



REGULATORY COMMITTEE

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The Members of the Regulatory Committee are:-

Councillor Webb (Chairman)
Councillor Krause (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs. Buchanan, Burgess, Farrell, Feacey, Ledger, Mulholland, Pickering, Rogers,
Shorter, Smith, L Suddards

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Agenda Item No: 3

Report To: REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 19 January 2021

Report Title: PROPOSED FEE LEVELS FOR 2021/22 LICENSING APPLICATIONS

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Portfolio Holder Cllr Peter Feacey
Portfolio Holder for: Community Safety and Wellbeing

Summary:	The report proposes fees for licences for 2021/22 (excluding those set by the Licensing Committee)
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Key Decision: NO

Significantly Affected Wards: Not applicable

Recommendations: That the Regulatory Committee :-

- I. Recommends the sex establishment fees as given in Appendix A to full council.
- II. Recommends the hackney carriage, private hire and operator licence fees in Appendix B to full council for public consultation.
- III. Recommends the scrap metal site and collectors fees as given in Appendix C to full council.
- IV. Notes the annual licensing summary in Appendix D.

Policy Overview: The process of setting the fees for licences is essential to ensure that operational costs are recovered and that council budgetary objectives are met.

Financial Implications: The process of setting the fees is necessary to ensure that fees are set at a level that will enable the authority to recover relevant costs associated with the service provision.

Legal Implications The appropriate setting of fees is necessary to ensure that the Council do not act outside of current legislation and request costs which we are not entitled to recover from licensees. Failure to set fees appropriately opens the Council up to legal challenge.

Equalities Impact Assessment The setting of fees in relation to these functions is not considered to cause any discrimination. The fees are set in

accordance with government guidance and each application is processed on its individual merits.

Other Material Implications:

Members should note generally that some licences issued by the Council may be 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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PROPOSED FEE LEVELS FOR 2021/22 LICENSING APPLICATIONS

1. The report recommends the proposed fees for licences for the financial year 2021/22.
2. The Committee are asked whether to approve the following fees for recommendation to the full council.
 - The sex establishment fees as given in Appendix A.
 - The hackney carriage, private hire and operator licence fees in Appendix B for public consultation.
 - The scrap metal site and collectors fees as given in Appendix C.

The Committee is also asked to note the annual licensing summary at Appendix D.

Introduction and Background

3. The fees have been determined by examining how long is spent processing an application and who in the authority is likely to carry out the various processes.
4. The type of tasks involved in a premises application for example:
 - Assistance to the applicant (pre-application stage, including telephone advice, sending forms, etc.) and the checking of an application for completeness when received.
 - Checking all required documents have been submitted, processing the application fee, banking processes and reconciling payments.
 - Entering the information into our computer system including scanning if appropriate.
 - Contacting the applicant to clarify the application or chase missing information if required.
 - Assess representations for relevance and undertake informal mediation.
 - Carry out compliance visits and checking the operating licence once issued.
 - Determining the licence, arranging a hearing, holding a hearing and notification of the decision if required.
 - Prepare and issue the licence and update the records/register.
 - Appeal preparation and holding an appeal hearing, if necessary.
5. Sex Establishment Fees

The licensing of sex establishments is governed by the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 3. Under these adoptive

provisions local authorities can require any sex shops or sex cinemas in their area to obtain a licence. Ashford Borough Council adopted Schedule 3 effective from 1 May 1983.

Members will be aware that the council carried out a consultation about whether to adopt the relevant provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, for the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues, such as lap dancing clubs. Council adopted the relevant provisions on 17 February 2011.

It is proposed that the fees increase broadly in line with inflation (RPI).

6. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Fees

Under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, the provisions controlling the levying of fees are:

- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Schedule 53(2), in respect of drivers licences for both hackney carriages or private hire vehicles; and
- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 70 for hackney carriage proprietors' licences, private hire vehicle licences and private hire operators' licences.

It is proposed to adjust the hackney and private hire fees generally in line with inflation (RPI), except the following fees;

- Vehicle licence grants are proposed to increase slightly above inflation, whilst vehicle renewals remain at current rates. This is designed to better balance the increased work associated with new licences, and to take account of efficiencies associated with eForm renewal processes introduced in 2020.
- Transfer of vehicle licences increases slightly above inflation to better reflect the cost of processing such applications.

These costs had been artificially kept low over recent years to promote the transfer of vehicles to newer vehicles, however a separate incentive scheme is operational to promote the uptake of ultra-low emission vehicles. That incentive scheme is worth approximately £1,000 to vehicle proprietors over a three-year period.

The proposed licence fees are set out at Appendix B.

7. Scrap Metal Dealers Fees

The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 provides regulation of the sector, creating a more robust, local authority run licensing regime that supports legitimate dealers whilst providing the powers to effectively tackle unscrupulous operators.

Schedule 1(6) of the 2013 Act provides that an application must be accompanied by a fee set by the local authority. In setting a fee, the authority

must have regard to any guidance issued from time to time by the Secretary of State with the approval of the Treasury.

