

SPEAKERS PANEL (LICENSING)

Day: Tuesday
Date: 23 January 2018
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Lesser Hall 2 - Dukinfield Town Hall

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2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest from Members of the Panel.	
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4.	EXEMPT ITEMS That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public be excluded for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, because disclosure of the personal information contained in the reports would not be fair to the applicant / license holder and would therefore be in breach of Data Protection principles.	
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SPEAKERS PANEL (LICENSING)

Tuesday, 21 November 2017

Commenced: 10.00 am

Terminated: 11.00 am

Present: Councillors Bray (Chair), Reid (Deputy Chair), Beeley, Buglass, Fowler, Kinsey, Newton, Sharif, Sidebottom, F Travis and Wild

In Attendance: Ella Whitehead Solicitor to the Panel
John Gregory Regulatory Services Manager
Gemma Lee Regulatory Compliance Officer
James Horton Regulatory Support Officer

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Jackson and D Lane

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member	Subject Matter	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest
Councillor Chris Buglass	Item 6 – Review of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – 6/2017	Prejudicial	The applicant was known to Councillor Buglass

* Councillor Buglass left the room during consideration of this item.

10. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Speakers Panel (Licensing) meeting held on 20 June 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

11. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public be excluded for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, because disclosure of the personal information contained in the reports would not be fair to the applicant / license holder and would therefore be in breach of Data Protection principles.

12. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - 5/2017

The Assistant Director of Environmental Enforcement submitted a report requesting that the Panel determine whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold the relevant licence in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 (1)(a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Panel considered the renewal application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence. Before granting the application the Panel had to be satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

The Panel considered the written information submitted and heard the Regulatory Services Manager's case. The Manager advised the Panel that the applicant had applied for a renewal of their Private Hire Driver's Licence and an enhanced Disclosure Barring Service check in August 2017. They had declared two offences on the renewal form – one dated April 2017 for Grievous Bodily Harm and one dated May 2017 for exceeding the speed limit. The Disclosure Barring Service certificate detailed a caution for Battery dated 8 April 2017. The applicant had attended an interview at the Licensing Office to discuss the offence.

The Panel were told that under Section 2 of the Private Hire Driver's Conditions, drivers must within 7 days disclose to the Council details of any convictions, cautions or any other orders imposed on them during the period of their licence. The applicant had not complied with this condition.

Having heard the Regulatory Services Manager's case the applicant and the Panel were provided with the opportunity to ask questions.

The applicant then addressed the Panel and advised that they had been a driver since 2005. They regretted the incident that had occurred and said it was out of character and they had acted in the heat of the moment. It was an isolated incident and nothing like that had ever happened before and never would again. They told the Panel that they had wrongly described the offence as "GBH" on the form but it was Battery. They apologised for not declaring the caution and explained that they were unaware that they had to disclose to the Council any convictions, cautions or any other order imposed on them within 7 days.

Following the applicant's case Panel Members and the Regulatory Services Manager were provided with the opportunity to ask questions.

At this juncture the applicant, the Regulatory Services Manager and the Regulatory Support Officer left the meeting whilst the Panel deliberated on the review. The Solicitor to the Panel and the Senior Democratic Services Officer remained in the meeting to give legal and procedural advice and took no part in the decision making process.

The Panel considered all the information presented at the hearing and with reference to the relevant section of the Council's policy resolved that they did not consider the applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

RESOLVED:

That the application for renewal of a Private Hire Driver's Licence 5/2017 be refused.

13. REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - 6/2017

The Assistant Director of Environmental Enforcement submitted a report requesting that the Panel determine whether the licence holder remained a fit and proper person to hold the relevant licence in accordance with the provisions of Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Panel considered the written information submitted and heard the Regulatory Compliance Officer's case. The Officer advised the Panel that the driver had been with the authority since December 2016. On 24 October 2017 they attended the Council Offices to declare a conviction. The driver advised that they had been convicted for plying for hire and using a motor vehicle without insurance in August 2017 at Manchester Magistrates Court from an incident that had occurred in June 2016.

A Licensing Officer from Manchester City Council had provided a written statement outlining the sequence of events from the night, which was summarised by the Regulatory Compliance Officer. The driver had pleaded not guilty but had been found guilty of plying for hire and using a motor vehicle without insurance and ordered to pay fines, victim surcharge and costs. They had been a driver with Rossendale Borough Council at the time, who had revoked their licence following the incident.

