

Agenda Item No: 5

Report To: **LICENSING, HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**



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Report Title: **REVIEW OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE SCALE**

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Summary: To recommend to Council a hackney carriage fare scale for 2018/19 in line with the information and evidence available to the committee, which may be

- A decrease to the current tariffs
- No change to the current tariffs
- An increase to the current tariffs

Key Decision: NO

Significantly Affected Wards: The fare scale has implications for all hackney carriage, and metered private hire journeys, across the borough and therefore affects all wards.

Recommendations: **That the Licensing, Health and Safety Committee recommends to Council a fare scale for the purpose of issuing a public notice for the hackney carriage fares.**

Policy Overview: In December 1996 it was agreed by the Council that the hackney carriage fare scale would be reviewed annually. In setting this fare scale a balance needs to be struck between the legitimate aims of the hackney carriage trade to maintain profitability in the face of increasing costs, while protecting the public from excessive fares.

Financial Implications: Fares relate to the charges levied by the hackney carriage trade and as such have no direct financial impact on the Council

Legal Implications There are no direct legal implications.

The procedure for setting fares and public notice requirements are stipulated within section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Equalities Impact Assessment	Not required because the setting of fares in relation to this statutory function is not considered to cause any discrimination. The fees are set in accordance with Government guidance. The Council's Taxi Policy is subject to a separate Equality Impact Assessment.
Other Material Implications:	Members should note generally that hackney carriage and private hire licences are considered possessions and therefore Article 1 to Protocol 1 of the Human Rights Act 1998, the peaceful enjoyment of possessions is relevant.
Exempt from Publication:	NO
Background Papers:	None
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REVIEW OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE SCALE

1. The report reviews the hackney carriage fare scale and outlines the consultation with the trade on this matter.
2. This report asks for the Licensing, Health and Safety Committee to recommend a fare scale for 2018/19 to Council, which may be one of the following options:
 - A decrease to the current tariffs
 - No change to the current tariffs
 - An increase to the current tariff

Introduction and Background

3. The council's current taxi policy states that the hackney carriage fare scale will be reviewed annually.
4. Members are reminded that the fares relate to the charges levied by the taxi trade as opposed to the fees that are essentially the licence charges levied by the Borough Council. It should also be remembered that the legislation governing taxi and private hire vehicles does not allow councils to set fares for private hire vehicles. Private hire proprietors may charge what they wish, although legislation dictates that customers must be advised of the fare beforehand, unless the vehicle is fitted with a taximeter set at or below the tariff set by this council.
5. It should also be noted that the tariff is the maximum fare that can be charged and discounts can be given should the proprietor wish.
6. Last year the proposal put to the Licensing, Health and Safety Committee, following consultation was for no increase, or a 3% increase in the fares and no increase in the drop (initial) rate. Members generally considered Ashford's fares relative to other areas and the fact that fares had been 'frozen' for a number of years and recommended the 3% increase.
7. Members also highlighted concern at the quality and standard of the information offered by the trade, which did not evidence the comments being made.

Proposal/Current Position

8. The process of setting a fare increase is complex and a balance needs to be struck between the legitimate aims of the taxi trade to maintain profitability in the face of increasing costs, while protecting the public from excessive fares.
9. Fare increases are implemented by changing the initial (drop) rate and subsequent yardage rate at which the fare increases (e.g. £2.80 for the first 680 yards or 216 seconds, and subsequent rate of 20p for every 166.7 yards or 52.9 seconds)

10. The table below indicates the approximate cost of a journey for various distances on the basis of the current fare and 1, 2, and 3% increases on yardage rate and 10p increase (approx. 3%) on the initial drop.

Distance	Current rate	1% increase to fares	2% increase to fares	3% increase to fares
2 mile	£6.40	£6.50	£6.50	£6.50
5 mile	£12.60	£12.90	£12.90	£13.10
10 mile	£23.20	£23.50	£23.70	£23.90

11. With regard to the current fees, Ashford Borough Councils fee of £6.40 based upon a two mile journey is rated as joint 59th to 78th highest, out of a listed 369 local authorities (as of 5th December 2017).
12. The comparison with respects to comparison to Kent boroughs;

2 Mile Fare	Borough
£7.00	Dartford
£7.00	Tunbridge Wells
£6.74	Sevenoaks
£6.60	Medway
£6.50	Maidstone
£6.40	Ashford
£6.40	Gravesham
£6.30	Swale
£6.30	Tonbridge and Malling
£6.00	Canterbury
£6.00	Dover
£5.00	Thanet

13. Please refer to Appendix B for the national fare tables as provided by Private Hire Monthly.
14. According to the AA Fuel Price reports there was an increase in petrol fuel prices between November 2016 to November 2017 of 3.8 pence per litre. However it should be noted that the months between fluctuated considerably as detailed below;

2016

November 117.1

December 115.8 pence per litre (1.3 pence decrease on prior month)

2017

January 120.3 pence per litre (4.5 pence increase on prior month)

