

**Agenda Item No:** 5

**Report To:** **REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

**Date of Meeting:** 20 January 2022

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

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**Summary:** To recommend to Council a hackney carriage fare scale for 2022/23 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.

<b>Equalities Impact Assessment</b>	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.
<b>Other Material Implications:</b>	None
<b>Exempt from Publication:</b>	NO
<b>Background Papers:</b>	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 2022/23 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.
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 joint 85-87<sup>th</sup> highest, out of a listed 353 local authorities (on the December 2021 list). Last year's position was 78<sup>th</sup>.
11. The comparison with respects to other Kent boroughs;

2 Mile Fare	Borough
£7.40	Maidstone
£7.20	Tunbridge Wells
£7.20	Tonbridge & Malling
£7.10	Dartford
£7.10	Dover
£7.06	Sevenoaks
£6.80	Swale
£6.80	Gravesham
£6.60	Medway
<b>£6.50</b>	<b>Ashford</b>
£6.40	Canterbury
£6.20	Folkestone & Hythe
£5.40	Thanet

Last year, in the county, Ashford's fares were joint 8/9<sup>th</sup>, compared with 10<sup>th</sup> place this year.

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 the South East's petrol fuel prices have increased month on month and have not returned to the prices at the time of the last fares report

2020	
November	114.9 pence per litre
December	116.0 pence per litre

2021	
January	119.4 pence per litre
February	122.9 pence per litre
March	126.4 pence per litre
April	127.6 pence per litre
May	129.6 pence per litre
June	131.6 pence per litre
July	134.0 pence per litre
August	136.2 pence per litre

September	136.1 pence per litre
October	142.1 pence per litre

14. Diesel is currently (October 2021) 145.7 pence per litre and LPG 52.7 pence.
15. According to the Office for National Statistics, RPI over the last 12 months (October 2020 to October 2021) stands at 5.2%.
16. According to Confused.com's car insurance price index - insurance prices have dropped 16% over the past year, bringing car insurance costs to their lowest level in six years. Money Supermarket.com reports that the cost of a fully comprehensive car insurance premium in the UK is currently 10.4% lower than twelve months ago. Members may however 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 suitable data source(s).
17. Additional information from Autotrader.co.uk highlights that used car prices have risen as much as 25% in recent times, which is attributed to the supply issues associated with Covid19.
18. 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.
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. 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.
20. Proposals with reference to the taxi licensing fees for 2022/23 are attached at *Appendix C*.

## **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 was undertaken.
24. 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 27 September 2021 for responses by the 31 October 2020.
25. Noting a very low response rate to the consultation, a further email was sent to members of the trade inviting any late responses. No further responses were received.
26. 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 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 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 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 change are you seeking: EXTRAS - for prams?
  - Please provide fully supported reasons to justify the proposed change to the charge for prams
27. In total five responses were received as part of the consultation process. Only one representative from the Taxi Forum made a submission on this consultation on behalf of their company.
28. At the closure of the consultation there were 551 taxi-based licences. The table below shows how these are apportioned:

Type of licence	Number
Private hire driver	144
Joint Private hire & Hackney carriage	153
Hackney carriage vehicle	101
Private hire vehicle	89
Private hire operator	64

NB. Individuals may hold more than one licence type

29. Given the circumstances over the last 18 months, the Committee, may wish to be aware that based on the above figures the number of;
- Licensed private hire drivers has dropped by 35
  - Joint private hire and hackney drivers have dropped by 10
  - Hackney carriages numbers have dropped by 6
  - Private hire vehicles have reduced by 5, and,
  - Private hire operator numbers have dropped by 3

It is however possible that the numbers who have stopped working in the trade as a result of the difficulties posed by the pandemic, but their licence has not yet expired or been surrendered their licence, may potentially be much larger.