The Panel were aware that under Section 2 of the Private Hire Driver's Conditions, drivers must within 7 days disclose to the Council details of any convictions, cautions or any other orders imposed on them during the period of their licence. The driver had not complied with this condition.

Having heard the Regulatory Compliance Officer's case the driver and the Panel were provided with the opportunity to ask questions.

The driver then addressed the Panel and thanked them for hearing their case. The driver advised that they had been working for Uber at the time of the offence and had been in the vicinity of the Etihad Stadium waiting for a job. They disagreed with the observations of the Licensing Officer from Manchester City Council and provided a detailed explanation of the events from that evening.

The driver said that it had been a genuine mistake which they had learnt from and if they lost their licence it would have a major impact on them and their family. They said that they were unaware that they had to disclose to the Council any convictions, cautions or any other order imposed on them within 7 days.

Following the driver's case Panel Members and the Regulatory Services Manager were provided with the opportunity to ask questions.

At this juncture the applicant, their brother, the Licensing Manager and the Regulatory Support Officer left the meeting whilst the Panel deliberated on the review. The Solicitor to the Panel and the Senior Democratic Services Officer remained in the meeting to give legal and procedural advice and took no part in the decision making process.

The Panel considered all the information presented at the hearing and with reference to the relevant section of the Local Authority's Convictions Policy resolved that the Private Hire Driver's Licence be revoked.

RESOLVED:

That the Private Hire Driver's Licence 6/2017 be revoked.

14. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

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Report To:	SPEAKERS PANEL (LICENSING)
Date:	23 January 2018
Reporting Officer:	Emma Varnam – Assistant Director of Operations & Neighbourhoods
Subject:	APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES
Report Summary:	Members are requested to consider whether the application should be granted.
Recommendations:	Members are invited to determine the application
Links to Community Strategy:	The hackney carriage trade provide public transport to all sectors of the community including vulnerable persons. They are on occasions the only accessible form of transport available.
Policy Implications:	There are no policy implications from this report
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)	There are no direct financial implications for the Authority
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	The Council has powers to fix Hackney Carriage Fares under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. This can only be done once consultation has taken place and any objections properly considered.
Risk Management:	Proposals to vary the tables of fares need to be advertised and any objections brought back to this panel for consideration
Access to Information	<p>The following background papers have been used in the preparation of this report:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Letter of Application from Trade2. Fares charged by neighbouring authorities <p>The author of the report is John Gregory – Regulatory Services Manager</p> <p> Telephone - 0161 342 3520</p> <p> E-mail john.gregory@tameside.gov.uk</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows a district council to fix the rates for fares which will be charged by Hackney Carriages within the district.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 The current fares were last reviewed in October 2012 using the key decision process. The matter was considered by the Cabinet Deputy for Environmental Services. A copy of the current tariff is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 In November 2017, a request was received from the Tameside Owners & Drivers Association for a variation to the fare structure. Details of the request are attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 2.3 In accordance with previous applications, consultation has been carried out with all 150 Hackney Carriage owners. 56 letters supporting the application for review have been received by licensing, together with 4 opposing the application.
- 2.4 A comparison of the current and proposed tariffs is also attached at **Appendix 3**, which shows the impact of the proposed charges.
- 2.5 A comparison of the current and proposed tariffs 1 and 2 across Greater Manchester is shown within the application submitted by the Owners & Drivers Association.
- 2.6 The consultation procedure following a request for a fare increase is as follows:-
- Write to all Hackney Carriage owners seeking their views – completed December 2017.
 - Report to Speakers Panel with owners comments – 23 January 2018.
 - Advertise the fare increase in the local press in accordance with Legislation.
 - Allow 14 days for representations.
 - Representations taken into consideration and decision made by Cabinet Deputy (*If no representations received then the fare review is automatically approved*).
 - Licensing Office contact meter agents to program new fares.
 - Licensing office check meters for accuracy.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Panel are requested to consider the application.

