

Report of the Strategic Director, Place to the meeting of the Regulations & Appeals Committee to be held on 21st April 2022

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Subject:

PROPOSED CHANGES OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES

Summary statement:

A request was submitted on the 23rd March 2022 by the Hackney Carriage Owners and Drivers Trade Association and the Hackney Carriage Trade Association, to increase the fare charged to the customer by increasing the charge for the distance.

The fare for Hackney Carriages was last increased on the 1st December 2021, this was the first increase in some 10 years. This is therefore an unusual request for a further increase resulting from the sudden upsurge in Fuel Costs.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

The Licensing Service has carried out an Equality Impact Assessment and is satisfied that there is no impact or conflict.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Environment & Regeneration

1. SUMMARY

Unlike the Private Hire Trade who can set or change their fares without Council approval, the Council is responsible for setting fares for Hackney Carriage Vehicles. This is a requirement of Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Hackney Carriage Drivers must not charge more than the fare as displayed on their Taxi meter.

Hackney Carriage Proprietors and Drivers may submit a request to the Licensing Service for a variation to the Table of Fares, as a way to increase the fare charged to the customer.

2. BACKGROUND

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3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The fare for Hackney Carriages was last increased on the 1st December 2021, this was the first increase in some 10 years. This is therefore an unusually sudden request for a further increase resulting from the rapid recent upsurge in Fuel Costs.

Following the upsurge in Fuel costs many Private Hire Companies have increased their fare for the 1st mile travelled. Private Hire Companies are able to do this without the approval from the Council.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

This change request is for:-

1. Hackney Carriages to charge an additional 50p on the initial fare on tariffs 1 and 2
2. Hackney Carriages to charge an additional 10p for each minute of waiting time on tariffs 2 and 3

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

None

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

In accordance with Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the variant to the Table of Fares must be advertised in the local paper for

a minimum of 14 days. This is a requirement to allow public comment or challenge to the proposed increase.

The advert was printed in the Telegraph and Argus news paper on the 7th August 2022.

The Advert as printed can be found at Appendix 3.

Details of any objection or comment submitted by the public will be produced for consideration at the Regulatory and Appeals Meeting on the 21st August 2022, exactly 14 Days from the date of print.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

Agree the variation of the fare

Or

Refuse the variation and keep the current table of fares

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that provided there has been no meaningful or justified objections, the Council agree to the variation submitted by the Hackney Carriage Associations and allow Hackney Carriage Drivers to change the new fare as of Monday the 25th April 2022.

11. APPENDICES

1. Current Table of Fares
2. Proposed Variation
3. Advert as published in the Telegraph and Argus on the 7th April 2022

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

[Local Government \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1976](#)

Appendix 1 – Current Table of Fares

TARIFF 1

07.00 TO 23.00 Monday to Saturday

If the distance does not exceed 88 Metres (96 Yards)	£2.00
each subsequent 88 Metres (or part thereof)	£0.10
Waiting time for each completed 60 Seconds or part thereof	£0.10

TARIFF 2

23.00 TO 07.00 Monday to Saturday

All day Sunday, Bank & Public holidays, (Except Christmas Day & New Years Day)

07.00to 18.00 24 December, 26 December & 31 December

All journeys outside of the district boundary at any time

If the distance does not exceed 80 metres (88 Yards)	£2.00
For each subsequent 80 Metres (or part there of)	£0.10
Waiting time for each completed 60 seconds or part thereof	£0.10

TARIFF 3

24 December at 18.00 to 07.00 26 December

26 December at 18.00 to 07.00 27 December (includes Christmas Day)

31 December at 18.00 to 07.00 1 January

If the distance does not exceed 80 Meters (88 Yards)	£3.00
For each subsequent 80 Meters (88 Yard) or part there of	£0.15
Waiting time for each complete 60 second or part there of	£0.10

EXTRA CHARGES

Contracts or purported contracts for private hire. When the hirer arranges by radio, telephone or otherwise with the proprietor or driver, prior to the commencement of the hiring, for hire of the carriage to commence from a stated place other than a taxi stand or booking office £1.00

For Fouling of the vehicle including vomit or excessive dirt, to pay for a full valet of the vehicle. £50.00

Appendix 2 – Proposed Variation

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For Fouling Cab £50.00

Appendix 3 – Advert as Published in the Telegraph and Argus News Paper on the 7th April 2022

CITY OF BRADFORD COUNCIL HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the City of Bradford pursuant to their powers under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 relating to hackney carriage fares in the said City has made a variation to the table of fares as set out below which it is proposed shall come into operation from 25 April 2022. Anyone wishing to object to this variation may do so before the expiry of fourteen days from the date of the publication of this Notice by letter addressed to Mrs. Carol Stos, Licensing Service Manager, Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Services, Shearbridge Depot, Great Horton Road, Bradford, BD7 1PU

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