

Subject:	Proposed review of Hackney Carriage Fares	Status:	For Publication	
Report to:	Licensing Committee	Date:	4 th July 2023	
Report of:	Public Protection Manager	Lead Member:	Planning, Licensing and Enforcement	
Key Decision:	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality Impact Assessment:	Required:	No	Attached:	No
Biodiversity Impact Assessment:	Required:	No	Attached:	No
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1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1.1 That Members consider the report, consider the options and approve the proposed fares following the statutory advertising requirements and consideration of any subsequent objections.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Fares for Hackney Carriages were last reviewed in 2018
- Current fares are the lowest in Lancashire
- The effect of inflation has had a detrimental impact on levels of income
- Consultation across the hackney trade supports a rise in the fares.
- Agreed fare subject to required legislative requirements contained within Section 65 Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 (full details are set out in paragraph 7)

3. BACKGROUND

At a meeting of the Licensing Committee on 10th July 2018, it was agreed to commence a consultation exercise to review the existing Hackney Carriage Tariff.

As a result of the consultation the tariff was increased as outlined in **Appendix A**

A number of requests have been received from the trade requesting that the tariff is reviewed and amended to take into account the effects of inflation since the last rise.

Three options have been suggested which although all giving an overall price of a 2 mile journey of £6.50p, provide different considerations for journeys less than 1 mile in length.

Option 1 places a higher burden on those travelling the shortest distance, which in Rossendale is the most common journey type.

Option 2 places a higher burden on those travelling longer journeys.

Option 3 is the preferred option as it ensure that the proposed rise, although increasing the price overall, does not unfairly disadvantage any section of the travelling public.

All three options give an overall price for a 2 mile journey of £6.50

A comparison of fares set by other Lancashire Authorities is attached at **Appendix B**.

It should be noted that taking into consideration the effects of inflation the value of £5 in 2018 is now £6.55.

4. DETAILS

	Mileage – For the first 1609 metres or part thereof (1st mile)	For each subsequent 321.8 metres (or part thereof)
1	£4.00	50p
2	£3.00	70p
3	£3.50	60p

All three options give an overall price for a 2 mile journey of £6.50

It is proposed to increase the incidental costs as outlined below.

Waiting time

For each period of one minute or uncompleted part thereof **40p**

Extras

For each article of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the carriage **20p**

For each person in excess of one conveyed (2-4 passengers) **10p**

For each person in excess of four conveyed (5-8 passengers) **50p**

5. RISK

There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

6. FINANCE

There are no financial implications outside current budgets

7. LEGAL

Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976 sets out the procedure for setting Hackney Carriage Fares.

Once the table of fares has been made with the option members have approved, it will be published in at least one locally circulating newspaper. There will be at least 14 days in which anyone can object to the fares.

A copy of the table of fares will be available to inspect at the Council offices.

If objections are received, these will be considered and a further date will be set on which the table of fares will come into force, with or without modifications. This date will be no later than 2 months after the first date specified in the original notice.

If no objections are received, the table of fares will take effect on the date originally specified.

8. POLICY AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

The Councils Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy will be amended accordingly

9. REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that a hackney fare which reflects the impact of inflation is set which does not disadvantage the trade or the travelling public.

Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Existing Tariff	Appendix A
Local Authority Comparison	Appendix B

**Table of fares for hackney carriages –
distance and waiting time
Effective from**



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Extra Charges

For hiring between midnight and 6:00am and on Sundays and Statutory Holidays (except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day) **+ 50%**

For hiring after 6:00pm on Christmas Eve; on Christmas Day and after 6:00pm on New Year's Eve and on New Year's Day **+ 100%**

For each article of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the carriage **10p**

For each person in excess of one conveyed **10p**

For the soiling of the vehicle so as to necessitate valet **£50.00**

Up-front payments – drivers may ask you to pay an estimated fare/deposit up-front. If you do not agree, you may be refused travel.

All fares should be charged at meter fare UNLESS the destination falls outside the Borough of Rossendale. If the destination falls outside the above area, the fare should be negotiated with the driver before commencement of the journey.

FOR COMPLAINTS & COMPLIMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT: The Licensing Unit, Rossendale Borough Council, Futures Park, Bacup, Rossendale, Lancashire. OL13 0BB. Email: licensing@rossendalebc.gov.uk.

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HACKNEY FARE COMPARISON

Borough	2-mile fare	reviewed
Pendle	£4.40	2008
Rossendale	£5.00	2018
Burnley	£5.00	2022
West Lancashire	£ 5.20	2022
Blackpool	£6.00	2023
Chorley	£6.20	2022
South Ribble	£6.30	2022
Wyre	£6.38	2022
Hyndburn	£6.42	2022
Lancaster	£6.60	2023
Fylde	£6.70	2022
Blackburn	£6.80	2022