



<b>Classification</b>	<b>Item No.</b>
<b>Open / Closed</b>	

<b>Meeting:</b>	Licensing and Safety Committee
<b>Meeting date:</b>	14 July 2022
<b>Title of report:</b>	Request from the Hackney Carriage Association to request a review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table
<b>Report by:</b>	Executive Director (Operations)
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Council
<b>Ward(s) to which report relates</b>	All

**Executive Summary:**

The report relates to a request from the Hackney Carriage Drivers Association to review the Hackney Carriage Fare Table

**Recommendation(s)**

**Introduction**

This report relates to a request from the Hackney Carriage Drivers Association to request a review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table.

**Options & Recommended Options**

Members are requested to consider:-

- To approve the review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table and if no objections are received during the review implement the request.
- To approve the review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table and if objections are received, a further report will be considered by the Licensing and Safety Panel.
- To reject the review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table

## Key considerations

This is a Council Function that is delegated to the Licensing and Safety Panel by the Council's Constitution.

This paper is in the Public Domain.

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## Community impact / Contribution to the Bury 2030 Strategy

Not applicable

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## Equality Impact and considerations:

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The public sector equality duty requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.

The Licensing Service have considered the Equality Act 2010, there is no positive or negative on any of the protected characteristics

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## Assessment of Risk:

The following risks apply to the decision:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
Possible drop in members of the public using hackney carriage and private hire vehicles	Press Notice placed in a local newspaper to allow people to object to the proposed increase.

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**Consultation:**

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.

The Act requires the council to advertise a notice in a local newspaper for 14 days any proposal to change Hackney Carriage fares and the production of a table of fares to allow any objections to be made. Not applicable

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**Legal Implications:**

Under the legislation the Council is required to determine representations. The report is in accordance with the appropriate legislation.

The cost of the licensing function are funded through the fees and charges levied by the Council. There may be additional costs if appeals are lodged with the Magistrates and Crown Courts.

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**Financial Implications:**

There are no specific issues from the report other than potential costs/risks associated with legal appeals

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**Background papers:**

Request from Bury Hackney Association – Mr K Mahmood

**Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.**

Term	Meaning
None	

## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 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.
- 1.2 The Act requires the council to advertise a notice in a local newspaper for 14 days any proposal to change Hackney Carriage fares and the production of a table of fares to allow any objections to be made.
- 1.3 If no objections are received the Table of Fares shall come into effect after 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.

## **2.0 ISSUES**

- 2.1 The Licensing Service have received a request from Hackney Carriage Association to increase the Hackney Carriage Fare Table within the Borough of Bury. This was last revised in 2020. The requested is at Appendix 1. They confirm that the percentage, according to our calculations on second mile total figure, comes, 13.11%
- 2.2 The current Fare Table came into operation in 2020 a copy of which is attached at appendix 2. The proposed increase is requested due to current fuel prices and inflation. The proposed fare table is attached at appendix 3.

## **3.0 CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 Members are requested to consider the options
  - To approve the review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table and if no objections are received during the review implement the request.
  - To approve the review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table and if objections are received, a further report will be considered by the Licensing and Safety Committee.
  - To reject the review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Table

Appendix 1

**Email form Hackney Carriage Association received 6 June 2022**

Dear Sir ,

Due to fuel prices increased we proprietors of Hackney carriage, demand to increase in fares as follows,

First 440 yards,

T1, £ 2.50,

T2, £2.90

T3, £3.80

For the first 1760 yards,( one mile )

T1,£4.30

T2,£5.10

T3,£7.10

For each approximate mile thereafter

T1,£2,60

T2,£3.00

T3,£4.40

Waiting time remains same as before,

Fare guide,

1,Mile, T1, £4.30 T2, £5.10, T3,£7.10

2 " T1, £6.90 T2, £8.10 T3,£11.50

3 " T1, £9.50 T2, £11.10 T3,£15.90

4 " T1, £12.10 T2, £14.10 T3,£20.30

5 " T1, £14.70 T2, £17.10 T3,£24.70

10" T1,£27.70 T2,£32.10 T3,£46.70

Due to fuel prices and inflation we like to request you for approval of the above revised fare prices please.

We looking forward to hear from you .

