

Agenda Item No: 5
Report To: **REGULATORY COMMITTEE**
Date of Meeting: 17 January 2023
Report Title: **HACKNEY FARE TARIFF REVIEW**
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Summary: A report to consider the maximum hackney carriage fare scale.

The decision, based on the information provided, shall be for the Committee to recommend to Council whether to amend the current maximum fare scale, and for that purpose whether to;

- decrease to the current tariffs
- make no change to the current tariffs
- increase to the current tariff

Key Decision: NO

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

Recommendations: **The Committee is recommended to:-**

- **Recommend to Council whether to implement a change to the hackney carriage fare scale, and if so the details of the recommended change.**

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, 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: The annual review of hackney tariffs, which forms part of council policy, is essential to ensure that fares are set at an appropriate and defensible level.
Text agreed by Principal Litigator on 3 Jan 2023

Even though an exceptional review was conducted mid-2022/23, it remains pragmatic to review those fares and trade consultation comments.

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.

Data Protection Impact Assessment: N/A

Risk Assessment (Risk Appetite Statement): 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.

Sustainability Implications: N/A

Other Material Implications: N/A

Exempt from Publication: NO

Background Papers: None

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HACKNEY FARE TARIFF REVIEW

Introduction and Background

1. The report presents the review of the hackney carriage fare scale and outlines the consultation with the trade on this matter.
2. This report asks for the Regulatory Committee to review the current fare scale, and if it is deemed appropriate, to recommend an updated fare scale for 2023/24 to Council, which may be one of the following options:
 - A decrease to the current tariffs
 - No change
 - An increase to the current tariffs
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 hackney carriage trade as opposed to the fees that are essentially the licence charges levied by the Borough Council.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Customers are therefore recommended to 'shop-around' to achieve value for money.
8. In January 2022, Members considered Ashford's fares relative to other areas, and the change in the respective costs, and recommended an increase of 3% to the fare scale which was effective on the 1 April 2022.
9. A further exceptional fare review was conducted in July 2022 due to significantly increased fuel alongside increases in other costs, and a further increase of 10% to the fare scale came into effect on the 15 August 2022.

Proposal

10. 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 commercial profitability in the face of increasing costs, while protecting the public from excessive fares.

11. Fare increases are implemented by changing the initial (drop) rate and subsequent yardage rate at which the fare increases (e.g. £2.90 for the first 465.5 yards or 148 seconds, and a subsequent rate of 20p for every 142.7 yards or 45.5 seconds).
12. The table below indicates the approximate cost of a journey for various distances on the basis of the current fare and examples of 2.5% and 5% decreases/increases.

Distance	5% decrease	2.5% decrease	Current rate	2.5% increase	5% increase
Initial drop rate	£2.90	£2.90	£2.90	£3.00	£3.00
2 mile	£7.10	£7.10	£7.30	£7.40	£7.60
5 mile	£14.10	£14.30	£14.70	£14.70	£15.40
10 mile	£25.90	£26.50	£27.10	£27.80	£28.40

13. Fare comparison

With regard to the current fees, the Private Hire and Taxi Monthly National Fare table (December 2022) Ashford at joint 59-65th highest in the country, out of a listed 320 local authorities.

When compared to July 2022 our fare scale was at joint 90-100th highest.

The current comparison with respects to the fares of other Kent boroughs and districts are;

2 Mile Fare	Borough
£8.70	Sevenoaks*
£8.40	Tonbridge & Malling*
£8.00	Tunbridge Wells
£8.00	Maidstone
£7.90	Swale
£7.40	Canterbury
£7.30	Dartford
£7.30	Ashford
£7.10	Dover
£7.00	Medway
£7.00	Gravesham
£6.60	Folkestone & Hythe
£6.21	Thanet

* From the Nov 2022 PHTM fare table

This compares with the fare table in July 2022 (prior to the exceptional fare increase of 10% in August 2022) whereby Ashford maintained a similar fare position within the county;

2 Mile Fare	Borough
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£8.00	Tunbridge Wells
£7.40	Maidstone
£7.30	Dartford
£7.10	Dover
£7.06	Sevenoaks
£7.00	Tonbridge & Malling
£6.80	Swale
£6.80	Gravesham
£6.70	Ashford
£6.60	Medway
£6.40	Canterbury
£6.21	Thanet
£6.20	Folkestone & Hythe

14. Fuel prices

As members will be aware, fuel prices have increased significantly since the outbreak of war in Ukraine, and remain relatively high.