February 121.0 pence per litre (0.7 pence increase on prior month)

March 120.4 pence per litre (0.6 pence decrease on prior month)

April 119.3 pence per litre (1.1 pence decrease on prior month)

May 116.9 pence per litre (2.4 pence decrease on prior month)

June 116.9 pence per litre (no change on prior month)

July 115.1 pence per litre (1.8 pence decrease on prior month)

August 117.0 pence per litre (1.9 pence increase on prior month)
September pence per litre 120.2 (3.2 pence increase on prior month)
October pence per litre 118.4 (1.8 pence decrease on prior month)
November pence per litre 120.9 (2.5 pence increase on prior month)

15. Diesel is currently 123.2 pence per litre and LPG 69.9 pence per litre.
16. According to the Office for National Statistics inflation between October 2016 and October 2017 has increased by 3%, based on the consumer prices index (CPI).
17. According to the latest benchmark, in 2017's third quarter the AA British Insurance Premium Index premiums are now on average 9.7% (avg. £60) higher than 12 months ago. It is however noteworthy that between quarter two and three, car insurance premiums made a sudden reverse to accelerating trend of increased premiums with a 4.9% (£35) decrease. Members may wish to note that the figures stated are general to car insurance premiums, rather than specialist private hire or hackney carriage insurance.
18. For those businesses who may operate from a commercial premises, our Non-Domestic Rates team have advised that business rates increased 2% on the 1st April 2017, and will increase 2.9% on 1st April 2018.
19. Research has highlighted that the last AA Motoring Costs Report available was 2014/2015. As such without a reliable source of data or evidence from the trade, further reputable information on the costs associated with running vehicles is unavailable.
20. Proposals with reference to the licensing fees for 2018/19 associated with taxi licensing are attached at *Appendix C* for information.

Implications and Risk Assessment

21. As previously stated the recommendation does not represent a key decision. The consideration assessment indicates low impact in terms of human rights, the environment, legal and staffing implications.

Equalities Impact Assessment

22. Not required because the setting of fares in relation to this statutory function is not considered to cause any discrimination. The fees are set in accordance with Government guidance. The Council's Taxi Policy is subject to a separate Equality Impact Assessment.

Consultation Planned or Undertaken

23. Consultation with the hackney carriage trade has occurred in two stages.
24. The first stage presented the issue of fare setting in the 30th August 2017 Taxi Forum. It was highlighted by the Chair (Cllr Peter Feacey) and the Environmental Protection and Licensing Team Leader that the standard of

evidence submitted last year was low and did not add much weight of evidence to the decision making process.

25. The Environmental Protection and Licensing Team Leader presented a draft consultation form at that Forum requesting additional information and evidence relating to costs. Feedback from this highlighted that the trade did not want to provide further information and wished to retain a simplified response. The trade also highlighted that costs can vary greatly from year to year, especially for smaller operators, and therefore variation in year to year would not accurately reflect actual variations in operating a hackney carriage. In addition, comments from the trade highlighted that they felt the standard prices information provided in this the fares report (inflation, petrol, insurance) were sufficient to allow decisions to be made.
26. In line with this feedback, the second stage consisted of a simplified online Survey Monkey questionnaire. This survey emailed to members of the trade, to Taxi Forum representatives for cascade, and also advertised publically on the Ashford.gov.uk website. This consultation opened on the 1st October 2017 and closed on the 31st October 2017. A reminder email was sent to members of the trade during the consultation period.
27. Other than identification information to avoid duplicate responses, the questions asked by the survey were as follows;
 - What percentage change are you seeking: RATE - main (yardage) rate?
 - What percentage change are you seeking: RATE - initial (drop) rate?
 - Do you have any further comments and evidence to offer to support your requested fare increase?
 - What percentage change are you seeking: EXTRAS - for each person in excess of two persons?
 - Please provide fully supported reasons to justify the proposed change to extra passenger charges
 - What percentage change are you seeking: EXTRAS - for dogs (not assistance dogs)?
 - Please provide fully supported reasons to justify the proposed change for the carriage of dogs (not assistance dogs)
 - What percentage change are you seeking: EXTRAS - Articles of luggage outside passenger compartment?
 - Please provide fully supported reasons to justify the proposed change to articles of luggage outside of the passenger compartment
 - What percentage change are you seeking: EXTRAS - for perambulators?
 - Please provide fully supported reasons to justify the proposed change to the charge for perambulators
28. In total 32 responses were received as part of the consultation process representing approximately 8% of the licensing taxi trade. All percentages are approximate representations, as the total number of individuals in the licenced trade fluctuates.
29. The following response breakdown is provided;

What percentage change are you seeking: RATE - main (yardage) rate?

32 persons responded to this question, of which 81% wished to see an increase to the main 'yardage' rate. 19% of respondents did not wish to see a change to this rate. The average increase requested was 3.6% with the most commonly requested increase being 3%.

The number wanting to see an increase represented approximately 7% of the total licensed trade, with 93% of the total trade either suggesting no change or not responding.

