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SPEAKERS PANEL (LICENSING)

Day: Tuesday
Date: 18 January 2022
Time: 10.00 am
Place: George Hatton Hall - Dukinfield Town Hall

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive any apologies for the meeting from Members of the Panel.	
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest from Members of the Panel.	
3.	MINUTES The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Speakers' Panel (Licensing) held on 16 November 2021 to be agreed as a correct record.	1 - 2
4.	APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES To consider a report of the Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods.	3 - 18
5.	URGENT ITEMS To consider any items which the Chair is of the opinion shall be considered as a matter of urgency	

From: Democratic Services Unit – any further information may be obtained from the reporting officer or from Charlotte Forrest, Democratic Services on 0161 342 2346 or charlotte.forrest@tameside.gov.uk, to whom any apologies for absence should be notified.

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Agenda Item 3.

SPEAKERS PANEL (LICENSING)

16 November 2021

Commenced: 10.00 am

Terminated: 10.50 am

Present: Councillors Taylor (Chair), S Homer, Lewis, North and T Sharif

In Attendance: Mike Robinson Regulatory Services Manager (Licensing)
Rifat Iqbal Legal Representative – as an observer
Ashleigh Melia Legal Representative

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Quinn, Cartey, J Homer, Jackson, Lane, Sweeton and Chadwick

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13. MINUTES

The minutes of the Speakers Panel (Licensing) meeting held on 21 September 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

14. 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 and would therefore be in breach of Data Protection principles.

15. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - 4/2021

The Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods 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) and 59(1)(a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Panel considered the written information submitted and heard the Regulatory Services Manager's case. He advised the Panel that the applicant had applied for a Private Hire Driver's Licence on 13 February 2020. Their DBS certificate detailed that they had been convicted of an offence of careless driving under Section 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 in January 2020 with the sentencing decision deferred to February 2020. The applicant was advised that the Council could not consider their application until the sentencing decision had taken place. Due to the coronavirus outbreak the court decision was deferred again to August 2020.

The applicant applied for a Private Hire Driver's Licence again on 9 August 2021 and during the checks made with the DVLA as part of the application process it was discovered that they had been

disqualified from driving for a period of 6 months as a result of totting up, with the disqualification commencing from 10 August 2020 until 9 February 2021. The applicant attended the Licensing Office in September 2021 to discuss the conviction.

The Panel were made aware of the relevant sections of the Policy and Guidelines relating to the Application of the "Fit and Proper Person Test" to Licensed Drivers and Operators.

The Panel and the applicant were provided with the opportunity to ask questions of the Regulatory Services Manager.

The applicant then addressed the Panel and explained that they had been a taxi driver in Edinburgh for a period of 4 years, from October 2016 until October 2020, and were confident in the job. They were hoping to have their application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence approved so they could return to this occupation.

In response to questions from the Regulatory Services Manager and Panel Members, the applicant provided an explanation for the incident that led to their conviction and stated they had moved to Tameside in November 2019.

At this juncture the applicant and the Regulatory Services Manager left the meeting whilst the Panel deliberated on the application. The Legal Representatives 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.

In determining the application, the Panel considered all the information presented at the hearing in addition to the report and appendices. They further considered relevant statute and case law and the Council's *Convictions Policy (Policy & Guidelines relating to the Application of the "Fit and Proper Test" to Licensed Drivers and Operators)*. Specifically section F relating to the disqualification of a DVLA licence, which stated that an application would generally be refused unless the individual could show a period of 12 months had elapsed from the restoration of the DVLA licence.

The Panel noted that the applicant had been disqualified from driving for a period of 6 months from 10 August 2020 to 9 February 2021 and those 12 months had not yet elapsed. The Panel was not satisfied that the applicant had provided any reason for them to depart from the Policy and therefore decided not to grant the licence.

The Panel was of the view that the sanction imposed was appropriate and proportionate having regard to all the circumstances of this matter and having regard to the Council's adopted policy.

RESOLVED

That the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence 4/2021 be refused.

16. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items for consideration.

In closing the meeting, the Chair notified the Panel that on 12 November 2021 it had been appropriate to revoke a Private Hire Driver's Licence with immediate effect under s61(1)(b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 in the interests of public safety.

