cost	£ 69,860

Total projected income based on number of applications in 2011/2012	£ 78,890
Potential surplus	£ 9,030

- 5.4 Members will be aware that the Licensing function should aim to be self financing and not run at a loss to the Licensing Authority. Any surplus identified at the end of the financial year can be taken into account when calculating next years fees and charges in line with other licensing authorities within Worcestershire, however it is anticipated the budget will be close to breaking even by the end of the financial year, for the reasons given in 5.5.

- 5.5 A recent change to Wyre Forest's internal financial procedures, which took place in March 2012, has contributed to the increase in the projected surplus in the Taxi accounts for 2012/13.

- 5.6 It has further been identified that in June 2012, 41 licensed Hackney Carriage vehicles will no longer meet the current age criteria as set out in Wyre Forest's Hackney Carriage vehicle policy. Therefore it is reasonable to project that there is a possibility, for the purpose of calculating what fees should be set in the current year, that they may not continue to be licensed, leading to a substantial reduction to the taxi account income for 2012/2013.

- 5.7 In light of the above considerations, the proposed increase in the cost of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licence fees and charges is reasonably considered to reflect what income is required to sufficiently cover the Council's costs in providing the services set out in S70 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.



- 5.8 If a surplus is created this will be identified in the fees set for 2013/2014.

**6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The projected income to be generated by the proposed licensing fees and charges is in line with current policy. S70 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970 permits the Council to charge such fees as may be sufficient in the aggregate to cover the reasonable costs of inspection, ranks, control and supervision and the administration connected with those activities and although the figures set out in 5.3 indicate a surplus in the account, it is anticipated that the taxi account will break even in the forthcoming year, mainly due to the economic down turn and a probable reduction in the number of taxi licenses issued.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 7.1 There is a risk that the licensed trade could successfully challenge the Council's Licensing fees and charges that are set. To minimise this risk, the licensing fees and charges must be designed to meet but not exceed, the cost that the Council reasonably believes will be incurred in the administration of the licensing service.

**8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 8.1 There are no equality assessment issues arising from this report.

**9. CONCLUSION**

- 9.1 All relevant objections received within the prescribed 28 days notice period set out in the public notice dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 in relation to Licensing Fee's and Charges must be considered by the Council.
- 9.2 The proposed fees and charges are reasonably considered to remain non-profit making and cost centres will reflect the operation of the service.

**10. CONSULTEES**

- 10.1 Acting Director of Resources.
- 10.2 Director of Community Assets and Localism.

**11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 11.1 Licensing and Environmental Committee report and resolution 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012, recommending that Full Council include the proposed Licensing Fee's and Charges in the 2012/2013 budget strategy.
- 11.2 Full Council committee report and resolution 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012, approving the 5% increase of Licensing fees and charges for 2012/2013.

BEWDLEY TAXI ASSOCIATION

Director of P & R Services  
WFDC , Duke House , Clensmore St  
Kidderminster.

March 28th, 2012

FTAO : Mike Parker  
REF: Licence Fees

Dear Mr Parker,

Bewdley Taxi Association formally objects to your department's proposal to increase License Fees as per your recent notice in the local newspaper.

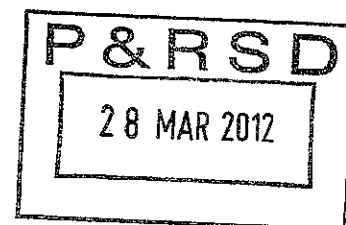
Our main reasons for our objection are as follows:-

- 1/ We are already paying some of the highest fees in the country.
- 2/ Testing of vehicles has been reduced from 3 times to 2 times per year.
- 3/ We were expecting a significant reduction in fees and not an increase this year.

We would also like to request a copy of the Income & Expenditure A/C for the running of the "Taxi Department" as allowed to us under the Freedom of Information Act. Sent to the above address or a copy to my e-mail address -- moz0604@aol.com.