What percentage change are you seeking: RATE - initial (drop) rate?

32 persons responded to this question, of which 81% wished to see an increase to the 'drop' rate. 19% of respondents did not wish to see a change to this rate. The average increase requested was 3.4% with the most commonly requested increase being 3%.

The number wanting to see an increase represented approximately 7% of the total licensed trade, with 93% of the total trade either suggesting no change or not responding.

Do you have any further comments and evidence to offer to support your requested fare increase?

No evidence demonstrating the increased cost was provided, however the following comments were received

- *Increasing fuel and insurance costs suggest that an increase is essential in order for drivers and operators to maintain an effective service. However, due to the current financial climate any increase should be reasonable, hence my opinion of 3%.*
- *Just the cost of living and expenses associated*
- *Fuel increases and lack of improvement in my takings despite working a 12 hour shift at least 5 days a week. My costs of living have soared in the 5 years I have had my hackney license.*
- *The high price of fuel, the fact that year on year ABC put up their charges to the trade*
- *A fair that doesn't rise off the initial at £2.80 can require the driver to cover several miles to attend the customer, and then several more miles to get to the next customer. A string of these fares can reduce the drivers earnings to below minimum wage, and add to the operational costs of fuel vehicle wear.*
- *The fares are high enough as it is. I do not want to see an increase.*
- *Living expenses are on the up and have been every year. We have managed to sustain current prices long enough which our customers have benefited from. An increase on fares after all this time is not unreasonable.*
- *minimum £5 Charge*
- *Minimum fare should be £5.00 due to cover our waiting time and distances*
- *Hadn't had a fare increase for four years and the one last year has made hardly any difference to my wage*

- *Prior to the last small increase rates had not risen for three years.*
- *Purely a cost of living increase .*
- *The value of the knowledge of roads, companies and points of interest in the borough of Ashford needs to be acknowledged by an increase in the fares to reflect this. I know this view may not be popular but feel it should be raised and considered.*
- *In comparing insurance cost you have worked this out on standard cars and not taxi costs In looking at fare comparisons you have not looked at the variations in the cost of living. Shopping at Medway is cheaper than Ashford General motoring costs do not reflect the true costs to the taxi trade. We usually have to cover the soilage cost as the customer has no money and the police refuse to get involved. We pick up workers and dogs and people whose habits cause us to clean our vehicles more often than the AA guidelines. Vehicles often need deep cleaning several times a year and this is not taken into account. The damage to fixtures and fittings, either accidental or deliberate is not understood by the AA or ABC. You are looking at the cost of running a car and deluding yourself that our costs are the same*

With reference to the comments received, we note that one respondent appeared unaware of the 3% increase to the 17/18 'yardage' rate.

The last comment repeats points raised at the August 2017 Taxi Forum by the Licensing Team that national figures for insurance premiums and vehicle running costs are based on standard cars and not taxis. In this case, in absence of such national information, the respondent has not offered an alternative and reliable source of data nor provided independent evidence.

EXTRAS - for each person in excess of two persons

27 persons responded to this question, of which 82% wished to see no increase to this 'extra' charge. Those who did wish to see a change represented approximately 1% of the licensed trade. No evidence demonstrating the increased cost was provided, however the following comments were received

- *Only for multiple drop off its need sorting out the policy*
- *This question is set wrong as the council agreed to an increase for 5+ persons and not 2+persons. Year in year out the council plays this sick and stupid game of ignoring discussion we have. The cost for 5+ persons should be 50%; this is because of the additional costs involved in every aspect of operating a larger vehicle. Fuel; labour, parts, cleaning, road fund licence and purchase price are all a lot higher. Why should 5-8 people travel for less money than 1-4 people. It is blatantly obvious that the council does not want this and therefore avoids adding it to the survey monkey*
- *Do not think a change is necessary.*

With reference to the first comment, multiple drop offs are covered under the usual fare (yardage rate) charges, and no evidence has been provided of additional costs associated with multiple drop offs that would not be recovered by the standard fare.

With reference to the second comment, the mentioned agreement is not recognised, and the respondent provided no evidence to demonstrate the increased costs incurred. In addition, no other respondent referenced the introduction of a 5+ persons charge.

EXTRAS - for dogs (not assistance dogs)

27 persons responded to this question, of which 85% wished to see no increase to this 'extra' charge. Those who did wish to see a change represented approximately 1% of the licensed trade. No evidence demonstrating the increased cost was provided, however the following comments were received

- *Having had a dog defecate in the car , it wasn't the dogs fault , the owner only verbally apologised and did not even offer to help me clear up the mess.*
- *I do not carry normal dog because it's smell not good for me and it's hair spread all over the car also it makes dirty my car during rainy season*
- *Every time you take a dog need cleaning the car so. Extra charge is fear*
- *Dog cost should be increased as the costs at the moment do not cover the cost of a 3 minute vacuum. The charge should be at least £1.50-£2.00. This should be for dogs not dog; I take the view that one dog will create much the same dust, dirt and hair as 3-4 dogs I also believe that a £10.00 charge should be incurred for passengers who despite being told not to have their dogs on the seat, place them there during the journey*
- *Additional cleaning is often required after carrying a dog.*

With reference to the comments received, it is noted that carriage of dogs may result in increased cleansing frequency, however it is not felt that cleaning would be necessary following the carriage of every dog. In addition, no evidence of increased costs were provided.