The power to set fees has been passed to individual local authorities, so that any fees levied in each local area are set by reference to the actual costs to each authority. The EU Services Directive states that a licence fee can only be used to pay for the cost associated with the licensing process. In effect, each local authority must ensure that the income from fees charged for each service, application, variation and renewal do not exceed the costs of providing the service.

It is proposed that an increase broadly in line with inflation (RPI) be made to the fees this year. These are set out at Appendix C.

Proposal/Current Position

8. The fees as recommended by the Regulatory Committee will be presented to Council on 4 March 2021.

Implications and Risk Assessment

9. As previously stated the recommendations do not represent key decisions. The consideration assessment indicates low impact in terms of human rights, legal and staffing implications.
10. The process of setting the proposed licence fees is essential to ensure that operational costs are recovered. If no decision is taken, the council budgetary objectives are unlikely to be met.
11. If trade bodies or applicants believe the authority's fees are at a level which is greater than the costs of the statutory functions then it would be open to them to undertake judicial review proceedings. Should this arise, the authority would need to evidence how it arrived at the fee levels to demonstrate that they have been calculated on a cost recovery basis only.
12. Case law relating to fee levels in various licensing areas has agreed a general principle that licensing fees should not be used as a method of creating revenue. For example:
 - *R v Manchester City Council ex parte King (The Times, 3 April 1991)* – established that local authorities may only charge reasonable fees for licences and not use them to raise revenue;and
 - *R v Westminster City Council ex parte Hutton (1985) LGR* – established the need to only take into account relevant material when setting the fees
13. Under the recently adopted EU Services Directive licence fees must be set at a level proportionate to the effective cost of the licensing procedure and must not be used as an economic deterrent or to raise funds. Councils must set fees

that cover the costs directly associated with the licensing function. It is important therefore that council's fees are defensible and based on actual costs incurred.

Equalities Impact Assessment

14. The setting of fees in relation to these functions is not considered to cause any discrimination. The fees are set in accordance with Government guidance and each application is processed on its individual merits.

Consultation Planned or Undertaken

15. The fees that require formal consultation will be subject to public notices prior to implementation on the 1 April 2021.

Other Options Considered

16. The need to ensure fees cover local authority costs means that whilst various changes have been considered, the process is not open to other options

Reasons for Supporting Option Recommended

17. Whilst 2020 has been a difficult year for sexual entertainment premises, the scrap metal trade, and the taxi trade as a result of local and national closures, the costs of administering the licensing regime in relation these areas continue to be affected by inflationary cost increases such as the cost of living increases on salaries and back office costs.
18. Additionally whilst there may have been limited physical inspections or new applications this year, the costs of administering the relevant licences have also increased because of a need to adapt processes in light of the current pandemic.
19. Businesses affected by closures and additional restrictions have been able to access relevant grants and support provided by government and/or the local authority.
20. It is however worth noting, that whilst licensing fees are set/adjusted annually, the council are able to consider the actual income and expenditure across a number of years, and can adjust fees in future years to 'correct' for any unexpected income or losses. As such should the fees proposed result in any unexpected 'excess' income then it will be possible to correct for this as part of future fee setting.
21. Accordingly, the recommended option is supported to ensure effective recovery of the costs incurred in processing and regulating the aforementioned licensing regimes.

Next Steps in Process

22. The hackney carriage and private hire licence fees are subject to a public consultation in accordance with Section 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. A public notice will be placed in the local press. If no objections are received in response to the public notice the fee structure would be adopted from 1 April 2021. If relevant objections are received in response to the public notice, these would be reported back to the Regulatory Committee.
23. All other fees, not subject to public consultation, will be recommended to full council, and once agreed come into effect on the 1 April 2021

Conclusion

24. The impact of these changes on income to the council must be carefully monitored. Annual reviews of fees must be continued to ensure that relevant costs are recovered and raising excessive revenue is avoided. The fees have been increased broadly in line with inflation (RPI), except where the specific circumstances dictate otherwise.
25. A licensing summary for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 has been prepared and is set out at Appendix D.

Portfolio Holder's Views

26. "Whilst we recognise that this year has been a difficult year for the majority of businesses, it is essential for the council to continue to ensure that the licensing fees are set at the correct level as to provide the resources to enable effective regulation"

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APPENDIX A: PROPOSED SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE FEES 2021/22

APPENDIX B: PROPOSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING FEES 2021/22

APPENDIX C: PROPOSED SCRAP METAL, SITE & COLLECTORS LICENSING FEES 2021/22

APPENDIX D: LICENSING SUMMARY 2020

APPENDIX A: RECOMMENDED SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE FEES FOR 2021/22

	CURRENT FEES 2020/21	PROPOSED FEES 2021/22
Grant	£3397	£3499
Transfer	£324	£334
Renewal	£324	£334

APPENDIX B: PROPOSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING FEES 2021/22