According to the AA Fuel Price Index reports the South East's fuel prices were as below;

	Pence per litre	
2021	Petrol	Diesel
October	142.1	145.7
November	147.7	151.3
December	147.2	150.8
2022		
January	146.8	150.3
February	149.2	152.8
March	164.7	174.7
April	163.4	177.4
May	167.7	181.3
June	189.3	197.2
July	189.3	197.5
August	175.1	185.2
September	166.0	182.3
October	164.9	188.0
November	165.6	190.3

In order to assist the Committee, the following indicative comparison is shown to highlight the impact of the fuel price changes over a 10 mile fare (20 mile round trip assuming a return to a town centre hackney rank) in a typical diesel hackney vehicle averaging 35mpg or 7.7 miles per litre.

Additional fuel costs

July 2022 - Diesel at 197.5p per litre

November 2022 - Diesel at 190.3 per litre

Difference = -7.2 pence per litre or -3.6%

Over the 10 mile example fare (20 mile total distance)

July 2022 total fuel cost £5.13

November 2022 total fuel cost £4.94

Reduced fuel costs of £0.19

15. Inflation

According to the Office for National Statistics, the retail prices index increased 14% for the period between November 2021 and 2022.

RPI increased by 0.9% between quarter two (when the committee last met to determine fares) and quarter three of the 2022/23 financial year

16. Insurance

According to confused.com's car insurance price index – car insurance prices have increased £32.00 or 5.8% between quarter two (when the committee last met to determine fares) and quarter three of the 2022/23 financial year

Members may however wish to note that the figures stated are general to domestic car insurance premiums, rather than specialist private hire or hackney carriage insurance. No 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. Car prices

No new information has been provided by the trade with respects to changes in car prices since the July 2022 fare review.

18. Business rates

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. As such, it continues to appear appropriate to disregard business rates increase as an influence on the decision.

19. Maintenance costs

Research has highlighted that the last AA Motoring Costs Report available was 2014/2015. The Licensing team therefore remain open to suggestions of an alternative reputable source of data for vehicle running costs.

No information has been provided by the trade with respects to changes to these costs since the July 2022 fare review.

20. The above figures are indicative, and based solely on the evidence and information submitted to date. The above indicative figures do not include other potential costs associated with operating a hackney carriage business that have not been evidenced in detail, for example;
- Accountants fees
 - Licensing fees – see *Appendix C* for 2023/24 fees
 - Parking charges
 - Salary rises – to combat the increased cost of living
 - Other inflationary impacts

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, which consisted of an email to members of the trade via the Taxi Forum eNewsletter on the 31 October 2022 asking;

a) *What percentage change, if any, do you determine is necessary to ensure the commercial viability of the trade whilst protecting members of the public from excessive fares?*

b) *Please supply evidence to support b) above.*

** We would like to remind the trade that the Licensing team provide the Committee with headline cost changes based upon reliable data sources (such as the AA fuel price index, the Office for National Statistics, and car insurance premium indexes etc.). What information we do not have access to is what these increases mean to costs of operating a taxi over a typical 10 mile fare (for example). By supplying meaningful operating information such as this, it allows the Committee to see what the overall costs changes mean in practice and what change to the fares tariff may be justified. We cannot emphasise strongly enough that the Committee need to base their decision on evidence rather than just support of change, and therefore are reliant on the trade to engage in this process through the submission of evidence.*

Responses were requested to be submitted prior to 30 November 2022.

23. A follow up eNewsletter on the 15 October 2022 was sent to further encourage responses to the fares survey and call for evidence.

24. One response was received from the trade, who confirmed that they were not seeking any increase, or decrease, at this time.
25. This single response compares with 145 licensed hackney carriage drivers, as of 1 December 2022.

Other Options Considered

26. It is open to the Regulatory Committee to apply a change (or no change) to the fare rates, as they deem necessary to protect the public from excessive fares, whilst ensuring that the trade can continue to make reasonable profits as a commercial enterprise.

Reasons for Supporting Option Recommended

27. It is proposed that the Regulatory Committee recommend one of the following options, including a 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

28. 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 were received in response to this notice a further report would be required.
29. If the proposed fare scale is approved by council, and no objections are received to the public notice, the fare scale is proposed to take effect on 1 April 2023.

Conclusion

30. Members may additionally wish to take the following into account:
 - The evidence and engagement from the trade on this occasion was vanishingly small.
 - 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
 - 2022 – 3% increase
 - 2022 – 10% increase (July mid-year exceptional review)
- Members are asked to set maximum levels for fares, although drivers may charge less if they wish.
 - The setting of maximum fares are designed to protect the travelling public from excessive fares, and this process cannot be used to create 'affordable fares' for the public thus preventing hackney carriage drivers from making a reasonable commercial profit.

Portfolio Holder's Views

31. *“Whilst there have been some modest decreases in fuel prices since the last time the Regulatory Committee met to determine the maximum fare scale, other costs such as insurance and RPI have risen.*

It is my view that in line with the lack of request from the trade for any further increase, that no change to the fare scale takes place.

This will act to ensure the viability of the trade and to protect the public from potentially excessive fares.”