CHAIR

Agenda Item 4.

Report to:	SPEAKERS PANEL (LICENSING)
Date:	18 January 2022
Reporting Officer:	Emma Varnam – Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods
Subject:	APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES
Report Summary:	The report details an application received from the Tameside Owners and Drivers Association to increase the maximum fares for Hackney Carriages.
Recommendations:	Members are requested to note the proposal to consult on the application for a variation of Hackney Carriage fares.
Corporate Plan:	Living Well – Improve satisfaction with local community.
Policy Implications:	There are no policy implications from this report.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)	There are no direct financial implications for the Authority.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	<p>The Council has statutory powers to fix Hackney Carriage Fares under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. This can only be done once the statutory process for consultation has taken place under s.65 and any objections are properly considered.</p> <p>Proposals to vary the tables of fares need to be advertised and any objections brought back to this Panel for consideration</p>
Risk Management:	Enforcement activities ensure that the maximum permissible tariff is not exceeded.
Access to Information:	The author of the report is Mike Robinson – Regulatory Services Manager
Background Information:	<p>The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Mike Robinson</p> <p> Telephone - 0161 342 4122</p> <p> E-mail - mike.robinson@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 or fares within the local authority for Hackney Carriage Vehicles by the production of a table of fares following a prescribed period of statutory consultation.
- 1.2 The Act requires the Council to advertise a notice in at least one local newspaper for a period of 14 days, any proposal to change Hackney Carriage fares together with a table of fares or the variation thereof to allow any objections to be made.
- 1.3 If no objections are received the table of fares shall come into effect on the date of the expiration of the 14 day notice period.
- 1.4 If any objection is received a further date has to be set, not later than 2 months after the first specified date, on which the table of fares shall come into force with or without modifications as decided by them after consideration of the objections.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 The current fares were last reviewed in January 2018. A copy of the current table of fares is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 In November 2021, a request was received from the Tameside Owners and Drivers Association (TODA) for a variation to the fare structure. Details of the request are attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 2.3 There are currently 148 Hackney Carriages licensed by the Council. An informal consultation has been carried out with all licensed Hackney Carriage vehicle proprietors; 37 replies were received by Licensing supporting the variation and two replies opposing the application. A summary of the comments is attached at **Appendix 3**.
- 2.4 A comparison of the current and proposed tariffs is also attached at **Appendix 4**, which shows the impact of the proposed changes.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The Panel are requested to consider the application.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 As set out at the front of the report.

APPENDIX 1

CURRENT MAXIMUM HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES – MARCH 2018

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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**Date**

5th November 2021

Subject

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TABLE

Strategy

The hackney carriage trade provides 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 in regular reviews of fares to consider 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 further to the local economy.

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 no requirement in the Act to consider external factors, and there is no limit on the amount of increase or variation.

Background

PHTM national league table compares Hackney Carriage fares from all 361 Licensing Authorities; Tameside are currently placed at 189, with Stockport at 188, Bury at 118 and Manchester at 203. (November 2021)

The last application for a variation in fares was made in November 2017 and implemented in March 2018. Since then, living costs have continued to rise, as inevitably, have costs associated with running a hackney vehicle;

- Tameside MBC fees have increased from £171 to £178 for a 6-month vehicle licence. (Tameside MBC)
- Average UK diesel prices are up 23.25% from 120.4p in October 2017 to 148.4p on 5th November 2021. (AA)
- The average cost to insure a hackney carriage in Greater Manchester is £2515 (Halcrow)
- UK cost of living continues to increase year on year since, with inflation rising by 2.68% in 2017, 2.48% in 2018, 1.79% in 2019 and 0.85% in 2020. It is expected to rise by a minimum of 1.51% in 2021. (ONS)
- The national living wage has risen by 18.8% from £7.50 in 2017 to £8.91 in 2021. (ONS)
- The purchase price of a new purpose-built London Taxi TX Hackney Carriage has risen by 41.3% from £46,000 to £65,000. (LTI Vehicles)
- Road tax for a purpose-built London Taxi TX4 Hackney Carriage is up 11.5% from £305 in 2017 to £340 in 2021. (Gov.uk)
- The cost of an annual Hackney Carriage meter check has increased by 66.6% from £15.00 per year to £25.00. (Cygnus)
- The Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone and Combined Minimum Standards Plans will see approximately 80% of the current hackney carriage fleet in Tameside needing to be replaced or retrofitted as early as next year. As well as the introduction of additional costly requirements such as compulsory CCTV and vehicle colour policy. (TfGM/GMCA/Tameside MBC)