Regards --

Maurice Alton ( Secretary)      BEWDLEY TAXI ASSOCIATION



**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**Hackney Carriage Fare Increase Request**

<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DIRECTOR:</b>	Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	Niall McMenamin – 01527 548282 Senior Licensing Practitioner Worcestershire Regulatory Services <a href="mailto:niall.mcmenamin@worcsregservices.gov.uk">niall.mcmenamin@worcsregservices.gov.uk</a>
<b>APPENDICES:</b>	Appendix 1 – Bewdley Taxi Association increase request letter Appendix 2 – Summary of consultation responses Appendix 3 – Fare increase options

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider a request for an increase to the current Wyre Forest Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff, following a 4 week consultation with the Wyre Forest Taxi Trade.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**2.1 The Committee is asked:**

**To consider the request for an increase to the current Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff taking into account the responses received from the consultation undertaken with the Wyre Forest Taxi Trade.**

**Members should note that there are a number of options available to them and these are as follows:**

- a) **Decide not to increase the current Wyre Forest Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff at the present time**

**Or**

- b) **Decide to increase the current Wyre Forest Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff choosing one of the following options:**

**Option 1      Increase the flag fare to £3.50 for 1<sup>st</sup> ½ mile.**

**Option 2      Increase the flag fare to £3.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> ½ mile plus an increase of 15p for each mile thereafter.**

**Option 3      Increase the flag fare to £2.70 for 1<sup>st</sup> ½ mile plus an increase of 5p for every mile thereafter.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 On the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012, the Licensing and Environmental Committee considered a request from the Bewdley Taxi Association for an increase to the current Wyre Forest hackney carriage fare tariff and agreed to undertake a 4 week consultation with the Wyre Forest Licensed Taxi Trade. A copy of the Bewdley Taxi Associations fare increase request is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 101 responses were received by the Licensing Office in reply to the consultation showing that 20 trade members were in favour of an increase to the fare tariff. However, 76 trade members were against any increase at this time. Out of the remaining 4 responses, 1 was not signed and 3 were received beyond the consultation closing date. A full summary of the responses received to the consultation is attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.3 On 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at a meeting of the Wyre Forest Taxi Liaison Group, the results of the consultation were discussed by the trade members present, including a representative from the Bewdley Taxi Association and it was agreed that there should now be an increase to the current fare tariff and a further proposal was put forward by the representative at the meeting.

**4. KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 Four options have now been put forward by the Wyre Forest Taxi Trade for consideration by the Committee members. Full details of the four options are attached at Appendix 3.
- 4.2 The current Wyre Forest Taxi Fare Tariff has been in place since 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Should an increase be agreed by Committee members, there will be a cost to advertise the new table of fares in the local press and issue the new fare tariff card to all of the Hackney Carriage proprietors.

**6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 gives the local authority the powers to set fares for Hackney Carriages.
- 6.2 If the Committee is minded to grant an increase to the current Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff, any change in fares agreed by the Council must be advertised publicly by way of a press notice. There is then a period of 14 days before the changes takes effect, giving members of the public the opportunity to object to the proposes increase.

6.3 If no objections to the new table of fares are received, they will come into effect at the end of the 14 day period.

6.4 If objections are received, the Council shall set a further date, not less than two months after the first specified date, on which the table of fares shall come into force, with or without modification having taken into account such objections.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

7.1 There are no risk management issues arising from this report.

**8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

8.1 There are no issues over Equality Impact Assessment.

**9. CONCLUSION**

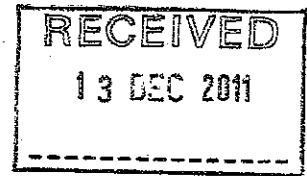
9.1 Wyre Forest District Council is required to consider any request for an increase to the Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff. This report provides the Committee with details of the hackney carriage fare increase request made by the Bewdley Taxi Association and outlines the consultation which has taken place with the trade, including their subsequent responses. The report also gives details of a further proposal put forward by the trade representatives of the Taxi Liaison Group following their meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

**10. CONSULTEES**

10.1 Director of Community Assets and Localism.

**11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1 Licensing and Environmental Committee report and resolution 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012, agreeing to undertake a 4 week consultation with the Wyre Forest taxi trade on the proposed fare increase request.