	CURRENT FEES 2020/21	PROPOSED FEES 2021/22
Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence (for 1 year)	£70.00	£72.00
Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence (for 3 years)	£145.00	£149.00
Additional driver's licence (adding a licence)	£30.00	£31.00
Hackney Carriage Knowledge Test & Re-test	£57.00	£59.00
Replacement badge / Licence	£12	£12.50
Vehicle Licence - New or Renewal (including vehicle plate) for 1 year	£320 - New £300 - Renewal	£335 - New £300 - Renewal
Vehicle Plate Internal / External	£20.50	£21.00
Transfer of Vehicle Licence (with or without vehicle plate)	£32.00	£35.00
<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 5 years)	1-3 vehicles : £139 4-10 vehicles : £460 11-20 vehicles : £919	1-3 vehicles : £143 4-10 vehicles : £474 11-20 vehicles : £947
To increase number of vehicles licensed during duration of Operators Licence	1-3 : £137.00 4-10 : £318.00 11-20 : £461.00	1-3 : £141.00 4-10 : £328.00 11-20 : £475.00
Fee for Returned (Bounced) Cheques	£17.00	£17.50

APPENDIX C: RECOMMENDED SCRAP METAL DEALERS FEES FOR 2021/22

	CURRENT FEES 2020/21	PROPOSED FEES 2021/22
Grant Site Licence	£334	£344
Grant Collectors Licence	£224	£231
Renewal Site Licence	£224	£231
Renewal Collectors Licence	£112	£115
Variation	£84	£87
Replacement Licence	£12	£12.50

APPENDIX D:

LICENSING ANNUAL SUMMARY 2020 (Excluding Licensing Act and Gambling Act applications)

Licences/Permissions issued

Licence/Permission Type	Number Issued
Taxi	
Vehicles – new, renewal, transfers	251
Drivers / Operators – new, renewals	158
Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013	
Site licences	1
Collectors licences	2
Other	
Sexual Entertainment Venues	0
Use of Council Land	0
Publicity Displays / Town Centre	20
Skin Piercing (premises and practitioners)	30
Animal Licensing	11
House to House	12
Street Collections	16
Street Trading	51
TOTAL LICENCES/PERMISSIONS ISSUED	552

Issued between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020.

Agenda Item No: 4

Report To: REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 19 January 2021

Report Title: REVIEW OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE SCALE

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Portfolio Holder for: Community Safety and Wellbeing



Summary: To recommend to Council a hackney carriage fare scale for 2021/22 in line with the information and evidence available to the committee, which may be;

- A decrease to the current tariffs, including percentage change
- No change
- An increase to the current tariff, including percentage change

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 Regulatory 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:	None
Exempt from Publication:	NO
Background Papers:	None
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Report Title:

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 Regulatory Committee to recommend a fare scale for 2021/22 to Council, which may be one of the following options:
 - A decrease to the current tariffs
 - No change
 - An increase to the current tariffs

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 be noted that the tariff is the maximum fare that can be charged and operators are free to charge less, or give discounts, should they so wish.
6. Last year Members considered Ashford's fares relative to other areas, and the change in the respective costs, and recommended no change to fares or the drop rate.

Proposal/Current Position

7. 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.
8. 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)
9. The table below indicates the approximate cost of a journey for various distances on the basis of the current fare and examples of 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	£6.50	£6.60	£6.60	£6.80
5 mile	£13.10	£13.20	£13.40	£13.40
10 mile	£23.90	£24.20	£24.40	£24.60

10. With regard to the current fees, Ashford Borough Councils fee of £6.50 based upon a two mile journey is rated as 78th highest, out of a listed 350 local authorities (on the November 2020 list). Last year's position was joint 74th to 80th out of 363.
11. The comparison with respects to other Kent boroughs;

No.	2 Mile Fare	Borough
1	£7.20	Tunbridge Wells
2	£7.10	Dartford
3	£7.06	Sevenoaks
4	£7.00	Tonbridge & Malling
5/6	£6.80	Swale
5/6	£6.80	Gravesham
7	£6.60	Medway
8/9	£6.50	Maidstone
8/9	£6.50	Ashford
10	£6.40	Canterbury
11	£6.20	Folkestone & Hythe
12	£6.00	Dover
13	£5.40	Thanet

12. Please refer to Appendix B for the national fare tables as provided by Private Hire Monthly.
13. According to the AA Fuel Price reports there was a dip in the South East's petrol fuel prices in April 2020, with prices increasing slightly but not returning to pre-April levels, as shown below;

2019	
November	127.5 pence per litre
December	126.5 pence per litre

2020	
January	129.1 pence per litre
February	125.9 pence per litre
March	122.4 pence per litre
April	112.0 pence per litre
May	108.1 pence per litre
June	109.3 pence per litre
July	114.7 pence per litre
August	115.6 pence per litre
September	115.5 pence per litre
October	115.5 pence per litre
November	114.9 pence per litre