Covid-19

Post Covid-19, demand for taxi services is rising, and in some sectors has returned to pre-pandemic levels. However, nationally there is a shortage of taxi drivers with reports of a 45% shortfall, with numbers dropping from 552,000 to 380,000 over the last 18 months.

The industry, both locally and nationally, is struggling to attract new drivers and retain already qualified drivers following the significant decrease in work during the pandemic, during which the industry lost large numbers of drivers. In addition to more than 200 drivers who lost their lives to Covid, many have given up taxi driving, handed in their licenses and found other driving jobs or left the industry completely.

This has created a significant gap between the supply and demand for taxis, particularly at peak times and weekend nights.

This presents a real crisis as the trade looks to get back to providing pre-pandemic levels of service to ensure the travelling public are kept safe.

Proposal

The proposal is to simplify the rate of fare by removing the initial flag fall yardage to instead have a standard subsequent yardage increase for each of the three tariffs. This will mean the per mile price will be the same regardless of how many miles are travelled, thus making prices more transparent and easier to calculate for both passengers and drivers.

Comparison

Tariff 1

Day rate; operates from 6.00am to 10.59pm

GM Council	Flag Fall (£)	3 Mile (£)	Running Mile (£)	Last Review
Tameside (current)	2.00	8.40	2.20	2018
Tameside (proposed)	2.00	9.10	2.30	2018
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	8.50	2.40	2020
Trafford	2.20	8.20	2.27	2018
Bolton	2.00	8.20	2.07	2020
Wigan	2.00	7.20	1.81	2018
Rochdale	1.80	6.80	1.85	2011
Salford	2.20	7.40	1.69	2018

(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 4.5% from £2.20 to £2.30 per mile. This is done by reducing the subsequent yardage from 160yds to 153yds.

The flag fall will remain unchanged at £2.00, however, the flag fall yardage will be removed to leave only the 153yds subsequent yardage.

Simplified, the tariff will have a £2.00 start price, then cost £2.30 per mile.

Waiting time costs will remain unchanged at £16.00 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	2.00	4.00	6.20	8.40	10.60	12.80	15.00	17.20	19.40	21.60	23.80
Proposed	2.00	4.50	6.80	9.10	11.40	13.70	16.00	18.30	20.60	22.90	25.20

Tariff 2

Night rate; operates from 11.00pm to 5.59am

GM Council	Flag Fall (£)	3 Mile (£)	Running Mile (£)	Last Review
Tameside (current)	2.70	10.70	2.70	2018
Tameside (proposed)	2.70	11.90	2.97	2018
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	10.10	2.80	2020
Trafford	2.90	10.90	3.02	2018
Bolton	2.60	9.70	2.63	2020
Wigan	2.50	9.50	2.26	2018
Rochdale	1.80	8.50	2.35	2011
Salford	2.70	8.70	2.00	2018

(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 10% from £2.70 to £2.97 per mile. This is done by reducing the subsequent yardage from 130yds to 118.5yds.

The flag fall will remain unchanged at £2.70, however, the flag fall yardage will be removed to leave only the 118.5yds subsequent yardage.

Simplified the tariff will have a £2.70 start price, then cost £2.97 per mile.

Waiting time costs will remain unchanged at £20.00 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	2.70	5.10	7.90	10.70	13.30	16.10	18.70	21.50	24.10	26.90	30.70
Proposed	2.70	5.90	8.90	11.90	14.80	17.80	20.80	23.70	26.70	29.70	32.60

Tariff 3

Holiday rate (day rate plus approx. 50%) - operates 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.

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

It is proposed to leave Tariff 3 unchanged at £3.52 per mile.

The flag fall will also remain unchanged at £2.70, however, the flag fall yardage will be removed to leave only the 100yds subsequent yardage. Simplified the tariff will have a £2.70 start price, then cost £3.52 per mile.