CURRENT MAXIMUM HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES – OCTOBER 2012

TARIFF 1 - DAY RATE

6.00am to 10.59pm

If distance does not exceed 520 yds then for the whole distance.....	£2.00
If distance exceeds 520 yds then for the first 520 yds.....	£2.00
For each subsequent 175 yds or uncompleted part thereof.....	20p
Waiting time (calculated at £14.10 per hour) or approx. for each period of 50 seconds or uncompleted part thereof.....	20p

TARIFF 2 - NIGHT RATE

11.00pm to 5.59am

If distance does not exceed 520 yds then for the whole distance.....	£2.70
If distance exceeds 520 yds then for the first 520 yds.....	£2.70
For each subsequent 140 yds or uncompleted part thereof.....	20p
Waiting time (calculated at £17.10 per hour) or approx. for each period of 42 seconds or uncompleted part thereof.....	20p

On public holidays, Tariff 2 (night rate) applies for 24 hours

TARIFF 3 - CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

(for each hire commenced between 7.00pm on 24 December and 5.59am on 26 December and for each hire commenced between 7.00pm on 31 December and 5.59am on 2 January)

If distance does not exceed 680 yds then for the whole distance.....	£4.00
If distance exceeds 680 yds then for the first 520 yds.....	£4.00
For each subsequent 140 yds or uncompleted part thereof.....	40p
Waiting time (calculated at £26.40 per hour) or approx. for each period of 54 seconds or uncompleted part thereof.....	40p

EXTRA CHARGES

For each person carried in excess of one person, irrespective of distance (two children under ten years old count as one person for fare purposes only).....	20p
For perambulators and animals.....	20p
Fouling charge must be paid if the inside of the cab needs cleaning.....	£20.00
Wheelchairs, Guide and Hearing Dogs.....	No Charge

Extras to be limited to a maximum of 80p for five-seater Hackney Vehicles and £1.00 for six-seater Hackney Vehicles.

RATES CALCULATED BY TIME

Where the hirer expresses their desire to engage the taxi by time, then the rate of fare shall be calculated by time, such rate of fare being agreed in advance with the driver.

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**Date:**

6th November 2017

Subject:**APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TABLE****Strategy:**

The hackney carriage trade provide public transport to all sectors of the community including vulnerable persons. They are on occasions the only accessible form of transport available.

T.O.D.A. believes that regular reviews of fares will take into account the constantly shifting costs and passenger trends associated with the taxi trade, in providing a quality taxi service through better job security and higher vehicle standards.

Regular fare reviews should maintain the income of taxi drivers and owners. In turn, maintaining a professional aspect to taxi driving and seeking to encourage taxi drivers to commit to further education such as NVQ's and other safeguarding/customers service courses. It would also encourage owners to invest in newer and more advanced vehicles, which will encourage members of the public to use taxis when shopping or socialising in Tameside; adding to the local economy.

Information Sources:

- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
- Private Hire and Taxi Monthly Magazine
- Local Authority websites/fare cards
- RAC Foundation
- Confused.com
- Office of National Statistics (ONS)
- LTI Vehicles Ltd/Stamley Auto Engineers
- Gov.uk
- My Car Check
- The AA
- Halcrow
- BBC
- Manchester Evening News (MEN)

Introduction:

Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 gives the Council the power to fix the rates or fares within the district for time and distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a vehicle or with the arrangements for the hire of a vehicle, to be paid in respect of the hire of hackney carriages by means of a table of fares.

When setting hackney carriage fares there is a requirement in the Act to take into account external factors, and there is no limit on the amount of increase or variation.

Report:

In the PHTM national league table comparing Hackney Carriage fares from all 370 Licensing Authorities, Tameside are currently placed at 215. (October 2017)

The present fares were last reviewed 5 years ago; in October 2012.

Since then, although fuel costs have dropped slightly with the average price per litre of diesel now at 120.4p, compared to 143.3p in October 2012; general living costs along with almost all other aspects of running a hackney vehicle have increased significantly, and with rising inflation will continue to do so.