14. Diesel is currently (November 2020) 118.6 pence per litre and LPG 64.2 pence.
15. According to the Office for National Statistics, RPI over the last 12 months stands at 2.8% (November to November).
16. According to Confused.com's car insurance price index - insurance prices have dropped 2% over the past year. Money Supermarket.com reports that the cost of a fully comprehensive car insurance premium in the UK is currently 6% down from that at the end of quarter 4 in 2019. Compare the Market.com note that April 2020 represented the lowest monthly premium since March 2016. Members may wish to note that the figures stated are general to car insurance premiums, rather than specialist private hire or hackney carriage insurance. No reliable taxi specific insurance premium index appears to be available, but as per previous years we remain open to alternate suggestions should the trade wish to highlight a reliable data source.
17. Businesses operating from commercial premises with a rateable value under £12,000 receive small business rates relief, meaning they do not pay business rates. It appears that all operators in the borough fall within this category, no operator has cited an increase in business rates as an issue through the consultation. As such; it appears appropriate to disregard business rates increase as an influence on the decision.
18. 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. Again we remain open to suggestions of an alternative reputable source of data. No evidence has been submitted by the trade as part of the consultation.
19. Proposals with reference to the taxi licensing fees for 2021/22 are attached at *Appendix C*.

Implications and Risk Assessment

20. 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

21. 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

22. Consultation with the hackney carriage trade was undertaken.
23. This consisted of an emailed questionnaire, sent with an example sheet of how to evidence changes to operating costs. This survey was emailed to members

of the trade and to Taxi Forum representatives for cascade. This consultation was sent on the 29 September 2020 for responses by the 31 October 2020.

24. Other than 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 prams?
- Please provide fully supported reasons to justify the proposed change to the charge for prams

25. In total two responses were received as part of the consultation process. At the time of writing this report there are 610 taxi-based licences. The table below shows how these are apportioned:

Type of licence	Number
Private hire driver	179
Joint Private hire & Hackney carriage	163
Hackney carriage vehicle	107
Private hire vehicle	94
Private hire operator	67

NB. Some individuals may hold more than one licence type

26. The following response breakdown is provided;

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

2 persons responded to this question.

Percentage increase	Number of respondents requesting this
0%	2

No evidence or comments were received.

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

Percentage change %	Number of respondents requesting this
0	2

No evidence was provided, but the following comment was received;

- *With so many people out of work and money being so short, It is too dangerous to put up fares*

EXTRAS - for each person in excess of two persons.

£ and pence change	Number of respondents requesting this
0	2

No evidence or comments were received.

EXTRAS - for dogs (not assistance dogs).

£ and pence change	Number of respondents requesting this
0	1
2.00	1

No evidence demonstrating the increased cost was provided, however the following comment(s) were received:

- *Dogs create a mess. Either mud and/or dirt. A smell that needs treating. Dog hair that needs hoovering. Any of these have a cost to the owner of the taxi. Why should we be out of pocket? Assistance dogs are well trained and are under control. It is the other dogs and their owners.*

In response to these comments, it is worth considering whether it would normally be necessary to clean a car every time a dog has been in the vehicle. The level of increase (10 pence to £2.00) is not evidenced. The rate has however not changed in a number of years and therefore it may be appropriate to consider whether a modest increase may be considered appropriate to cover the cost of a vacuum at a garage etc.

EXTRAS - Articles of luggage outside passenger compartment.

£ and pence change	Number of respondents requesting this
0	1
1.00	1

No evidence demonstrating the increased cost was provided, however the following comment was received;

- *People seriously overload their suitcases and expect the driver to lift them into the boot unaided. We are only allowed to charge pennies for the extra work involved.*

EXTRAS - for prams.

£ and pence change	Number of respondents requesting this
0	2

No evidence or comments were provided in response to this question.

Other Options Considered

27. It is open to the Regulatory Committee to apply a change (or no change) to the fare rates as they deem fit, in light of the evidence and current economic information available.

Reasons for Supporting Option Recommended

28. It is proposed that the Regulatory 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

Next Steps in Process

29. The fares proposed 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.
30. If the proposed fare is approved by council, and no objections are received, the fare scale will take effect on 1 April 2021.

Conclusion

31. Members may wish to take the following into account:
- The responses provided as part of the consultation represented a vanishingly small percentage of the licensed trade. This figure remains consistently low year on year despite efforts to encourage responses and evidence. For comparison there were 10 responses received last year, and this year it has dropped to 2 responses.
 - 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.
 - 2018 - No change
 - 2019 – 3% increase and 10 pence increase to drop rate.
 - 2020 – No change
- Members are asked to set maximum levels for fares, although drivers may charge less if they wish.
 - The price of fuel has reduced from April 2020 and has not yet risen back up to pre-April prices.
 - RPI over the last 12 months is 2.8%.
 - Insurance premiums have dropped 2% over the last 12 months.
 - The fare rate has remained in a very similar location in the PHTM fare table both nationally and at a county level.