30. The following consultation response breakdown is provided;

### **Fare Rate**

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

Percentage increase	Number of respondents requesting this
0%	2
3%	1
5%	1
10%	1

No evidence was provided in response to this question, but the following three comments were received;

*Answer: The price of fuel is on the increase to an unknown level. The price of used vehicles has increased by 20% Running costs have risen significantly since the last increase in 2019 and that was only a very slight increase. Also the cost of living has risen in this time by much more than 10%. Drivers and operators have seen very very little rise in the last four years. Its high time we had a significant increase.*

*Answer: The trade has been hit hard enough by the pandemic, having no increase will help in getting our customers back.*

*Answer: we have not had one [an increase] for a while and we are struggling financially*

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

Percentage change %	Number of respondents requesting this
0	2
3%	1
5%	1
10%	1

No evidence was provided in response to this question, but the following two comments were received;

*Answer: The price of fuel is on the increase to an unknown level.  
The price of used vehicles has increased by 20%  
Running costs have risen significantly since the last increase in 2019 and that was only a very slight increase. Also the cost of living has risen in this time by much more than 10%. Drivers and operators have seen very very little rise in the last four years. Its high time we had a significant increase.*

*Answer: we have not had one [an increase] for a while and we are struggling financially*

### **Additional Charges**

With reference to additional charges for;

- each person in excess of two persons.
- dogs (not assistance dogs).
- articles of luggage outside passenger compartment
- prams.

each of the five respondents requested no change to these fees, and submitted no further comments or evidence.

### **Other Options Considered**

31. 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**

32. 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**

33. 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.
34. If the proposed fare is approved by council, and no objections are received, the fare scale will take effect on 1 April 2022.

## Conclusion

35. Members may wish to take the following into account:

- The responses provided as part of the consultation represented a very 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 two responses received last year, and this year it has increased to five 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
  - 2021 – No change
- Members are asked to set maximum levels for fares, although drivers may charge less if they wish.
- The price of fuel has increased month on month
- RPI over the last 12 months is 5.2%.
- Insurance premiums have dropped between 10.4 and 16% over the last 12 months.
- The fare rate has dropped in positions slightly when compared at a county and national level.

## Portfolio Holder's Views

36. “The Taxi trade has had a hard time over the last two years with many deciding to leave the trade and some diversifying in number of ways. However, for yet another year engagement by the taxi trade in the fare setting process remains exceedingly poor, with no meaningful information or evidence (such as current typical driver incomes) being supplied by drivers or taxi firms.

A balance need to be struck on the rising operating costs of running a taxi against attracting the public back into using the service by keeping it as competitive as possible.

I look forward to hearing the committee's ideas and opinions and making a decision to any change to tariffs.”

Councillor Peter Feacey

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**APPENDIX A: Current fare table**

**APPENDIX B: Private Hire Monthly – National Fares Table (October 2021)**

**APPENDIX C: Proposed taxi licensing fees 2022/23**

## APPENDIX A: CURRENT FARE TABLE

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORISED FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES 2021/22	
<b>Fares for distance or time: Rate 1</b>	£
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
<b>Fares for certain times and days: Rate 2</b>	
a) For each hire commenced between 00:00 and 07:00	1½ x Rate 1
b) For each hire undertaken on <b>GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER MONDAY, MAY DAY, SPRING BANK HOLIDAY, SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY</b> or any other specifically declared Bank Holiday only.	1½ x Rate 1
<b>Fares for certain times and days: Rate 3</b>	
c) For each hire undertaken on a <b>CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY or NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	2 x Rate 1
<b>Note:</b> When the holiday charge (b) or (c) is payable the Night Charge (a) is <b>NOT</b> payable.	
Guide to average expected fares;	<b>Complaints about this vehicle or driver should be made to the Licensing Authority;</b>
2 miles - £6.50	Ashford Borough Council, Tannery Lane, TN23 1PL
5 miles - £13.10	<a href="mailto:licensing@ashford.gov.uk">licensing@ashford.gov.uk</a>
10 miles - £23.90	01233-331111
See overleaf for further fare details	

<b>Extras</b> - 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. <b>Note:</b> 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.	0.20
(b) for each article of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the carriage	0.05
(c) for perambulators	0.05
(d) for dogs (but excluding assistance or guide dogs)	0.10
<b>Rates calculated by time</b>	
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.	
<b>Journeys outside Council's area</b>	
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.	
<b>Complaints</b>	
Complaints about this vehicle or driver should be made to the Licensing Authority Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL <a href="mailto:licensing@ashford.gov.uk">licensing@ashford.gov.uk</a> 01233-331111	
See overleaf for further fare details	