- **Tameside MBC fees have increased with a 6 month vehicle plate fee up 21.3% from £141 to £171.**
- **Insurance premium tax has doubled from 6% to 12% and is set to rise to 15% in 2018. General car insurance premiums up by 10.7% with the average cost of insuring a hackney carriage in Greater Manchester at £2515, as of December 2016. (*Halcrow*).
Fleet policies or multiple driver policies cost considerably more, with new policy holders with no experience or no claims bonus expecting to pay anything from £4,000 up to £10,000 for the first year.**
- **UK Inflation has risen on average by 2.02% year on year since 2012 and is currently at a five year high of over 3%. (*ONS*)**
- **The national minimum wage has gone up by 21.1% from £6.19 to £7.50 per hour. (*ONS*)**
- **The purchase price of a new Hackney Carriage (TX4) has risen by 27% from £35,995 in 2012 to the current price of £45,995. (*LTI*) (*MyCarCheck*)**
- **Road tax for a purpose built Hackney Carriage is up 13% from £270 in 2012 to £305 in 2017. (*Gov.uk*)**
- **Halcrow have calculated that the overall annual cost of running a Hackney Carriage averaging 35,000 miles per annum increased by 6.42% from £15,930 to £16,952 (December 2015 to December 2016.) This increase was largely due to an increase in fuel and garage/maintenance costs. (*Halcrow*)**
- **Purpose built Hackney Carriage vehicles are built using many specialist and bespoke components, almost all of which are now imported. The rising cost of manufacturing these specialist parts coupled with the affect Brexit has had on the value of the pound and importing goods, means that the already inflated parts prices have increased considerably since 2012.**

Examples of price increases for Hackney Carriage Vehicle (TX4) parts from January 2012 to October 2017, taken from “The London Taxi Company Genuine Parts Retail Price List Effective 1st January 2012” and “StanleyAutoEngineers.co.uk (LTC Approved Service Dealer) Retail Price List October 2017.”

****all prices shown are exclusive of VAT @ 20.00%***

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	PRICE 2012	PRICE 2017	% INCREASE
980528	Matrix Front Heater	£30.89	£49.50	60.25%
980603	Clutch Fork Lever	£80.58	£172.69	114.31%
7002798	Fan Assembly	£361.00	£409.90	13.55%
980623	Turbocharger Assembly	£389.86	£426.50	9.40%
980043	Crankshaft Assembly	£466.00	£994.82	113.48%
980320	New Manual Transmission	£1333.70	£4456.15	225.27%
980744	New Automatic Transmission	£3044.00	£6250.00	105.32%
980468	New Engine	£3845.00	£5213.12	35.58%

The price of a full service (TX4 Manual) at 10,000/12,000 mile intervals at an LTC Approved Service Dealer has risen by 26.26% from £99.00 to £125.00.

Throughout October 2017, TODA have been consulting with hackney carriage owners and drivers within the borough, for a variation in the hackney carriage fare table.

Details of the proposed fare variation were explained to the trade in a presentation by TODA representatives at a meeting held 8.00pm on Wednesday 11th October 2017 at Ashton's Hillgate Street Community Centre. Notices were posted on social media groups and flyers were also handed out on taxi ranks, outlining the proposals and asking drivers and owners for their feedback by means of a ballot.

There were a total of 116 TODA hackney members balloted, with 100% supporting our proposed variations for Tariff 1 and Tariff 2. (Day and night rates)

93 members (80%) supported our proposal to reduce Tariff3. (Christmas and New Year)

23 members (20%) thought we should leave Tariff 3 as it currently is; day rate + 153%

It is as a result of this consultation period and taking into account feedback received from owners and drivers that this proposal for a variation in hackney carriage fares is presented to the Speakers Panel.

A complete summary comparing current rate with the proposed variation are attached on Pages 9 and 10 of this report.

Tariff 1

Normal day rate; operates from 6.00am to 10.59pm.

AGMA	Flag Fall	3 Mile	Running Mile	Last Review
Tameside (current)	2.00	7.60	2.01	2012
Tameside (proposed)	2.00	8.40	2.20	2012
Stockport	2.00	8.80	2.59	2017
Manchester	2.30	7.90	1.97	2017
Oldham	1.60	7.70	2.15	2012
Bury	1.90	7.30	2.10	2008
Trafford	2.00	7.10	2.15	2013
Bolton	2.00	7.00	1.85	2008
Wigan	1.80	6.90	1.81	2011
Rochdale	1.80	6.80	1.85	2011
Salford	2.40	5.30	1.61	2012

(* Oldham Hackney Carriages add between 12.5 and 50% to all fares when hiring an MPV or purpose built hackney vehicle, carrying between 5 and 8 passengers.)

It is proposed to increase Tariff 1 by 9.5% from £2.01 to £2.20 per mile. This is done by reducing the yardage from 175yds to 160yds.

The flag fall will remain unchanged at £2.00; the flag fall yardage will be reduced from 520yds to 320yds.