EXTRAS - Articles of luggage outside passenger compartment

27 persons responded to this question, of which 85% wished to see no increase to this 'extra' charge. Those who did wish to see a change represented approximately 1% of the licensed trade. No evidence demonstrating the increased cost was provided, however the following comments were received

- *It is currently 5p the charge needs to be at least 50p*
- *Too much and too many luggage in the case need extra charge.*
- *Some items of luggage are extremely heavy and the passengers often ignore this fact when you the driver have to manoeuvre heavy items into and out of the boot. Often no tip is offered for this service.*

With reference to the comments, no evidence was been provided to support these assertions.

EXTRAS - for perambulators

27 persons responded to this question, of which 89% wished to see no increase to this 'extra' charge. Those who did wish to see a change represented

approximately 1% of the licensed trade. No evidence demonstrating the increased cost was provided, however the following comments were received

- *Whats a perambulator ?*
- *Reasonable price charge*
- *These come in varying shapes and sizes. They can be very difficult to get into the boot and are often accompanied by many shopping bags. In some cases I have had to have the shopping in the taxi as pram/buggy was so large.*

With reference to the comments, we note no evidence has been provided to support a change in the 'extra' charge. The first comment highlighted a need to refer to this 'extra' in future surveys as 'prams/pushchairs'

Other Options Considered

30. It is open to the Licensing, Health and Safety Committee to apply a change (or no change) as they deem fit, in light of the evidence and current economic information available.

Reasons for Supporting Option Recommended

31. It is proposed that the Licensing, Health and Safety Committee recommend one of the following options, including percentage change, based on the evidence available.
 - A decrease to the current tariffs
 - No change to the current tariffs
 - An increase to the current tariff, in line with the information and evidence available to the committee

Next Steps in Process

32. The fares approved by the council must be advertised via a Public Notice in the local press in accordance with Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. If relevant objections are received in response to this notice a further report would be required.
33. If no objections are received, the agreed fare scale will take effect on 1 April 2018.

Conclusion

34. Members may wish to take the following into account:
 - The responses provided as part of the consultation represented approximately 8% of licensed trade. This figure remains low year on year, despite efforts to encourage responses and evidence.
 - The following changes in the fare scale have taken place in recent years:

- 2012 - 5% increase and 10 pence increase to drop rate.
 - 2013 - 3% increase and 10 pence increase to drop rate.
 - 2014 - No change
 - 2015 - No change
 - 2016 - No change
 - 2017 - 3% increase and no increase to drop rate.
- Members are asked to set maximum levels for fares, although drivers may charge less if they wish.
 - The price of fuel has been increased since November 2016, but has notably fluctuated within those 12 months.
 - There has been a (+3%) increase in the rate of inflation in the last 12 months.
 - Insurance premiums have increased 9.7% over the last 12 months, however there was a sudden reduction between the second and third quarters of 4.9%.

Portfolio Holder's Views

35. Councillor Bradford is of the view that the licensed taxi trade forms a vital part of the transport infrastructure of our Borough. Despite a poor level of response to the recent consultation we should note that both fuel and insurance costs have risen during the past twelve months supporting a 3% rise in inflation. Ashford currently sits halfway in the Kent Local Authority fares league table for the cost of a 2-mile taxi journey and a rise of 2% would only slightly increase our position whilst helping our taxi drivers to meet the rising costs of operating this vital service within our Borough.

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APPENDIX A: Current fare table

APPENDIX B: Private Hire Monthly – National Fares Table November 2017

APPENDIX C: Proposed taxi licensing fees 2018/19

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL: AUTHORISED FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES 2017/8

<u>Fares for distance or time: Rate 1</u>	£
If the distance does not exceed 680 yards, for the whole distance or for the first 216 seconds of waiting time	2.80
For each subsequent 166.7 yards or uncompleted part thereof	0.20
Or for each subsequent period of 52.9 seconds of waiting time or uncompleted part thereof	0.20
<u>Fares for certain times and days: Rate 2</u>	
a) For each hire commenced between 12 midnight and 7 am	1½ x Rate 1
b) For each hire undertaken on GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER MONDAY, MAY DAY, SPRING BANK HOLIDAY, SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY or any other specifically declared Bank Holiday only.	1½ x Rate 1
<u>Fares for certain times and days: Rate 3</u>	
c) For each hire undertaken on a CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY or NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 x Rate 1
When the holiday charge (b) or (c) is payable the Night Charge (a) is NOT payable.	

