

**UTTLESFORD
LICENSED
OPERATORS
& DRIVERS
ASSOCIATION**



Mr. Michael Perry
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20 July, 2012

Dear Michael,

**Fares of Hackney Carriage Vehicles – Table of Fares
ULODA Working Party Recommendations**

You know that we have been developing our proposals since consulting with Hackney Carriage Proprietors and, through them, their drivers, in the early part of 2012, and we referred to the progress we were making in our presentations to the Licensing Committee on 17 April and 11 July.

As previously advised, we have consulted with colleagues throughout the trade – not just ULODA members – through a structured questionnaire (copy attached), in order to reflect transparently the views of colleagues from the larger firms through to smaller, independent owner/drivers. The majority view (with only one dissenting individual voice) is that the Table of Fares should again be increased in 2012 following the substantial rise in our operating costs (particularly fuel, maintenance and insurance). Uttlesford's rates must also be viewed in comparison with those of neighbouring districts. Our current proposals increase our rates by just under 5% and we seek the approval of the Council to implement them as soon as possible, given that the Table of Fares was last increased in October 2011.

It is our intention to present our proposals to Councillor Walters in his new role as Portfolio Holder for Licensing ahead of the next Cabinet Meeting on 2 August.

Kind regards,

Barry Drinkwater
Chair

cc. Cllr. A. D. Walters, Portfolio Holder, Licensing
Cllr. D. G. Perry, Chairman – Licensing Committee

Enc. ULODA Working Party Recommendations (20 July 2012)
Presentation to Licensing Committee (17 April 2012, 11 July 2012)
Trade Consultation Letter (16 April 2012)

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