	Flag Fall	1 mile	2 mile	3 mile	4 mile	5 mile	6 mile	7 mile	8 mile	9 mile	10 mile
Current	2.00	3.60	5.60	7.60	9.60	11.60	13.60	15.60	17.60	19.60	21.60
Proposed	2.00	4.00	6.20	8.40	10.60	12.80	15.00	17.20	19.40	21.60	23.80

Tariff 2

Night rate; operates from 11.00pm to 5.59am and on all Public Holidays.

AGMA	Flag Fall	3 Mile	Running Mile	Last Review
Tameside (current)	2.70	9.50	2.51	2012
Tameside (proposed)	2.70	10.50	2.70	2012
Stockport	2.60	11.60	3.45	2017
Manchester	2.80	10.40	2.62	2017
Oldham	1.60	9.10	2.59	2012
Bury	2.30	8.70	3.28	2008
Trafford	2.00	9.50	2.50	2013
Bolton	2.60	8.40	2.26	2008
Wigan	2.25	8.55	2.32	2011
Rochdale	1.80	8.50	2.35	2011
Salford	3.00	8.30	1.90	2012

(* Oldham Hackney Carriages add between 12.5 and 50% to all fares when hiring an MPV or purpose built hackney vehicle, carrying between 5 and 8 passengers.)

It is proposed to increase Tariff 2 by 7.6% from £2.51 to £2.70 per mile. This is done by reducing the yardage from 140yds to 130yds.

The flag fall will remain unchanged at £2.70; the flag fall yardage will be reduced from 520yds to 320yds.

	Flag Fall	1 mile	2 mile	3 mile	4 mile	5 mile	6 mile	7 mile	8 mile	9 mile	10 mile
Current	2.70	4.70	7.30	9.70	12.30	14.70	17.30	19.70	22.30	24.70	27.30
Proposed	2.70	5.10	7.90	10.50	13.30	16.10	18.70	21.50	24.10	26.90	29.50

Tariff 3

There is no comparison available for Tariff 3 across Greater Manchester.

Current;

Christmas & New Year rate = Normal day rate +150%

Operates between 7.00pm on 24 December and 5.59am on 26 December and for each hire commenced between 7.00pm on 31 December and 5.59am on 2 January.

£4.00 flag fall

£4.00 for first 680yds

40p for each subsequent 140yds

Waiting time; 40p every 54 seconds or £26.40 per hour

	Flag Fall	1 mile	2 mile	3 mile	4 mile	5 mile	6 mile	7 mile	8 mile	9 mile	10 mile
Current	4.00	7.60	12.60	17.60	22.60	27.60	32.60	37.60	42.60	47.60	52.60
Proposed	2.70	5.90	9.50	12.90	16.50	19.90	23.50	27.10	30.50	34.10	37.50

Proposed;**“Holiday rate”**

Would operate from midnight to midnight (00.00 to 23.59) on all public holidays, and from 2.00pm on 24th December to 5.59am on 27th December and 2.00pm on 31st December to 5.59am on 2nd January.

It is proposed to reduce Tariff 3 by 42.9% from £5.03 to £3.52 per running mile.

This will be achieved by making the following changes;

£2.70 flag fall

£2.70 for first 300yds

20p for each subsequent 100yds

Waiting time; 20p for every 30 seconds or £24.00 per hour

This proposal is specifically aimed at making hackney carriage fares more competitive around Christmas and New Year, with hackney carriage tariffs and operating times being more in line with those adopted by the major Private Hire Operators within the borough.

Waiting Times

It is proposed to make the following variations to waiting times;

Tariff 1 - waiting time to be calculated at £16.00 per hour (currently £14.10),
or 20p for each 45 second period (currently 50 seconds.)

Tariff 2 - Waiting time to be calculated at £20.00 per hour (currently £17.10),
or 20p for each 42 second period (currently 36 seconds.)

Congestion is worse than ever in Greater Manchester, which now has worst traffic in the UK outside London. With the A57 in Mottram in Longdendale at its junction with the M67 topping a BBC list of Manchester's most congested roads and the M67/M60 Denton junction named as the country's worst traffic black spot in 2014.

It is estimated that congestion costs the city's economy £1.3 billion a year with Greater Manchester residents losing nearly 40 hours a year as a result of congestion; with this figure much higher for taxi drivers.

Increased congestion exacerbates fuel consumption and engine wear creating an increase in CO2 exhaust emissions. When in slow moving or stationary traffic vehicle engines are not able to perform at their optimum speed or temperature, blocking vital emissions reduction equipments like Exhaust Gas Recirculation Valves (EGR) and Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF) which can cost hundreds of pounds to replace.