Councillor Paul Bartlett - Portfolio Holder for Safety and Wellbeing.

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APPENDIX A: Current fare table

APPENDIX B: Private Hire Monthly – National Fares Table

APPENDIX C: Taxi licensing fees

APPENDIX A: CURRENT FARE TABLE

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUTHORISED FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES 2022/23 (effective from 15 August 2022)

Fares for distance or time: Rate 1	£
If the distance does not exceed 465.50 yards, for the whole distance or for the first 148 seconds of waiting time	2.90
For each subsequent 142.7 yards or uncompleted part thereof	0.20
Or for each subsequent period of 45.5 seconds of waiting time or uncompleted part thereof	0.20
Fares for certain times and days: Rate 2	
a) For each hire commenced between 00:00 and 07:00	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
Note: When the holiday charge (b) or (c) is payable the Night Charge (a) is NOT payable.	

Guide to average expected fares;

2 miles - £7.30
 5 miles - £14.70
 10 miles - £27.10

**Complaints about this vehicle or driver
 should be made to the Licensing Authority;**
 Ashford Borough Council, Tannery Lane, TN23 1PL
licensing@ashford.gov.uk
 01233-331111

See overleaf for further fare details

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. 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.	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

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

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 Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL
licensing@ashford.gov.uk 01233-331111

See overleaf for further fare details

APPENDIX B: Private Hire Monthly – National Fares Table (December 2022)

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
1	FOREST OF DEAN	£8.13
2	BRENTWOOD	£8.10
3	BRIGHTON & HOVE	£8.10
4	SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE	£8.10
5	VALE OF WHITE HORSE	£8.10
6	BRECKLAND	£8.00
7	COVENTRY	£8.00
8	MAIDSTONE	£8.00
9	NOTTINGHAM	£8.00
10	RIBBLE VALLEY	£8.00
11	RUSHCLIFFE	£8.00
12	STROUD	£8.00
13	TORRIDGE	£8.00
14	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	£8.00
15	ISLE OF MAN	£7.90
16	RESTORMEL	£7.90
17	SWALE	£7.90
18	BRACKNELL FOREST	£7.80
19	HASTINGS	£7.80
20	PLYMOUTH	£7.80

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
21	SCARBOROUGH	£7.80
22	SURREY HEATH	£7.80
23	WAVERLEY	£7.80
24	CHELMSFORD	£7.70
25	DACORUM	£7.70
26	GUERNSEY	£7.70
27	SWINDON	£7.70
28	WEALDON	£7.70
29	WILTSHIRE	£7.68
30	SHETLAND ISLES	£7.62
31	BASINGSTOKE & DEANE	£7.60
32	CHELTENHAM	£7.60
33	EAST AYRSHIRE	£7.60
34	KERRIER	£7.60
35	MONMOUTHSHIRE	£7.60
36	OXFORD CITY	£7.60
37	RUSHMOOR	£7.60
38	SOUTH SOMERSET	£7.60
39	SOUTHAMPTON	£7.60
40	TEST VALLEY	£7.60

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
41	WINCHESTER	£7.60
42	TORBAY	£7.51
43	CARDIFF	£7.50
44	CHESTER	£7.50
45	MILTON KEYNES	£7.50
46	NORTH HERTS	£7.50
47	BIRMINGHAM	£7.40
48	CANTERBURY	£7.40
49	EAST HAMPSHIRE	£7.40
50	EASTLEIGH	£7.40
51	HARROGATE	£7.40
52	LEICESTER	£7.40
53	LEWES	£7.40
54	SOUTH AYRSHIRE	£7.40
55	TEWKESBURY	£7.40
56	WEST BERKSHIRE	£7.40
57	WEST OXFORD	£7.40
58	NEW FOREST	£7.35
59	ASHFORD	£7.30
60	CAMBRIDGE CITY	£7.30

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
61	DARTFORD	£7.30
62	NORTH DEVON	£7.30
63	SHROPSHIRE	£7.30
64	SOUTH CAMBRIDGE	£7.30
65	WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	£7.30
66	TEIGNBRIDGE	£7.26
67	ARUN	£7.20
68	BATH & N. E. SOMERSET	£7.20
69	DERBY	£7.20
70	DORSET	£7.20
71	GOSPORT	£7.20
72	HARLOW	£7.20
73	NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE	£7.20
74	PORTSMOUTH UA	£7.20
75	REIGATE & BANSTEAD	£7.20
76	ROTHER	£7.20
77	SELBY	£7.20
78	SLOUGH	£7.20
79	SOUTH GLOUCESTER	£7.20