Waiting time costs will remain unchanged at £24 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	2.70	5.90	9.50	12.90	16.50	19.90	23.50	27.10	30.50	34.10	37.50
Proposed	2.70	6.50	10.00	13.50	17.00	20.50	24.10	27.60	31.10	34.60	38.10

Summary

Tariff 1 – Day Rate – 6.00am – 10.59pm

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
FLAG FALL COST	£2.00	£2.00
FLAG FALL YARDAGE	320yds	153yds
SUBSEQUENT YARDAGE	160yds	153yds
PRICE PER UNIT	20p	20p
WAITING TIME PER HOUR	£16.00	£16.00
RUNNING MILE	£2.20	£2.30

	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	4.00	6.20	8.40	10.60	12.80	15.00	17.20	19.40	21.60	23.80
Proposed	2.00	4.50	6.80	9.10	11.40	13.70	16.00	18.30	20.60	22.90	25.20

(Figures rounded)

Tariff 2 – Night Rate – 11.00pm – 5.59am

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
FLAG FALL COST	£2.70	£2.70
FLAG FALL YARDAGE	320yds	118.5yds
SUBSEQUENT YARDAGE	130yds	118.5yds
PRICE PER UNIT	20p	20p
WAITING TIME PER HOUR	£20.00	£20.00
RUNNING MILE	£2.70	£2.97

	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	5.10	7.90	10.70	13.30	16.10	18.70	21.50	24.10	26.90	30.70
Proposed	2.70	5.90	8.90	11.90	14.80	17.80	20.80	23.70	26.70	29.70	32.60

(Figures rounded)

Tariff 3 – Holiday Rate – Operates 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	£2.70	£2.70
FLAG FALL YARDAGE	300yds	100yds
SUBSEQUENT YARDAGE	100yds	100yds
PRICE PER UNIT	20p	20p
WAITING TIME PER HOUR	£24.00	£24.00
RUNNING MILE	£3.52	£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	2.70	5.90	9.50	12.90	16.50	19.90	23.50	27.10	30.50	34.10	37.50
Proposed	2.70	6.50	10.00	13.50	17.00	20.50	24.10	27.60	31.10	34.60	38.10

(Figures rounded)

CURRENT MAXIMUM HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TABLE

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 320 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 45 seconds 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 320 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 36 seconds 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 30 seconds 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.

PROPOSED MAXIMUM HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TABLE

TARIFF 1- DAY RATE

6.00am to 10.59pm

Starting price.....	£2.00
Then for each subsequent 153 yards.....	20p
(Approximately £2.30 per mile)	
Waiting time each 45 second period.....	20p
(Approximately £16.00 per hour)	

TARIFF 2- NIGHT RATE

11.00pm to 5.59am

Starting price.....	£2.70
Then for each subsequent 118.5 yards.....	20p
(Approximately £2.97 per mile)	
Waiting time each 36 second period.....	20p
(Approximately £20.00 per hour)	

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)

Starting price.....	£2.70
Then for each subsequent 100 yards.....	20p
(Approximately £3.52 per mile)	
Waiting time each 30 second period.....	20p
(Approximately £24.00 per hour)	

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

APPENDIX 3

Representations following informal enquiries

AGREE	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
YES	This is an average rise of 7%. Rate of inflation is at 3%. Fuel up by 23%. Cost of parts for my vehicle has doubled in most cases not to mention the availability time. Most of my colleagues in the trade will have to worry about CAZ being introduced across grater Manchester. There are more aspects of concern of being a taxi owner / driver in Tameside. Please let me know if the panel requires any further information from someone who works in the trade. I can make myself available.
Yes	should have been more due to current climate
yes	Totally agree. It's been 3 years since last increase - cost of living has risen 4%.
No	Try again in 12 months.
Yes	I'am (sic) happy with the fare increase.
Yes	Not happy - insufficient increase - should be 15%.
Yes	Yes I agree because the price opf (sic) the cost of diesel has increased.
No	<p>Having taken some time to study the proposed rates along with all the pros and cons the decision is to OBJECT this proposal. this decision is for ALL the Hackney plates owned by [REDACTED] and or [REDACTED]</p> <p>A few factors have swayed this decision, please allow me to explain a few and also I shall add some views from the drivers of these vehicles.</p> <p>The suggested increase in charge to customers is showing itself of an increase at a rate of anything between 11% and 25% taking into account current rates and put alongside the rates Hackneys charge on a private hire system.</p> <p>The main customer base that use Hackneys are residents of Tameside who for whatever reason do not have their own cars or have mobility issues.</p> <p>These are people who rely on the services that we provide to get to hospital appointments, scheduled doctors meetings, collect prescriptions and get out and about on a general day to day basis.</p>