Without fully working EGR valves or DPF filters taxis will fail to meet the council's newly introduced emissions test policy.

An increase in waiting time will help owners offset the increased running costs, repair bills and lost earning potential caused by worsening congestion. It is also anticipated that through increased fares, owners will be encouraged to purchase greener more fuel efficient vehicles.

Manchester City Council waiting time costs are £18.60 per hour for days and £24.60 per hour for nights.

Extra Charges

In addition to the request for a variation in tariffs, the current fare table only specifies extra charges for five and six-seater hackney vehicles. As the Council's vehicle policy now allows hackneys to be licensed from four to eight passenger seats it is proposed that extras also be updated to allow for the following maximum charges;

- **£0.60 for 4 seaters**
- £0.80 for 5 seaters
- £1.00 for 6 seaters
- **£1.20 for 7 seaters**
- **£1.40 for 8 seaters**

These additional extra charges will facilitate the increased costs associated with carrying more passengers and running/maintaining a larger Hackney Carriage vehicle.

There is currently an extra charge of 20p for prams, animals and for each additional passenger, with two children under 10 counting as one passenger (for fare purposes only.) There is no extra charge for wheelchairs, guide or hearing dogs.

It is proposed extra charges for prams and children under 12 be completely removed.

Soiling Charge;

It is proposed to increase the soiling charge from £20 to £30 (only if the inside of the cab needs cleaning.)

This fee has remained unchanged for a considerable amount of time now, and whilst it is very rarely necessary for a soiling charge to be made, it is important that the amount not only acts as a deterrent in the first place, but also reflects the financial implications and inconvenience suffered by drivers.

Tariff 1 – Day Rate – 06.00 to 22.59

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
FLAG FALL COST	£2.00	£2.00
FLAG FALL YARDAGE	520yds	320yds
SUBSEQUENT YARDAGE	175yds	160yds
PRICE PER UNIT	20p	20p
WAITING TIME PER HOUR	£14.10	£16.00
RUNNING MILE	£2.01	£2.20

	Flag Fall	1 mile	2 mile	3 mile	4 mile	5 mile	6 mile	7 mile	8 mile	9 mile	10 mile
Current	2.00	3.60	5.60	7.60	9.60	11.60	13.60	15.60	17.60	19.60	21.60
Proposed	2.00	4.00	6.20	8.40	10.60	12.80	15.00	17.20	19.40	21.60	23.80

Tariff 2 – Night Rate – 23.00 to 05.59

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
FLAG FALL COST	£2.70	£2.70
FLAG FALL YARDAGE	520yds	320yds
SUBSEQUENT YARDAGE	140yds	130yds
PRICE PER UNIT	20p	20p
WAITING TIME PER HOUR	£17.10	£20.00
RUNNING MILE	£2.51	£2.70

	Flag Fall	1 mile	2 mile	3 mile	4 mile	5 mile	6 mile	7 mile	8 mile	9 mile	10 mile
Current	2.70	4.70	7.30	9.70	12.30	14.70	17.30	19.70	22.30	24.70	27.30
Proposed	2.70	5.10	7.90	10.50	13.30	16.10	18.70	21.50	24.10	26.90	29.50

Tariff 3

Currently Operates between 7.00pm on 24 December and 5.59am on 26 December and for each hire commenced between 7.00pm on 31 December and 5.59am on 2 January.

Proposed Tariff 3 - Would operate from midnight to midnight (00.00 to 23.59) on all public holidays, and from 2.00pm on 24th December to 5.59am on 27th December and 2.00pm on 31st December to 5.59am on 2nd January.

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
FLAG FALL COST	£4.00	£2.70
FLAG FALL YARDAGE	680yds	300yds
SUBSEQUENT YARDAGE	140yds	100yds
PRICE PER UNIT	40p	20p
WAITING TIME PER HOUR	£26.40	£24.00
RUNNING MILE	£5.03	£3.52

	Flag Fall	1 mile	2 mile	3 mile	4 mile	5 mile	6 mile	7 mile	8 mile	9 mile	10 mile
Current	4.00	7.60	12.60	17.60	22.60	27.60	32.60	37.60	42.60	47.60	52.60
Proposed	2.70	5.90	9.50	12.90	16.50	19.90	23.50	27.10	30.50	34.10	37.50