## Bewdley Taxi Association

5 UPPER HOUSE BARNS , BEWDLEY, KINLET, WORC'S. DY12 3BX

TEL: 01299 405050

Date: 9<sup>TH</sup> December 2011

Worcestershire Regulatory Services

Wyatt House, PO Box866, Farrier St, Worcester, WR1 9DP

FTAO: Nial McMenamin

Dear Nial,

Further to our telecom, I enclose some documentation supporting our " Fare Rise " request as promised.

Also I can confirm that following a meeting on 30/11/2011, the Bewdley Taxi Association (BTA) has been officially formed and is made up as follows :-

Steering Group members :- Mr Andrew Mason

Mr Sal Ahmed

Mr Paul Rayner

Treasurer and Secretary :- Mr Maurice Alton ( TEL: 07793 055114 )

It was agreed at the meeting that we wish to put forward to the council the following options for your consideration :

- 1/ Increase Flag Fare to £3.50 for 1<sup>st</sup> ½ mile . .
- 2/ Increase Flag Fare to £3.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> ½ mile plus 15p each 1 mile thereafter.
- 3/ No increase at present time , but revue in May 2012.

There were other issues raised at the meeting that we would wish to present at the next council meeting, providing we are invited !!

Best Regards

Maurice Alton - Secretary



**Bewdley Taxi Association**

5 UPPER HOUSE BARNS , BEWDLEY, KINLET, WORC'S. DY12 3BX

TEL: 01299 405050

REF: Tariff Increase

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011

The following WFDC licensed taxi drivers request an immediate fare increase.

**BADGE NO.**

**SIGNATURE**

210	
602	
142	
58	
153	
32	
80	
77	
58	
36	
08	
T.B.A.	
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83	
126	
134	
580	
99	
5	
37	
138	



**FUEL PRICE REPORT MAY 2008**

In the past month, diesel prices have risen by their highest margin this century and are now almost 12 pence per litre more expensive than petrol. High oil prices, breaking through the \$125 mark, have also fuelled a near-record rise in petrol prices.

Nationally, **unleaded** prices have risen by 4.5ppl to 112.6ppl in the past month. **Diesel** prices have risen by 6.8ppl to 124.2ppl. The price difference between unleaded and diesel has risen from 9.3ppl to 11.6ppl.

**London** recorded the highest price for **unleaded** at 113.3ppl followed by the **South East** at 113.1ppl. **Yorkshire and Humberside** again recorded the lowest price for **unleaded** at 111.6ppl. **Wales** recorded the highest **diesel** price at 124.7ppl. **Yorkshire and Humberside** still have the cheapest **diesel** at 123.4ppl.

Supermarket prices for **unleaded** also rose over the month by 3.9ppl to 110.7ppl. The gap between supermarket prices and the UK average for **unleaded** has increased to 1.9ppl. Overseas prices have risen. The UK has the ninth highest **unleaded** price in Europe and the second highest **diesel** price.

Garages and Supermarkets	Unleaded 95 Octane		Diesel		Super Unleaded		LPG
	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	
Northern Ireland	112.4	511.0	123.5	561.44	119	541.0	49.2
Scotland	112.4	511.0	124.5	565.99	118.7	539.6	54.8
Wales	112.7	512.3	124.7	566.90	117.8	535.5	55.3
North	112.1	509.6	123.7	562.35	120.1	546.0	54.7
North West	111.9	508.7	123.5	561.44	120	545.5	54.9
Yorkshire & Humberside	111.6	507.3	123.4	560.99	118.9	540.5	56.7
West Midlands	112.6	511.9	124.3	565.08	120	545.5	58.2
East Midlands	112.2	510.1	123.9	563.26	119.2	541.9	57
East Anglia	112.6	511.9	124.2	564.62	119.1	541.4	58
South East	113.1	514.2	124.5	565.99	119.6	543.7	58.2
South West	112.7	512.3	124.6	566.44	119.4	542.8	55.3
London	113.3	515.1	124.4	565.53	120.1	546.0	59.2
<b>UK AVERAGE</b>	<b>112.6</b>	<b>511.9</b>	<b>124.2</b>	<b>564.62</b>	<b>119.5</b>	<b>543.3</b>	<b>57.1</b>
Per cent taken as Tax		59.6		55.43		57.0	

Supermarkets	Unleaded 95 Octane		Diesel		Super unleaded		LPG
	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	
<b>SUPERMARKET AVERAGE</b>	<b>110.7</b>	<b>503.3</b>	<b>121.0</b>	<b>550.1</b>	<b>115.5</b>	<b>525.1</b>	<b>53.7</b>
Per cent taken as Tax		60.4		56.51		58.5	

The AA Public Affairs Fuel Price Report uses data sourced from Catalist Ltd & Arval ([www.catalist.com](http://www.catalist.com))  
They are an average of mid-month prices from the respective regions.