## APPENDIX B: NATIONAL FARE TABLE

	<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>2 ML. FARE</b>	<b>+ / -</b>
1	LONDON (HEATHROW)	£11.40	
2	LUTON AIRPORT	£9.70	
3	EPSOM & EWELL	£8.60	
4	LONDON	£8.60	
5	WATFORD (X)	£8.40	
6	UTTLESFORD	£8.30	
7	READING	£8.00	
8	GUILDFORD	£7.60	
9	KERRIER	£7.60	
10	OXFORD CITY	£7.60	
11	JERSEY	£7.43	
12	BRIGHTON & HOVE	£7.40	
13	CHELTENHAM	£7.40	
14	MAIDSTONE	£7.40	
15	MID SUSSEX	£7.40	
16	CARRICK	£7.30	

17	BATH & NE SOMERSET	£7.20
18	BCP	£7.20
19	TORRIDGE	£7.20
20	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	£7.20
21	YORK	£7.20
22	CHELMSFORD	£7.10
23	DARTFORD	£7.10
24	DOVER	£7.10
25	GUERNSEY	£7.10
26	MOLE VALLEY	£7.10
27	PENWITH	£7.10
28	SEVENOAKS	£7.06
29	EAST LOTHIAN	£7.00
30	HARROGATE	£7.00
31	HERTSMERE	£7.00
32	STROUD	£7.00
33	TONBRIDGE & MALLING	£7.00
34	WELWYN HATFIELD	£7.00
35	WILTSHIRE	£7.00

36	RESTORMEL	£6.95
37	COLCHESTER	£6.90
38	EASTBOURNE	£6.90
39	VALE OF WHITE HORSE	£6.90
40	WEALDON	£6.90
41	WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	£6.90
42	ADUR	£6.80
43	CARADON	£6.80
44	EAST DEVON	£6.80
45	FIFE	£6.80
46	GLASGOW	£6.80
47	GRAVESHAM	£6.80
48	HART (X)	£6.80
49	MENDIP	£6.80
50	NORTH CORNWALL	£6.80
51	NOTTINGHAM	£6.80
52	SEDGEMOOR	£6.80
53	SWALE	£6.80
54	WEST BERKSHIRE	£6.80

55	EDINBURGH	£6.75
56	NUNEATON & BEDWORTH	£6.75
57	TORBAY	£6.75
58	CHESTER	£6.70
59	CRAWLEY	£6.70
60	EASTLEIGH	£6.70
61	ROTHER	£6.70
62	SWINDON	£6.70
63	HARBOROUGH	£6.68
64	ARUN	£6.60
65	BASINGSTOKE & DEANE	£6.60
66	BRACKNELL FOREST	£6.60
67	BRENTWOOD	£6.60
68	CAMBRIDGE CITY	£6.60
69	EAST DORSET	£6.60
70	EAST SUFFOLK (NORTH)	£6.60
71	EXETER	£6.60
72	HARLOW	£6.60
73	HIGH PEAK	£6.60

74	MEDWAY	£6.60	
75	MORAY (X)	£6.60	
76	NORTH HERTS	£6.60	
77	NORWICH	£6.60	
78	RUNNYMEDE	£6.60	↑ £0.40
79	SCARBOROUGH	£6.60	
80	SHETLAND ISLES	£6.60	
81	SOUTH CAMBRIDGE	£6.60	
82	SOUTH GLOUCESTER	£6.60	
83	TEIGNBRIDGE	£6.60	
84	NORTH DEVON	£6.55	
85	ASHFORD	£6.50	
86	DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL	£6.50	
87	HUNTINGDONSHIRE	£6.50	
88	LUTON	£6.50	
89	SOUTH SOMERSET	£6.50	
90	WORTHING	£6.50	
91	BRISTOL	£6.40	
92	CANTERBURY	£6.40	