Guide to Average Expected Fares for Journey Lengths

2 Miles - £6.40
5 Miles - £12.60
10 Miles - £23.20

Further charges & information detailed overleaf

	£
Extras - up to a maximum of £1.20	
(a) for each person (excluding infants in arms) carried in excess of two persons (two children under 10 years of age count as one person) irrespective of distance.	0.20
Note: For the purposes of counting the number of persons <u>that the vehicle is licensed to carry</u>, children under 10 years of age should <u>each be counted as a person</u>. A babe in arms should not be counted as a person.	
(b) for each article of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the carriage	0.05
(c) for perambulators	0.05
(d) for dogs	0.10

Rates calculated by time

When the hirer expresses his desire to engage a hackney carriage by time, then the rate of fare shall be calculated by time, such rate or fare being agreed in advance.

Journeys outside Council's area

Fares to destinations outside the Ashford Borough area may be negotiated prior to commencement of the journey, but the fare charged must not exceed the above tariff. If no such agreement is reached then the meter fare only must be charged.

Complaints

Any Complaints about this vehicle should be made to the Licensing Authority, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL



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Hackney Taxi Fare Tables

PHTM update the cost of a 2 mile hackney taxi fare on Tariff 1 nationally every month and below is the latest 'league table' of all 366 Councils.

Have a look at where you are positioned.

You can also filter by Council and Year of last rise. Simply click on either letter or year to view an individual listing. We have included four councils (highlighted in green) at positions 367-37 that don't impose a compulsory fare and Hackneys can negotiate their own individual fare. For the purposes of this table we have inserted a fare of £0.

Choose a month:

December 2017

Compared to prev mo

↓ DECREASE
 ↑ INCREASE
 ● NO CHANGE

Filter by Council:

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Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
1	LONDON (HEATHROW)	£10.60	↑ £3.00
2	WATFORD	£10.20	↑ £1.80
3	LUTON AIRPORT	£9.20	●
4	EPSOM & EWELL	£7.80	↑ £0.60
5	LONDON	£7.80	↑ £0.60

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
6	CARRICK	£7.30	●
7	READING	£7.20	↑ £0.40
8	DARTFORD	£7.00	●
9	HERTSMERE	£7.00	●
10	JERSEY	£7.00	●
11	KENNETT NOW WILTSHIRE (EAST ZONE)	£7.00	●
12	MID SUSSEX	£7.00	●
13	NORTH WILTSHIRE	£7.00	●
14	SALISBURY	£7.00	●
15	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	£7.00	↑ £0.40
16	WEST WILTSHIRE	£7.00	●
17	VALE OF WHITE HORSE	£6.90	●
18	ADUR	£6.80	●
19	BRIGHTON & HOVE	£6.80	●
20	CARADON	£6.80	●
21	CHELTENHAM	£6.80	↑ £0.60
22	CHRISTCHURCH	£6.80	↑ £0.90
23	COLCHESTER	£6.80	●
24	EAST LoTHIAN	£6.80	●
25	HART	£6.80	●
26	NORTH CORNWALL	£6.80	
27	POOLE	£6.80	●
28	WEST BERKSHIRE	£6.80	●
29	KERRIER	£6.75	●
30	NUNEATON & BEDWORTH	£6.75	●
31	SEVENOAKS	£6.74	●

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
32	CHELMSFORD	£6.70	●
33	EASTLEIGH	£6.70	●
34	ROTHER	£6.70	●
35	SWINDON	£6.70	●
36	WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	£6.70	●
37	BOURNEMOUTH	£6.68	●
38	TORRIDGE	£6.62	●
39	BASINGSTOKE & DEANE	£6.60	●
40	BRENTWOOD	£6.60	●
41	CRAWLEY	£6.60	●
42	EAST DORSET	£6.60	↑ £0.70
43	EXETER	£6.60	●
44	FIFE	£6.60	↑ £0.60
45	GUERNSEY	£6.60	↑ £0.20
46	HIGH PEAK	£6.60	
47	MEDWAY	£6.60	●
48	WAVENEY	£6.60	●
49	WEALDON	£6.60	●
50	YORK	£6.60	●
51	NORTH DEVON	£6.55	●
52	CAMBRIDGE CITY	£6.50	●
53	MAIDSTONE	£6.50	●
54	MOLE VALLEY	£6.50	●
55	SOUTH SOMERSET	£6.50	●
56	WORTHING	£6.50	↑ £0.50

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
57	RESTORMEL	£6.45	●
58	HARROGATE	£6.43	
59	ARUN	£6.40	
60	ASHFORD	£6.40	●
61	BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET	£6.40	●
62	GRAVESHAM	£6.40	●
63	GUILDFORD	£6.40	●
64	HARLOW	£6.40	●
65	LEEDS	£6.40	●
66	MALVERN HILLS	£6.40	●
67	NORTH HERTS	£6.40	●
68	NORWICH	£6.40	●
69	OXFORD	£6.40	●
70	PURBECK	£6.40	●
71	SOUTH CAMBRIDGE	£6.40	●
72	SOUTH GLOUCESTER	£6.40	●
73	SOUTH LAKELAND	£6.40	●
74	STEVENAGE	£6.40	↑ £0.40
75	STROUD	£6.40	●
76	SURREY HEATH	£6.40	●
77	WOKING	£6.40	●
78	WOKINGHAM	£6.40	●
79	TORBAY	£6.39	●
80	COUNTY OF HEREFORD	£6.30	●
81	COVENTRY	£6.30	●
82	DACORUM	£6.30	●