Portfolio Holder's Views

32. This has been an extremely hard year for the trade. I am as always disappointed in the lack of response to our surveys with no evidence of increased costs to their business or an appetite to change fees. Over the coming year there is a need to build confidence within the community and to start to rebuild an industry which has been severely impacted by the pandemic.

Councillor Peter Feacey

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APPENDIX A: Current fare table

APPENDIX B: Private Hire Monthly – National Fares Table November 2020

APPENDIX C: Proposed taxi licensing fees 2021/22

APPENDIX D: Individual responses consultation

APPENDIX A: CURRENT FARE TABLE

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL: AUTHORISED FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES 2020/21

Fares for distance or time: Rate 1	£
If the distance does not exceed 680 yards, for the whole distance or for the first 216 seconds of waiting time	2.90
For each subsequent 161.8 yards or uncompleted part thereof	0.20
Or for each subsequent period of 51.4 seconds of waiting time or uncompleted part thereof	0.20
Fares for certain times and days: Rate 2	
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
Fares for certain times and days: Rate 3	
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	-	£6.50
5 Miles	-	£13.10
10 Miles	-	£23.90

	£
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 that the vehicle is licensed to carry, children under 10 years of age should each be counted as a person. 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

APPENDIX B: NATIONAL FARE TABLE

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
1	LONDON (HEATHROW)	£11.40	-
2	LUTON AIRPORT	£9.20	-
3	EPSOM & EWELL	£8.60	-
4	LONDON	£8.60	-
5	WATFORD (X)	£8.40	-
6	GUILDFORD	£7.60	-
7	KERRIER	£7.60	-
8	JERSEY	£7.43	-
9	BOURNEMOUTH	£7.40	-
10	BRIGHTON & HOVE	£7.40	-
11	CHELTENHAM	£7.40	-
12	MID SUSSEX	£7.40	-
13	CARRICK	£7.30	-
14	BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET	£7.20	-
15	READING	£7.20	-
16	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	£7.20	-
17	CHELMSFORD	£7.10	-
18	DARTFORD	£7.10	-
19	GUERNSEY	£7.10	-
20	MOLE VALLEY	£7.10	-
21	PENWITH	£7.10	-
22	SEVENOAKS	£7.06	-
23	EAST LOTHIAN	£7.00	-
24	HERTSMERE	£7.00	-
25	POOLE	£7.00	-
26	STROUD	£7.00	-
27	TONBRIDGE & MALLING	£7.00	-

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
28	WILTSHIRE	£7.00	-
29	RESTORMEL	£6.95	-
30	EASTBOURNE	£6.90	-
31	HARROGATE	£6.90	-
32	VALE OF WHITE HORSE	£6.90	-
33	WEALDON	£6.90	-
34	WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	£6.90	-
35	ADUR	£6.80	-
36	CARADON	£6.80	-
37	CHRISTCHURCH	£6.80	-
38	COLCHESTER	£6.80	-
39	EAST DEVON	£6.80	-
40	FIFE	£6.80	-
41	GRAVESHAM	£6.80	-
42	HART (X)	£6.80	-
43	NORTH CORNWALL	£6.80	-
44	NOTTINGHAM	£6.80	-
45	SEDGEMOOR	£6.80	-
46	SWALE	£6.80	-
47	WEST BERKSHIRE	£6.80	-
48	YORK	£6.80	-
49	EDINBURGH	£6.75	-
50	NUNEATON & BEDWORTH	£6.75	-
51	TORBAY	£6.75	-
52	CHESTER	£6.70	-
53	CRAWLEY	£6.70	-
54	EASTLEIGH	£6.70	-
55	ROTHER	£6.70	-
56	SWINDON	£6.70	-

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
57	HARBOROUGH	£6.68	-
58	TORRIDGE	£6.62	-
59	ARUN	£6.60	-
60	BASINGSTOKE & DEANE	£6.60	-
61	BRENTWOOD	£6.60	-
62	CAMBRIDGE CITY	£6.60	-
63	EAST DORSET	£6.60	-
64	EAST SUFFOLK (NORTH)	£6.60	-
65	EXETER	£6.60	-
66	GLASGOW	£6.60	-
67	HIGH PEAK	£6.60	-
68	MEDWAY	£6.60	-
69	MORAY (X)	£6.60	-
70	NORTH HERTS	£6.60	-
71	NORWICH	£6.60	-
72	SCARBOROUGH	£6.60	-
73	SHETLAND ISLES	£6.60	-
74	SOUTH CAMBRIDGE	£6.60	-
75	SOUTH GLOUCESTER	£6.60	-
76	TEIGNBRIDGE	£6.60	+ £0.40
77	NORTH DEVON	£6.55	-
78	ASHFORD	£6.50	-
79	DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL	£6.50	-
80	HUNTINGDONSHIRE	£6.50	-
81	MAIDSTONE	£6.50	-
82	SOUTH SOMERSET	£6.50	-
83	WORTHING	£6.50	-
84	BRISTOL	£6.40	-
85	CANTERBURY	£6.40	-