The customer base we have, like everyone else are currently still struggling to get back to normal after a hard couple of years due to Covid19.

Without our reliable 24/7 service, helping them to be able to get to and from the places they need efficiently, safely and at a reasonable cost I foresee a detrimental effect on those needing the service.

A price increase for these people is not something we can support.

The Tameside area already has a huge issue in availability of Hackneys being prepared to work, especially in the evenings when the council provided ranks are empty.

The proposal of a fare increase would mean that these ranks would be empty much more often given the fact that the majority of Tameside Hackney cabs work on a basis of going home once they have earned what they would like as oppose to providing cover for the customers.

A fare increase would only reduce the amount of time any of these vehicles are on the road.

The Tameside area in general is an area of extreme poverty and a huge percentage of such rely on benefits, they already struggle to use facilities such as cabs so to suggest an increase is going to be ruling this base of customers out of being able to access a service that currently supports them and is just about within their budget.

As a result of all these factors all of the Tameside drivers are facing a shortage of fares and bookings.

One of the major issues Tameside Hackneys and private hire alike are facing with regards to shortage of bookings for the amount of vehicles in Tameside is that we have the Uber, Wolverhampton plated cabs and Sefton plated jobs allowed to work in our area at much cheaper rates.

The ability to compete with those prices given by the mentioned companies and plate holders are viable at the moment but will become a struggle should this proposed increase take place.

All Tameside drivers at the moment are currently in a position where they are able to make a comfortable living for the services provided and the beauty of being a cab driver means they can always work more or less hours to suit their own income.

In conclusion I think an increase in fare will be detrimental to customers, drivers and taxi companies in the Tameside area at the moment.

SummaryComparison of the current and proposed tariffs**Tariff 1 – Day Rate – 6.00am – 10.59pm**

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
FLAG FALL COST	£2.00	£2.00
FLAG FALL YARDAGE	320yds	153yds
SUBSEQUENT YARDAGE	160yds	153yds
PRICE PER UNIT	20p	20p
WAITING TIME PER HOUR	£16.00	£16.00
RUNNING MILE	£2.20	£2.30

	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	4.00	6.20	8.40	10.60	12.80	15.00	17.20	19.40	21.60	23.80
Proposed	2.00	4.50	6.80	9.10	11.40	13.70	16.00	18.30	20.60	22.90	25.20

(Figures rounded)

Tariff 2 – Night Rate – 11.00pm – 5.59am

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
FLAG FALL COST	£2.70	£2.70
FLAG FALL YARDAGE	320yds	118.5yds
SUBSEQUENT YARDAGE	130yds	118.5yds
PRICE PER UNIT	20p	20p
WAITING TIME PER HOUR	£20.00	£20.00
RUNNING MILE	£2.70	£2.97

	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	5.10	7.90	10.70	13.30	16.10	18.70	21.50	24.10	26.90	30.70
Proposed	2.70	5.90	8.90	11.90	14.80	17.80	20.80	23.70	26.70	29.70	32.60

(Figures rounded)

Tariff 3 – Holiday Rate – Operates 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	£2.70	£2.70
FLAG FALL YARDAGE	300yds	100yds
SUBSEQUENT YARDAGE	100yds	100yds
PRICE PER UNIT	20p	20p
WAITING TIME PER HOUR	£24.00	£24.00
RUNNING MILE	£3.52	£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	2.70	5.90	9.50	12.90	16.50	19.90	23.50	27.10	30.50	34.10	37.50
Proposed	2.70	6.50	10.00	13.50	17.00	20.50	24.10	27.60	31.10	34.60	38.10

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