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
83	EAST DEVON	£6.30	●
84	ISLE OF MAN	£6.30	●
85	LEWES	£6.30	●
86	PENWITH	£6.30	●
87	SWALE	£6.30	●
88	TONBRIDGE & MALLING	£6.30	●
89	FOREST OF DEAN	£6.27	●
90	HARBOROUGH	£6.27	●
91	MIDLOTHIAN	£6.22	●
92	ARGYLL & BUTE	£6.20	●
93	BIRMINGHAM	£6.20	●
94	BRISTOL, CITY OF UA	£6.20	●
95	CHICHESTER	£6.20	●
96	CREWE & NANTWICH	£6.20	●
97	DERBY	£6.20	↑ £0.80
98	HORSHAM	£6.20	●
99	LINCOLN	£6.20	●
100	MENDIP	£6.20	●
101	NORTHAMPTON	£6.20	●
102	ROCHFORD	£6.20	●
103	RUNNYMEDE	£6.20	●
104	SEDGEMOOR	£6.20	●
105	SHEFFIELD	£6.20	●
106	SHEPWAY	£6.20	●
107	SOLIHULL	£6.20	●

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
108	SOUTHAMPTON	£6.20	●
109	SOUTHEND ON SEA	£6.20	●
110	SPELTHORNE	£6.20	●
111	ST ALBANS	£6.20	●
112	STRATFORD ON AVON	£6.20	●
113	TAUNTON DEANE	£6.20	●
114	TEIGNBRIDGE	£6.20	●
115	WAVERLEY	£6.20	●
116	WEST OXFORD	£6.20	●
117	WINCHESTER	£6.20	●
118	CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE	£6.13	●
119	ELMBRIDGE	£6.10	●
120	HASTINGS	£6.10	●
121	NEW FOREST	£6.10	●
122	NORTH WARWICK	£6.10	↑ £0.30
123	RUSHMORE	£6.10	●
124	TAMWORTH	£6.10	●
125	CHARNWOOD	£6.05	●
126	SHETLAND ISLES	£6.05	●
127	ABERDEENSHIRE	£6.00	●
128	BRACKNELL FOREST	£6.00	●
129	BRAINTREE	£6.00	●
130	CANTERBURY	£6.00	●
131	CARMARTHENSHIRE	£6.00	●
132	CASTLE POINT	£6.00	●
133	CHESTER	£6.00	●

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
134	DOVER	£6.00	●
135	EAST HAMPSHIRE	£6.00	●
136	EAST LINDSEY	£6.00	●
137	GREAT YARMOUTH	£6.00	●
138	IPSWICH	£6.00	●
139	KETTERING	£6.00	●
140	LUTON	£6.00	●
141	MILTON KEYNES	£6.00	●
142	NORTH DORSET	£6.00	●
143	PLYMOUTH	£6.00	●
144	PRESTON	£6.00	●
145	SCARBOROUGH	£6.00	●
146	SLOUGH	£6.00	●
147	SOUTH HAMS	£6.00	●
148	TEST VALLEY	£6.00	●
149	THREE RIVERS	£6.00	●
150	THURROCK	£6.00	●
151	WARWICK	£6.00	●
152	WEST DORSET	£6.00	●
153	DARLINGTON	£5.95	●
154	TENDRING	£5.95	●
155	BABERGH	£5.90	●
156	BASSETLAW	£5.90	●
157	DUDLEY	£5.90	●
158	DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL	£5.90	●

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
159	SOUTH AYRSHIRE	£5.90	 £0.10
160	WALSALL	£5.90	
161	TEWKSBURY	£5.85	
162	BASILDON	£5.80	
163	BLACKPOOL	£5.80	
164	BROMSGROVE	£5.80	
165	CARLISLE	£5.80	
166	CLACKMANNAN	£5.80	
167	EAST HERTS	£5.80	
168	FYLDE	£5.80	
169	GLASGOW	£5.80	
170	GLOUCESTER	£5.80	
171	HAVANT	£5.80	
172	HIGHLANDS	£5.80	
173	LEICESTER	£5.80	
174	NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE	£5.80	
175	REIGATE & BANSTEAD	£5.80	
176	SELBY	£5.80	
177	SOUTH RIBBLE	£5.80	
178	STOCKPORT	£5.80	
179	UTTLESFORD	£5.80	
180	WEST SOMERSET	£5.80	
181	WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD	£5.80	
182	WORCESTER	£5.80	 £0.10
183	YNS MON	£5.80	
184	EAST AYRSHIRE	£5.75	