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
86	CREWE & NANTWICH	£6.40	-
87	EAST HAMPSHIRE	£6.40	-
88	HARLOW	£6.40	-
89	HASTINGS	£6.40	-
90	HEREFORD (COUNTY OF)	£6.40	-
91	IPSWICH	£6.40	-
92	LEEDS	£6.40	-
93	LINCOLN	£6.40	-
94	MALVERN HILLS	£6.40	-
95	MID SUFFOLK	£6.40	-
96	NORTH KESTEVEN	£6.40	-
97	OXFORD	£6.40	-
98	PURBECK	£6.40	-
99	RUSHMOOR	£6.40	-
100	SHEFFIELD	£6.40	-
101	SOUTH LAKELAND	£6.40	-
102	SOUTHEND ON SEA	£6.40	-
103	STEVENAGE	£6.40	-
104	SURREY HEATH	£6.40	-
105	TENDRING	£6.40	-
106	WAVERLEY	£6.40	-
107	WOKING	£6.40	-
108	WOKINGHAM	£6.40	-
109	NEWARK & SHERWOOD	£6.32	-
110	BLACKBURN	£6.30	-
111	BURY	£6.30	-
112	COTSWOLD (Y)	£6.30	-
113	COVENTRY	£6.30	-
114	DACORUM	£6.30	-

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
115	ISLE OF MAN	£6.30	-
116	LEWES	£6.30	-
117	PEMBROKESHIRE	£6.30	-
118	SOUTH HOLLAND	£6.30	-
119	FOREST OF DEAN	£6.27	-
120	MIDLOTHIAN	£6.22	-
121	ARGYLL & BUTE	£6.20	-
122	BIRMINGHAM	£6.20	-
123	BRAINTREE	£6.20	-
124	CHICHESTER	£6.20	-
125	DAVENTRY	£6.20	-
126	DERBY	£6.20	-
127	EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE	£6.20	-
128	FOLKESTONE & HYTHE	£6.20	-
129	HORSHAM	£6.20	-
130	MENDIP	£6.20	-
131	NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE	£6.20	-
132	NORTHAMPTON	£6.20	-
133	PORTSMOUTH UA	£6.20	-
134	ROCHFORD	£6.20	-
135	RUNNYMEDE	£6.20	-
136	SOLIHULL	£6.20	-
137	SOUTHAMPTON	£6.20	-
138	SPELTHORNE	£6.20	-
139	ST ALBANS	£6.20	-
140	STRATFORD ON AVON	£6.20	-
141	TAUNTON DEANE	£6.20	-
142	WEST OXFORD	£6.20	-
143	WINCHESTER	£6.20	-

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
144	WYCOMBE	£6.20	-
145	CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE	£6.13	-
146	ABERDEENSHIRE	£6.10	-
147	CARDIFF	£6.10	-
148	CLACKMANNAN	£6.10	-
149	EAST HERTS	£6.10	-
150	ELMBRIDGE	£6.10	-
151	FYLDE	£6.10	-
152	NEW FOREST	£6.10	-
153	NORTH WARWICK	£6.10	-
154	SOUTH AYRSHIRE	£6.10	-
155	TAMWORTH	£6.10	-
156	SELBY	£6.06	-
157	CHARNWOOD	£6.05	-
158	SCOTTISH BORDERS	£6.05	-
159	ABERDEEN CITY	£6.00	-
160	BASILDON	£6.00	-
161	BOSTON	£6.00	-
162	BRACKNELL FOREST	£6.00	-
163	BROXTOWE	£6.00	-
164	CARMARTHENSHIRE	£6.00	-
165	CASTLE POINT	£6.00	-
166	CONWY	£6.00	-
167	DOVER	£6.00	-
168	EAST AYRSHIRE	£6.00	-
169	EAST LINDSEY	£6.00	-
170	GLOUCESTER	£6.00	-
171	GREAT YARMOUTH	£6.00	-
172	GWYNEDD	£6.00	-

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
173	ISLE OF WIGHT	£6.00	-
174	KETTERING	£6.00	-
175	KINGS LYNN & WEST NORFOLK	£6.00	-
176	LUTON	£6.00	-
177	MILTON KEYNES	£6.00	-
178	NORTH DORSET	£6.00	-
179	PLYMOUTH	£6.00	-
180	PRESTON	£6.00	-
181	RYEDALE	£6.00	-
182	SLOUGH	£6.00	-
183	SOUTH HAMS	£6.00	-
184	SOUTH TYNESIDE	£6.00	-
185	STOCKPORT	£6.00	-
186	TAMESIDE	£6.00	-
187	TEST VALLEY (X)	£6.00	-
188	THREE RIVERS	£6.00	-
189	THURROCK	£6.00	-
190	VALE OF GLAMORGAN	£6.00	-
191	WARWICK	£6.00	-
192	WEST DORSET	£6.00	-
193	WEST LINDSEY	£6.00	-
194	WIRRAL	£6.00	-
195	DARLINGTON	£5.95	-
196	BABERGH	£5.90	-
197	BASSETLAW	£5.90	-
198	BROXBOURNE	£5.90	-
199	DUDLEY	£5.90	-
200	KINGSTON-UPON-HULL	£5.90	-
201	MANCHESTER	£5.90	-