Kind regards

**Email from the Licensing Unit Manager to the Hackney Drivers Association sent 6 June 2022**

Mr Hussain,

Thank you for your email, the contents of which are noted.

You will be aware that the members of the Licensing and Safety Committee considered a request to implement a new tariff in July 2020. This was implemented at that time.

Can you please set out the proposal as the current fare structure is on the current fare table including the times you want the tariffs to be in place or confirm that the times are remaining the same. In addition, can you please advise in writing what the percentage increase is going to be.

Can you confirm in writing that all Hackney Carriage Vehicle Proprietors in your association are requesting this increase and that Mr Oakes (Hackney Carriage Drivers Association) is aware of this request as he represents Hackney Carriage vehicle proprietors and drivers in Bury?

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Response from Hackney Carriage Association 9 June 2022**

Dear Mr Bridge

Thank for your email dated 6thJune2022.

As you want to confirm about structure of fare table, we want same structure of fare, waiting times remains same as present structure of fare table applied.

We request you purposed increased fare Amendment for approval in the same fare structure,

We also confirm all our members aware of revised increased fare, as they requested for increase.

According to our members records we have 37 proprietors and drivers, I don't know about Mr Oak how many members he got, at the present 37 Hackney proprietors and they all members of our association please.

We also confirm percentage, according to our calculations on second mile total figure, comes, 13.11% approximately

Please feel free to amend accurate figures according to your professional experience.

We looking forward to hear from you

Kind regards

Appendix 2

Current Hackney Carriage Fare Table



**TABLE OF FARES  
FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES**

(revised July 2020)

FARES FOR DISTANCE OR TIME OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH	DAYTIME RATE (except Sundays) (TARIFF 1) 6am to 10pm	NIGHT TIME RATE (TARIFF 2) 10pm to 6am & All day Sunday and Bank Holidays	CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR RATE (TARIFF 3) From 8pm on 24 <sup>th</sup> December to 6am on 27 <sup>th</sup> December & from 8pm on 31 <sup>st</sup> December to 6am on 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
TO HIRE THIS TAXI FOR THE FIRST 440 yards	£1.90	£2.30	£3.20
FOR THE FIRST 1760 YARDS (approx 1 mile)	£3.70	£4.50	£6.50
FOR EACH approx MILE THEREAFTER	£2.40	£2.80	£4.20
WAITING TIME (Traffic lights etc).	20p (40 seconds)	20p (40 seconds)	30p (60 seconds)
Fare Guide (excluding any waiting time)	Approximate to the appropriate flag fall	Approximate to the appropriate flag fall	Approximate to the appropriate flag fall
1 mile	£3.70	£4.50	£6.50
2 mile	£6.10	£7.30	£10.70
3 mile	£8.50	£10.10	£14.90
4 mile	£10.90	£12.90	£19.10
5 mile	£13.30	£15.70	£23.30
10 mile	£25.30	£29.70	£44.30

- Note 1 Hiring by time: If the Hackney Carriage is hired by time such fare shall be agreed with the hirer at the commencement of the journey.
- Note 2 Journeys ending outside the district: If no rate of fare is agreed before the commencement of the hiring, no fare greater than that indicated on the taximeter and which shall be in accordance with this fare table shall be charged.
- Note 3 Hackney Carriages being used for Private Hire: No Hackney Carriage shall be used under a contract or purported contract for Private Hire Except at a rate not greater than that fixed by this fare table and shall be charges from the point in the district where the hirer commences the journey.
- Note 4 Guide dogs/assistance dogs travel for free.
- Note 5 You are liable to a £40 charge if you foul the inside of this Taxi.
- Note 6 The above are the maximum charges that may be made.

In the event of a complaint, please note the taxi licence number on the window signs / licence plates which start with the letter H.

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Appendix 3

Proposed Hackney Carriage Fare Table



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<b>Fare Guide (excluding any waiting time)</b>	Approximate to the appropriate flag fall	Approximate to the appropriate flag fall	Approximate to the appropriate flag fall
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<b>2 miles</b>	<b>£6.90</b>	<b>£8.10</b>	<b>£11.50</b>
<b>3 miles</b>	<b>£9.50</b>	<b>£11.10</b>	<b>£15.90</b>
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