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
185	SCOTTISH BORDERS	£5.75	●
186	WYCOMBE	£5.75	●
187	EAST KILBRIDE	£5.70	●
188	EASTBOURNE	£5.70	●
189	ISLE OF WIGHT	£5.70	●
190	MANCHESTER	£5.70	●
191	MID DEVON	£5.70	●
192	MONMOUTHSHIRE	£5.70	●
193	NORTH SOMERSET	£5.70	●
194	RYEDALE	£5.70	●
195	WELWYN HATFIELD	£5.70	●
196	VALE OF GLAMORGAN	£5.65	●
197	BOSTON	£5.60	●
198	BRECKLAND	£5.60	●
199	BROXBOURNE	£5.60	●
200	CALDERDALE	£5.60	●
201	EDINBURGH	£5.60	●
202	FOREST HEATH	£5.60	●
203	GOSPORT	£5.60	●
204	HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH	£5.60	●
205	NEWPORT	£5.60	●
206	NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE	£5.60	↑ £0.30
207	NORTH KESTEVEN	£5.60	●
208	NORTH TYNESIDE	£5.60	●
209	NORTH WEST LEICESTER	£5.60	●

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
210	NOTTINGHAM	£5.60	●
211	ORKNEY	£5.60	●
212	PORTSMOUTH UA	£5.60	●
213	RENFREWSHIRE	£5.60	●
214	RUSHCLIFFE	£5.60	●
215	SANDWELL	£5.60	●
216	SOUTH BUCKINGHAM	£5.60	●
217	SUFFOLK COASTAL	£5.60	●
218	TAMESIDE	£5.60	●
219	WEST LOTHIAN	£5.60	●
220	WIRRAL	£5.60	●
221	WOLVERHAMPTON	£5.60	●
222	WREXHAM	£5.60	●
223	WYRE	£5.60	●
224	CARDIFF	£5.59	●
225	DUNDEE	£5.58	●
226	CHERWELL	£5.56	●
227	ANGUS	£5.50	●
228	BROXTOWE	£5.50	●
229	CANNOCK CHASE	£5.50	●
230	CASTLE MORPETH	£5.50	●
231	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY	£5.50	●
232	EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE	£5.50	●
233	EAST STAFFORDSHIRE	£5.50	●
234	EDEN	£5.50	●
235	EPPING FOREST	£5.50	●

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
236	EREWASH	£5.50	●
237	GEDLING	£5.50	●
238	GWYNEDD	£5.50	●
239	HAMBLETON	£5.50	●
240	HUNTINGDONSHIRE	£5.50	●
241	LANCASTER	£5.50	●
242	MORAY	£5.50	●
243	OLDHAM	£5.50	●
244	RICHMONDSHIRE	£5.50	↑ £0.10
245	SHROPSHIRE	£5.50	●
246	STAFFORD	£5.50	●
247	TYNEDALE	£5.50	●
248	WANSBECK	£5.50	●
249	BARROW IN FURNESS	£5.44	●
250	BURY ST EDMUNDS	£5.40	●
251	CHILTERN	£5.40	●
252	DONCASTER	£5.40	●
253	DUNBARTON	£5.40	●
254	FAREHAM	£5.40	●
255	KINGS LYNN & WEST NORFOLK	£5.40	●
256	KINGSTON-UPON-HULL	£5.40	●
257	MACCLESFIELD	£5.40	●
258	MID SUFFOLK	£5.40	●
259	NEWARK & SHERWOOD	£5.40	●
260	NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE	£5.40	●

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
261	PEMBROKESHIRE	£5.40	●
262	PERTH & KINROSS	£5.40	●
263	ROTHERHAM	£5.40	↑ £0.60
264	RUGBY	£5.40	●
265	SUNDERLAND	£5.40	●
266	TANDBRIDGE	£5.40	●
267	TRAFFORD	£5.40	●
268	WYCHAVON	£5.40	●
269	BRADFORD	£5.36	●
270	COTSWOLD	£5.35	●
271	EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE	£5.34	●
272	BARNSLEY	£5.30	↑ £0.60
273	BLABY	£5.30	●
274	CRAVEN	£5.30	●
275	EAST RENFREW	£5.30	●
276	FENLAND	£5.30	●
277	LICHFIELD	£5.30	●
278	MELTON	£5.30	●
279	NORTH NORFOLK	£5.30	●
280	RIBBLE VALLEY	£5.30	●
281	SALFORD	£5.30	●
282	VALE ROYAL	£5.30	●
283	WYRE FOREST	£5.30	●
284	BEDFORD	£5.26	●
285	BOLTON	£5.25	●
286	BURY	£5.24	●