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CURRENT MAXIMUM HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES – OCTOBER 2012

TARIFF 1- DAY RATE

6.00am to 10.59pm

If distance does not exceed 520 yds then for the whole distance.....	£2.00
If distance exceeds 520 yds then for the first 520 yds.....	£2.00
For each subsequent 175 yds or uncompleted part thereof.....	20p
Waiting time (calculated at £14.10 per hour) or approx. for each period of 50seconds or uncompleted part thereof.....	20p

TARIFF 2- NIGHT RATE

11.00pm to 5.59am

If distance does not exceed 520 yds then for the whole distance.....	£2.70
If distance exceeds 520 yds then for the first 520 yds.....	£2.70
For each subsequent 140 yds or uncompleted part thereof.....	20p
Waiting time (calculated at £17.10 per hour) or approx. for each period of 42seconds or uncompleted part thereof.....	20p

On public holidays, Tariff 2 (night rate) applies for 24 hours

TARIFF 3- CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

(for each hire commenced between 7.00pm on 24 December and 5.59am on 26 December and for each hire commenced between 7.00pm on 31 December and 5.59am on 2 January)

If distance does not exceed 680 yds then for the whole distance.....	£4.00
If distance exceeds 680 yds then for the first 520 yds.....	£4.00
For each subsequent 140 yds or uncompleted part thereof.....	40p
Waiting time (calculated at £26.40 per hour) or approx. for each period of 54seconds or uncompleted part thereof.....	40p

EXTRA CHARGES

For each person carried in excess of one person, irrespective of distance (two children under ten years old count as one person for fare purposes only).....	20p
For perambulators and animals.....	20p
Fouling charge must be paid if the inside of the cab needs cleaning.....	£20.00
Wheelchairs, Guide and Hearing Dogs.....	No Charge

Extras to be limited to a maximum of 80p for five-seater Hackney Vehicles and £1.00 for six-seater Hackney Vehicles.

RATES CALCULATED BY TIME

Where the hirer expresses their desire to engage the taxi by time, then the rate of fare shall be calculated by time, such rate of fare being agreed in advance with the driver.

PROPOSED MAXIMUM HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES – NOVEMBER 2017

TARIFF 1- DAY RATE

6.00am to 10.59pm

If distance does not exceed 320 yds then for the whole distance.....	£2.00
If distance exceeds 320 yds then for the first 350 yds.....	£2.00
For each subsequent 160 yds or uncompleted part thereof.....	20p
Waiting time (calculated at £16.00 per hour) or approx. for each period of 45seconds or uncompleted part thereof.....	20p

TARIFF 2- NIGHT RATE

11.00pm to 5.59am

If distance does not exceed 320 yds then for the whole distance.....	£2.70
If distance exceeds 320 yds then for the first 350 yds.....	£2.70
For each subsequent 130 yds or uncompleted part thereof.....	20p
Waiting time (calculated at £20.00 per hour) or approx. for each period of 36seconds or uncompleted part thereof.....	20p

TARIFF 3- HOLIDAY RATE

**(for each hire commenced between 2.00pm on 24 December and 5.59am on 27 December
and for each hire commenced between 2.00pm on 31 December and 5.59am on 2 January)**

On public holidays, Tariff 3 applies for 24 hours (midnight to midnight)

If distance does not exceed 300 yds then for the whole distance.....	£2.70
If distance exceeds 300 yds then for the first 300 yds.....	£2.70
For each subsequent 100 yds or uncompleted part thereof.....	20p
Waiting time (calculated at £24.00 per hour) or approx. for each period of 30seconds or uncompleted part thereof.....	20p

EXTRA CHARGES

For each person carried in excess of one person, irrespective of distance.....	20p
For animals.....	20p
Fouling charge must be paid if the inside of the cab needs cleaning.....	£30.00
Wheelchairs, Prams, Children under 12, Guide and Hearing Dogs.....	No Charge

Extras to be limited to a maximum of 60p for four-seater Hackney Vehicles, 80p for five-seater Hackney Vehicles, £1.00 for six-seater Hackney Vehicles, £1.20 for seven-seater Hackney Vehicles and £1.40 for eight-seater Hackney Vehicles.

RATES CALCULATED BY TIME

Where the hirer expresses their desire to engage the taxi by time, then the rate of fare shall be calculated by time, such rate of fare being agreed in advance with the driver.

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