93	COUNTY OF HEREFORD	£6.40	
94	CREWE & NANTWICH	£6.40	
95	EAST HAMPSHIRE	£6.40	
96	HASTINGS	£6.40	
97	IPSWICH	£6.40	
98	LEEDS	£6.40	
99	LINCOLN	£6.40	
100	MALVERN HILLS	£6.40	
101	MELTON	£6.40	
102	MID SUFFOLK	£6.40	
103	NORTH KESTEVEN	£6.40	
104	PURBECK	£6.40	
105	RUSHMOOR	£6.40	
106	SHEFFIELD	£6.40	
107	SHROPSHIRE	£6.40	
108	SOUTH LAKELAND	£6.40	
109	SOUTHEND ON SEA	£6.40	
110	STEVENAGE	£6.40	
111	SURREY HEATH	£6.40	

112	TENDRING	£6.40
113	WAVERLEY	£6.40
114	WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD	£6.40
115	WOKING	£6.40
116	WOKINGHAM	£6.40
117	NEWARK & SHERWOOD	£6.32
118	BLACKBURN	£6.30
119	BURY	£6.30
120	COTSWOLD (Y)	£6.30
121	COVENTRY	£6.30
122	DACORUM	£6.30
123	ISLE OF MAN	£6.30
124	LEWES	£6.30
125	PEMBROKESHIRE	£6.30
126	PLYMOUTH	£6.30
127	SOUTH HOLLAND	£6.30
128	FOREST OF DEAN	£6.27
129	BABERGH	£6.26
130	MIDLOTHIAN	£6.22

131	ARGYLL & BUTE	£6.20
132	BIRMINGHAM	£6.20
133	BRAINTREE	£6.20
134	CARMARTHENSHIRE	£6.20
135	CHICHESTER	£6.20
136	DAVENTRY	£6.20
137	DERBY	£6.20
138	EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE	£6.20
139	EAST SUFFOLK (SOUTH)	£6.20
140	FOLKESTONE & HYTHE	£6.20
141	HORSHAM	£6.20
142	NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE	£6.20
143	NORTHAMPTON	£6.20
144	PORTSMOUTH UA	£6.20
145	ROCHFORD	£6.20
146	SOLIHULL	£6.20
147	SOUTHAMPTON	£6.20
148	SPELTORNE	£6.20
149	ST ALBANS	£6.20

150	STRATFORD ON AVON	£6.20
151	TAUNTON DEANE	£6.20
152	WEST OXFORD	£6.20
153	WINCHESTER	£6.20
154	CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE	£6.13
155	ABERDEENSHIRE	£6.10
156	CARDIFF	£6.10
157	CLACKMANNAN	£6.10
158	EAST HERTS	£6.10
159	ELMBRIDGE	£6.10
160	FYLDE	£6.10
161	NEW FOREST	£6.10
162	NORTH WARWICK	£6.10
163	SOUTH AYRSHIRE	£6.10
164	TAMWORTH	£6.10
165	SELBY	£6.06
166	CHARNWOOD	£6.05
167	SCOTTISH BORDERS	£6.05
168	ABERDEEN CITY	£6.00

169	BASILDON	£6.00
170	BLACKPOOL	£6.00
171	BOSTON	£6.00
172	BROXTOWE	£6.00
173	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	£6.00
174	CASTLE POINT	£6.00
175	CONWY	£6.00
176	EAST AYRSHIRE	£6.00
177	EAST LINDSEY	£6.00
178	EAST STAFFORDSHIRE	£6.00
179	GLOUCESTER	£6.00
180	GREAT YARMOUTH	£6.00
181	GWYNEDD	£6.00
182	ISLE OF WIGHT	£6.00
183	KETTERING	£6.00
184	KINGS LYNN & WEST NORFOLK	£6.00
185	MILTON KEYNES	£6.00
186	NORTH DORSET	£6.00
187	PRESTON	£6.00

188	RYEDALE	£6.00
189	SLOUGH	£6.00
190	SOUTH HAMS	£6.00
191	SOUTH TYNESIDE	£6.00
192	STOCKPORT	£6.00
193	TAMESIDE	£6.00
194	TEST VALLEY (X)	£6.00
195	THREE RIVERS	£6.00
196	THURROCK	£6.00
197	VALE OF GLAMORGAN	£6.00
198	WARWICK	£6.00
199	WEST DORSET	£6.00
200	WEST LINDSEY	£6.00
201	WIRRAL	£6.00
202	DARLINGTON	£5.95
203	BASSETLAW	£5.90
204	BROXBOURNE	£5.90
205	DUDLEY	£5.90
206	KINGSTON-UPON-HULL	£5.90