	Badge Number	First name	Surname	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	No Increase	Various	Additional Comments
1				YES					N/A
2				YES					Alternatively increase flag fare to £3.00
3				YES					N/A
4					YES				N/A
5					YES				N/A
6					YES				N/A
7					YES				N/A
8					YES				N/A
9					YES				Many drivers are being told not to ask for an increase in the tariff
10					YES				N/A
11					YES				N/A
12					YES				N/A
13					YES				N/A
14					YES				N/A
15					YES				N/A
16						YES			N/A
17						YES			N/A
18							NO		Possible annual increase of no more than 30p
19							NO		An increase would make trading conditions worst. Prices should be frozen
20							NO		Not at the moment. In the future increase year on year, 10ppm year one, 20p on the flag next year
21							NO		Annual flag fare increas of 20p in November
22							NO		N/A
23							NO		N/A
24							NO		In line with fuel costs
25							NO		N/A
26							NO		Regency - N/A
27							NO		Regency - N/A
28							NO		Regency - N/A
29							NO		Regency - N/A
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50							NO	Regency - N/A
51							NO	Regency - N/A
52							NO	Regency - N/A
53							NO	Regency - Meeting to come up with a more appropriate fare increase
54							NO	Regency - Review in May
55							NO	Regency - Meeting with drivers to come up with a more appropriate fare increase
56							NO	Regency - N/A
57							NO	Regency - N/A
58							NO	Regency - N/A
59							NO	Regency - N/A
60							NO	Regency - N/A
61							NO	Regency - N/A
62							NO	Regency - N/A
63							NO	Regency - N/A
64							NO	Regency - N/A
65							NO	Regency - 30p on flag with a review in 1 year
66							NO	Regency - N/A
67							NO	Regency - N/A
68							NO	Regency - N/A
69							NO	Regency - N/A
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77							NO	Regency - N/A
78							NO	Regency - N/A
79							NO	Regency - Review in May
80							NO	Regency - N/A
81							NO	Regency - To be reviewed
82							NO	Regency - N/A
83							NO	Regency - N/A
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89							NO	Regency - N/A
90							NO	Regency - Review in May
91							NO	Regency - N/A
92							NO	Regency - Review in May
93							NO	Regency - Review in May
94							YES	Increase flag fare to £3.00 for first 1/2 mile, then 10p each mile thereafter
95							YES	Increase flag fare to £3.00 and the rest remain as it is at present
96							YES	Increase flag fare to £3.00 for first 1/2 mile, then no further increase
97							YES	£3.50 for the first mile, then £2.20 for additional miles. No extras. Fare to run 24/7.
98							YES	£2.80 increase now, then 20p - 30p increase at the end of the year

**Wyre Forest - Fare Increase Options**

Options put forward by the Bewdley Taxi Association, in their letter to the Licensing Office dated 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

**Option 1 –** Increase the flag fare to £3.50 for 1<sup>st</sup> ½ mile

This represents a 22% increase over 2 miles, 11% increase over 5 miles and 6% increase over 10 miles.

**Option 2 –** Increase the flag fare to £3.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> ½ mile plus an increase of 15p for each mile thereafter.

This represents a 16% increase over 2 miles, 13% increase over 5 miles and 12% increase over 10 miles.

**Option 3 –** No increase at the present time, to be reviewed in May 2012

A further option was put forward by the representatives of the Wyre Forest Taxi Liaison Group (at the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012)

**Option 4 –** Increase the flag fare to £2.70 for 1<sup>st</sup> ½ mile plus an increase of 5p for every mile thereafter

This represents a 6% increase over 2 miles, 5% increase over 5 miles and 4% increase over 10 miles.