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
287	AMBER VALLEY	£5.20	●
288	CEREDIGION	£5.20	●
289	CLYDEBANK	£5.20	●
290	CONWY	£5.20	●
291	DENBIGHSHIRE	£5.20	●
292	EAST RIDING	£5.20	●
293	ELLESMERE PORT	£5.20	●
294	HALTON	£5.20	●
295	LIVERPOOL	£5.20	●
296	POWYS	£5.20	●
297	RHONDDA CYNON TAF	£5.20	●
298	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE (CLYDESDALE)	£5.20	●
299	SOUTH TYNESIDE	£5.20	●
300	STAFFS MOORLANDS	£5.20	●
301	STIRLING	£5.20	●
302	WARRINGTON	£5.20	●
303	CONGLETON	£5.10	●
304	GATESHEAD	£5.10	●
305	INVERCLYDE	£5.10	↑ £0.30
306	SEFTON	£5.10	●
307	SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE	£5.10	●
308	WIGAN	£5.10	●
309	ALNWICK	£5.05	●
310	SOUTH HOLLAND	£5.05	●
311	SWANSEA	£5.05	●

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
312	BLYTH VALLEY	£5.00	●
313	CHESTERFIELD	£5.00	●
314	COPELAND	£5.00	●
315	DAVENTRY	£5.00	●
316	KIRKLEES	£5.00	●
317	NEATH PORT TALBOT	£5.00	●
318	NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE	£5.00	●
319	NORTH LANARKSHIRE	£5.00	↑ £0.20
320	PETERBOROUGH	£5.00	●
321	SOUTH NORTHANTS	£5.00	●
322	THANET	£5.00	●
323	WEST LINDSEY	£5.00	●
324	STOKE-ON-TRENT UA	£4.95	●
325	BRIDGEND	£4.90	●
326	CHORLEY	£4.90	●
327	FLINTSHIRE	£4.90	●
328	ROSSENDALE	£4.90	●
329	TELFORD & WREKIN	£4.90	●
330	WELLINGBOROUGH	£4.90	●
331	REDDITCH	£4.88	●
332	ALLERDALE	£4.85	●
333	ASHFIELD	£4.80	●
334	CAERPHILLY	£4.80	●
335	DERBYSHIREDALES	£4.80	●
336	HAMILTON	£4.80	●
337	MANSFIELD	£4.80	●

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
338	NORTH AYRSHIRE	£4.80	●
339	ROCHDALE	£4.80	●
340	RUTHERGLEN	£4.80	●
341	TORFAEN	£4.80	●
342	BERWICK ON TWEED	£4.70	●
343	BLACKBURN	£4.70	●
344	EAST NORTHANTS	£4.70	●
345	FALKIRK	£4.70	●
346	HYNDBURN	£4.70	●
347	WEST LANCASHIRE	£4.70	●
348	BOLSOVER	£4.60	●
349	CORBY	£4.60	●
350	ST HELENS	£4.60	●
351	WAKEFIELD	£4.60	●
352	BURNLEY	£4.50	●
353	KNOWSLEY	£4.50	●
354	MERTHYR TYDFIL	£4.50	●
355	REDCAR & CLEVELAND	£4.50	●
356	STOCKTON ON TEES	£4.50	●
357	OADBY & WIGSTON	£4.40	●
358	PENDLE	£4.40	●
359	AYLESBURY VALE	£4.30	●
360	BLAENAU GWENT	£4.30	●
361	MIDDLESBROUGH	£4.30	●
362	NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	£4.20	●

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
363	WESTERN ISLES	£4.20	●
364	HARTLEPOOL	£4.10	●
365	SOUTH KESTEVEN	£3.50	●
366	MALDON	£0.00	
367	RUTLAND	£0.00	
368	SOUTH DERBYSHIRE	£0.00	
369	SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE	£0.00	

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APPENDIX C: PROPOSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING FEES 2018/19

	CURRENT FEES 2017/18	PROPOSED FEES 2018/19
Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence (for 1 year)	£51.00	£52.00
Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence (for 3 years)	£101.00	£104.00
Additional driver's licence (adding a licence)	£20.00	£21.00
Hackney Carriage Knowledge Test & Re-test	£51.00	£52.00
Replacement badge / Licence	£11.00	£11.00
Vehicle Licence - New or Renewal (including vehicle plate) for 1 year	£308.00 – New £288.00 - Renewal	£316 - New £295 - Renewal
Vehicle Plate Internal / External	£25.00	£20.00
Transfer of Vehicle Licence (with or without vehicle plate)	£26.00	£20.00
<i>Vehicle Inspection - Test Fee (set by contract)</i>	£32.00	£32.00
<i>Vehicle Inspection - Missed Appointment (set by contract)</i>	No charge	No charge
Private Hire Operators Licence - New or Renewal (for 3 years)	1-3 vehicles : £126 4-10 vehicles : £424 11-20 vehicles : £848	1-3 vehicles : £129 4-10 vehicles : £435 11-20 vehicles : £869
To increase number of vehicles licensed during duration of Operators Licence	£293.00 £424	£300.00 £435.00
Fee for Returned (Bounced) Cheques	£16.00	£16.00