207	MANCHESTER	£5.90
208	NORTHUMBERLAND	£5.90
209	STAFFORD	£5.90
210	TANDBRIDGE	£5.90
211	WALSALL	£5.90
212	CALDERDALE	£5.85
213	TEWKESBURY	£5.85
214	BARNSELY	£5.80
215	BEDFORD	£5.80
216	BRIDGEND	£5.80
217	BROMSGROVE	£5.80
218	CARLISLE	£5.80
219	EAST KILBRIDE (X)	£5.80
220	FAREHAM	£5.80
221	FLINTSHIRE	£5.80
222	HAVANT	£5.80
223	HIGHLAND (X)	£5.80
224	LANCASTER	£5.80
225	LEICESTER	£5.80

226	LICHFIELD	£5.80	
227	NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE	£5.80	
228	NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE	£5.80	
229	NORTH NORFOLK	£5.80	
230	NORTH TYNESIDE	£5.80	
231	NORTHERN IRELAND	£5.80	↑ £0.40
232	ORKNEY (X)	£5.80	
233	REIGATE & BANSTEAD	£5.80	
234	RUGBY	£5.80	
235	RUTHERGLEN (X)	£5.80	
236	SOUTH RIBBLE	£5.80	
237	TRAFFORD	£5.80	
238	WEST SOMERSET	£5.80	
239	WEST SUFFOLK	£5.80	
240	WORCESTER	£5.80	
241	WYRE	£5.80	
242	YNS MON	£5.80	
243	CHESTERFIELD	£5.75	
244	DONCASTER	£5.75	

245	NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE	£5.75	
246	ANGUS	£5.70	
247	CANNOCK CHASE	£5.70	
248	GEDLING	£5.70	
249	MID DEVON	£5.70	
250	MONMOUTHSHIRE	£5.70	
251	NORTH SOMERSET	£5.70	
252	RENFREWSHIRE	£5.70	
253	STIRLING (X)	£5.70	
254	SWANSEA	£5.70	
255	WARRINGTON	£5.70	
256	DUNDEE CITY	£5.66	
257	BRADFORD	£5.60	↑ £0.30
258	BRECKLAND	£5.60	
259	DENBIGHSHIRE	£5.60	
260	GOSPORT	£5.60	
261	HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH	£5.60	
262	LIVERPOOL	£5.60	
263	NEWPORT	£5.60	

264	NORTH WEST LEICESTER	£5.60
265	RICHMONDSHIRE	£5.60
266	RUSHCLIFFE	£5.60
267	SANDWELL	£5.60
268	SUNDERLAND	£5.60
269	WEST LOTHIAN (X)	£5.60
270	WOLVERHAMPTON (X)	£5.60
271	WREXHAM	£5.60
272	CHERWELL	£5.56
273	NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	£5.55
274	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY	£5.50
275	EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE	£5.50
276	EDEN	£5.50
277	EPPING FOREST	£5.50
278	EREWASH	£5.50
279	FALKIRK	£5.50
280	HAMBLETON	£5.50
281	MERTHYR TYDFIL	£5.50
282	OLDHAM	£5.50

283	TORFAEN	£5.50
284	CEREDIGION	£5.46
285	NEATH PORT TALBOT	£5.46
286	SALFORD	£5.46
287	ALLERDALE	£5.45
288	BARROW IN FURNESS	£5.40
289	CAERPHILLY	£5.40
290	CLYDEBANK	£5.40
291	DUN. & VALE OF LEVEN (X)	£5.40
292	ELLESMERE PORT	£5.40
293	MACCLESFIELD	£5.40
294	PERTH & KINROSS	£5.40
295	POWYS	£5.40
296	ROTHERHAM	£5.40
297	THANET	£5.40
298	WYCHAVON	£5.40
299	MANSFIELD	£5.35
300	INVERCLYDE	£5.34
301	CRAVEN (X)	£5.30