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
202	NORTHUMBERLAND	£5.90	-
203	TANDBRIDGE	£5.90	-
204	WALSALL	£5.90	-
205	CALDERDALE	£5.85	-
206	TEWKSBURY	£5.85	-
207	BLACKPOOL	£5.80	-
208	BRIDGEND	£5.80	-
209	BROMSGROVE	£5.80	-
210	CARLISLE	£5.80	-
211	EAST KILBRIDE (X)	£5.80	-
212	FAREHAM	£5.80	-
213	FLINTSHIRE	£5.80	-
214	HAVANT	£5.80	-
215	HIGHLAND (X)	£5.80	-
216	LANCASTER	£5.80	-
217	LEICESTER	£5.80	-
218	NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE	£5.80	-
219	NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE	£5.80	-
220	NORTH NORFOLK	£5.80	-
221	NORTH TYNESIDE	£5.80	-
222	ORKNEY (X)	£5.80	-
223	REIGATE & BANSTEAD	£5.80	-
224	RUGBY	£5.80	-
225	RUTHERGLEN (X)	£5.80	-
226	SOUTH RIBBLE	£5.80	-
227	TRAFFORD	£5.80	-
228	UTTLESFORD	£5.80	-
229	WEST SOMERSET	£5.80	-
230	WEST SUFFOLK	£5.80	-

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
231	WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD	£5.80	-
232	WORCESTER	£5.80	-
233	WYRE	£5.80	-
234	YNS MON	£5.80	-
235	CHESTERFIELD	£5.75	-
236	DONCASTER	£5.75	-
237	ANGUS	£5.70	-
238	CANNOCK CHASE	£5.70	-
239	GEDLING	£5.70	-
240	MID DEVON	£5.70	-
241	MONMOUTHSHIRE	£5.70	-
242	NORTH SOMERSET	£5.70	-
243	RENFREWSHIRE	£5.70	-
244	STIRLING (X)	£5.70	-
245	SWANSEA	£5.70	-
246	WELWYN HATFIELD	£5.70	-
247	DUNDEE CITY	£5.66	-
248	BRECKLAND	£5.60	-
249	DENBIGHSHIRE	£5.60	-
250	EAST SUFFOLK (SOUTH)	£5.60	-
251	GOSPORT	£5.60	-
252	HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH	£5.60	-
253	LIVERPOOL	£5.60	-
254	NEWPORT	£5.60	-
255	NORTH WEST LEICESTER	£5.60	-
256	RICHMONDSHIRE	£5.60	-
257	RUSHCLIFFE	£5.60	-
258	SANDWELL	£5.60	-
259	SOUTH BUCKINGHAM	£5.60	-

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
260	SUNDERLAND	£5.60	-
261		£5.50	-
262	OLDHAM	£5.50	-
263	SHROPSHIRE	£5.50	-
264	STAFFORD	£5.50	-
265	TORFAEN	£5.50	-
266	CEREDIGION	£5.46	-
267	NEATH PORT TALBOT	£5.46	-
268	SALFORD	£5.46	-
269	ALLERDALE	£5.45	-
270	BARNSLEY	£5.40	-
271	BARROW IN FURNESS	£5.40	-
272	CAERPHILLY	£5.40	-
273	CHILTERN	£5.40	-
274	DUNBARTON & VALE OF LEVEN (X)	£5.40	-
275	ELLESMERE PORT	£5.40	-
276	MACCLESFIELD	£5.40	-
277	NORTHERN IRELAND	£5.40	-
278	PERTH & KINROSS	£5.40	-
279	POWYS	£5.40	-
280	ROTHERHAM	£5.40	-
281	THANET	£5.40	-
282	WYCHAVON	£5.40	-
283	MANSFIELD	£5.35	-
284	INVERCLYDE	£5.34	-
285	BLABY	£5.30	-
286	BRADFORD	£5.30	-
287	CRAVEN (X)	£5.30	-
288	EAST RENFREW	£5.30	-

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
289	FENLAND (X)	£5.30	-
290	LICHFIELD	£5.30	-
291	MELTON	£5.30	-
292	NORTH AYRSHIRE	£5.30	-
293	REDDITCH	£5.30	-
294	RIBBLE VALLEY	£5.30	-
295	SOUTH KESTEVEN	£5.30	-
296	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE (CLYDESDALE)	£5.30	-
297	ST HELENS	£5.30	-
298	VALE ROYAL	£5.30	-
299	WIGAN	£5.30	-
300	WY RE FOREST	£5.30	-
301	BEDFORD	£5.26	-
302	AMBER VALLEY	£5.20	-
303	BLAENAU GWENT	£5.20	-
304	BOLTON	£5.20	-
305	CLYDEBANK	£5.20	-
306	EAST RIDING	£5.20	-
307	HALTON	£5.20	-
308	HAMILTON (X)	£5.20	-
309	KNOWSLEY	£5.20	-
310	RHONDDA CYNON TAF	£5.20	-
311	STAFFS MOORLANDS	£5.20	-
312	WAKEFIELD	£5.20	-
313	WARRINGTON	£5.20	-
314	CHORLEY	£5.10	-
315	CONGLETON	£5.10	-
316	GATESHEAD	£5.10	-
317	SEFTON	£5.10	-

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
318	SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE	£5.10	-
319	COPELAND	£5.00	-
320	EAST NORTHANTS	£5.00	-
321	KIRKLEES	£5.00	-
322	NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE	£5.00	-
323	NORTH LANARKSHIRE	£5.00	-
324	PETERBOROUGH	£5.00	-
325	ROCHDALE	£5.00	-
326	ROSSENDALE	£5.00	-
327	SOUTH NORTHANTS	£5.00	-
328	STOKE-ON-TRENT UA	£4.95	-
329	CORBY	£4.90	-
330	TELFORD & WREKIN	£4.90	-
331	WELLINGBOROUGH	£4.90	-
332	WESTERN ISLES (X)	£4.85	-
333	ASHFIELD	£4.80	-
334	DERBYSHIRE DALES	£4.80	-
335	HARTLEPOOL	£4.80	-
336	HYNDBURN	£4.70	-
337	WEST LANCASHIRE	£4.70	-
338	BOLSOVER	£4.60	-
339	BURNLEY	£4.50	-
340	REDCAR & CLEVELAND	£4.50	-
341	STOCKTON ON TEES	£4.50	-
342	OADBY & WIGSTON	£4.40	-
343	PENDLE	£4.40	-
344	AYLESBURY VALE	£4.30	-
345	MIDDLESBROUGH	£4.30	-
346	MALDON	£0.00	-

Pos	Council	2 ml. Fare	+ / -
347	RUTLAND	£0.00	-
348	SOUTH DERBYSHIRE	£0.00	-
349	SOUTH NORFOLK	£0.00	-
350	SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE	£0.00	-

APPENDIX C: PROPOSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING FEES 2021/22

	CURRENT FEES 2020/21	PROPOSED FEES 2021/22
Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence (for 1 year)	£70.00	£72.00
Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence (for 3 years)	£145.00	£149.00
Additional driver's licence (adding a licence)	£30.00	£31.00
Hackney Carriage Knowledge Test & Re-test	£57.00	£59.00
Replacement badge / Licence	£12.00	£12.50
Vehicle Licence - New or Renewal (including vehicle plate) for 1 year	£320 – New £300 – Renewal	£335 – New £300 - Renewal
Vehicle Plate Internal / External	£20.50	£21.00
Transfer of Vehicle Licence (with or without vehicle plate)	£32.00	£35.00
<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 5 years)	1-3 vehicles : £139 4-10 vehicles : £460 11-20 vehicles : £919	1-3 vehicles : £143 4-10 vehicles : £474 11-20 vehicles : £947
To increase number of vehicles licensed during duration of Operators Licence	1-3 : £137 4-10 : £318.00 11-20 : £461.00	1-3 : £141.00 4-10 : £328.00 11-20 : £475.00
Fee for Returned (Bounced) Cheques	£17.00	£17.50

APPENDIX D: CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Yardage and Drop Rates

Response No.	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?
1	0	0	With so many people out of work and money being so short, It is too dangerous to put up fares
2	0	0	

Extra Charges

Response No.	What extra are you seeking to charge: EXTRAS - each person in excess of two persons? (in £ and pence)	
		Please provide fully supported reasons to justify the proposed change to extra passenger charges
1	0	
2	0	

Response No.	What extra are you seeking to charge: EXTRAS - Articles of luggage outside passenger compartment? (in £ and pence)	
		Please provide fully supported reasons to justify the proposed change to articles of luggage outside of the passenger compartment
1	£1	People seriously overload their suitcases and expect the driver to lift them into the boot unaided. We are only allowed to charge pennies for the extra work involved.
2	0	

Response No.	What extra are you seeking to charge: EXTRAS - for dogs (not assistance dogs)? (in £ and pence)	
		Please provide fully supported reasons to justify the proposed change for the carriage of dogs (not assistance dogs)
1	£2	Dogs create a mess. Either mud and/or dirt. A smell that needs treating. Dog hair that needs hoovering. Any of these have a cost to the owner of the taxi. Why should we be out of pocket? Assistance dogs are well trained and are under control. It is the other dogs and their owners
2	0	

Response No.	What extra are you seeking to charge: EXTRAS - for prams? (in £ and pence)	Please provide fully supported reasons to justify the proposed change to the charge for prams
1	0	
2	0	

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