302	EAST RENFREW	£5.30	
303	FENLAND (X)	£5.30	
304	NORTH AYRSHIRE	£5.30	
305	REDDITCH	£5.30	
306	RIBBLE VALLEY	£5.30	
307	SOUTH KESTEVEN	£5.30	
308	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE	£5.30	
309	ST HELENS	£5.30	
310	VALE ROYAL	£5.30	
311	WIGAN	£5.30	
312	WY RE FOREST	£5.30	
313	BLABY	£5.24	↓ £0.06
314	AMBER VALLEY	£5.20	
315	BLAENAU GWENT	£5.20	
316	BOLTON	£5.20	
317	EAST RIDING	£5.20	
318	HALTON	£5.20	
319	HAMILTON (X)	£5.20	
320	KNOWSLEY	£5.20	

321	RHONDDA CYNON TAFF	£5.20	
322	STAFFS MOORLANDS	£5.20	
323	WAKEFIELD	£5.20	
324	CHORLEY	£5.10	
325	CONGLETON	£5.10	
326	GATESHEAD	£5.10	
327	SEFTON	£5.10	
328	SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE	£5.10	
329	COPELAND	£5.00	
330	EAST NORTHANTS	£5.00	
331	KIRKLEES	£5.00	
332	NORTH LANARKSHIRE	£5.00	
333	PETERBOROUGH	£5.00	
334	ROCHDALE	£5.00	
335	ROSSENDALE	£5.00	
336	SOUTH NORTHANTS	£5.00	
337	STOKE-ON-TRENT UA	£4.95	
338	CORBY	£4.90	
339	TELFORD & WREKIN	£4.90	

340	WELLINGBOROUGH	£4.90
341	WESTERN ISLES (X)	£4.85
342	ASHFIELD	£4.80
343	DERBYSHIRE DALES	£4.80
344	HARTLEPOOL	£4.80
345	HYNDBURN	£4.70
346	WEST LANCASHIRE	£4.70
347	BOLSOVER	£4.60
348	BURNLEY	£4.50
349	REDCAR & CLEVELAND	£4.50
350	STOCKTON ON TEES	£4.50
351	OADBY & WIGSTON	£4.40
352	PENDLE	£4.40
353	MIDDLESBROUGH	£4.30
354	MALDON	£0.00
355	RUTLAND	£0.00
356	SOUTH DERBYSHIRE	£0.00
357	SOUTH NORFOLK	£0.00
358	SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE	£0.00

359	WEST DEVON	£0.00
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**APPENDIX C: PROPOSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE  
LICENSING FEES 2022/23**

	<b>CURRENT FEES 2021/22</b>	<b>PROPOSED FEES 2022/23</b>
Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence (for 1 year)	<b>£72.00</b>	<b>£74.00</b>
Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence (for 3 years)	<b>£149.00</b>	<b>£153.00</b>
Additional driver's licence (adding a licence)	<b>£31.00</b>	<b>£32.00</b>
Hackney Carriage Knowledge Test & Re-test	<b>£59.00</b>	<b>£61.00</b>
Replacement badge / Licence	<b>£12.50</b>	<b>£13.00</b>
Vehicle Licence - New or Renewal (including vehicle plate) for 1 year	<b>£335 – New</b> <b>£300 - Renewal</b>	<b>£345.00 – New</b> <b>£305.00 - Renewal</b>
Vehicle Plate Internal / External	<b>£21.00</b>	<b>£22.00</b>
Transfer of Vehicle Licence (with or without vehicle plate)	<b>£35.00</b>	<b>£38.00</b>
<i>Vehicle Inspection - Test Fee (set by contract)</i>	<b>£32.00</b>	<b>£32.00</b>
<i>Vehicle Inspection - Missed Appointment (set by contract)</i>	<b>No Charge</b>	<b>No charge</b>
Private Hire Operators Licence - New or Renewal (for 5 years)	<b>1-3 vehicles : £143</b> <b>4-10 vehicles : £474</b> <b>11-20 vehicles : £947</b>	<b>1-3 vehicles : £147</b> <b>4-10 vehicles : £483</b> <b>11-20 vehicles : £960</b>
To increase number of vehicles licensed during duration of Operators Licence	<b>1-3 : £141.00</b> <b>4-10 : £328.00</b> <b>11-20 : £475.00</b>	<b>1-3 : £145.00</b> <b>4-10 : £334.00</b> <b>11-20 : £483.00</b>
Fee for Returned (Bounced) Cheques	<b>£17.50</b>	<b>£18.00</b>