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
80	TANDRIDGE	£7.20
81	WEST NORTHANTS	£7.20
82	WEST SUFFOLK	£7.20
83	YORK	£7.20
84	EAST DEVON	£7.15
85	TAMWORTH	£7.14
86	ARGYLL & BUTE	£7.13
87	COTSWOLD	£7.10
88	CRAWLEY	£7.10
89	DOVER	£7.10
90	ISLE OF WIGHT	£7.10
91	MENDIP	£7.10
92	MOLE VALLEY	£7.10
93	OLDHAM	£7.10
94	PENWITH	£7.10
95	RUGBY	£7.10
96	RUNNYMEDE	£7.10
97	WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD	£7.10
98	HARBOROUGH	£7.09
99	BRISTOL	£7.00

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
100	BROMSGROVE	£7.00
101	CARMARTHENSHIRE	£7.00
102	CHICHESTER	£7.00
103	EAST LoTHIAN	£7.00
104	EDINBURGH	£7.00
105	GRAVESHAM	£7.00
106	HAMBLETON	£7.00
107	HERTSMERE	£7.00
108	KINGS LYNN & WEST NORFOLK	£7.00
109	MACCLESFIELD	£7.00
110	MANCHESTER	£7.00
111	MEDWAY	£7.00
112	NEWPORT	£7.00
113	PEMBROKESHIRE	£7.00
114	SWANSEA	£7.00
115	WELWYN HATFIELD	£7.00
116	WESTERN ISLES	£7.00
117	CRAVEN	£6.99
118	SANDWELL	£6.92

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
119	BURY	£6.90
120	COLCHESTER	£6.90
121	EASTBOURNE	£6.90
122	LEEDS	£6.90
123	WORCESTER CITY	£6.90
124	ADUR	£6.80
125	AMBER VALLEY	£6.80
126	BEDFORD	£6.80
127	BOSTON	£6.80
128	BRIDGEND	£6.80
129	BROXTOWE	£6.80
130	CARADON	£6.80
131	CEREDIGION	£6.80
132	EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE	£6.80
133	EAST LINDSEY	£6.80
134	FIFE	£6.80
135	GLASGOW	£6.80
136	GLOUCESTER	£6.80
137	KINGSTON-UPON-HULL	£6.80
138	MID DEVON	£6.80

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
139	NORTH KESTEVEN	£6.80
140	NORTH NORTHANTS	£6.80
141	NORTH WARWICK	£6.80
142	S. LANARKSHIRE (CAMBUS/R'GLEN)	£6.80
143	SEDGEMOOR	£6.80
144	SOMERSET WEST & TAUNTON	£6.80
145	TENDRING	£6.80
146	TRAFFORD	£6.80
147	VALE OF GLAMORGAN	£6.80
148	WEST LOTHIAN	£6.80
149	WIRRAL	£6.80
150	WOLVERHAMPTON	£6.80
151	CHARNWOOD	£6.75
152	NUNEATON & BEDWORTH	£6.75
153	MALVERN HILLS	£6.72
154	ANGUS	£6.70
155	BLABY	£6.70
156	BRAINTREE	£6.70
157	CONGLETON	£6.70

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
158	EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE	£6.70
159	FYLDE	£6.70
160	NORTH SOMERSET	£6.70
161	NORTH TYNESIDE	£6.70
162	SHEFFIELD	£6.70
163	SOUTH LAKELAND	£6.70
164	THREE RIVERS	£6.70
165	SOUTH HAMS	£6.66
166	CANNOCK CHASE	£6.60
167	CARLISLE	£6.60
168	CONWY	£6.60
169	DUDLEY	£6.60
170	EDEN	£6.60
171	EXETER	£6.60
172	FAREHAM	£6.60
173	FOLKESTONE & HYTHE	£6.60
174	HAVANT	£6.60
175	HIGH PEAK	£6.60
176	MORAY	£6.60
177	NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE	£6.60

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
178	NORWICH	£6.60
179	ROCHFORD	£6.60
180	SOUTH TYNESIDE	£6.60
181	STRATFORD ON AVON	£6.60
182	WAKEFIELD	£6.60
183	IPSWICH	£6.55
184	BARROW IN FURNESS	£6.50
185	BASSETLAW	£6.50
186	CALDERDALE	£6.50
187	DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL	£6.50
188	EREWASH	£6.50
189	LIVERPOOL	£6.50
190	LUTON	£6.50
191	ORKNEY	£6.50
192	STAFFORD	£6.50
193	CHESTERFIELD	£6.45
194	HYNDBURN	£6.42
195	BASILDON	£6.40
196	BLAENAU GWENT	£6.40
197	CASTLE POINT	£6.40

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
198	COUNTY OF HEREFORD	£6.40
199	CREWE & NANTWICH	£6.40
200	DERBYSHIRE DALES	£6.40
201	EAST RENFREW	£6.40
202	HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH	£6.40
203	MELTON	£6.40
204	MID SUFFOLK	£6.40
205	RICHMONDSHIRE	£6.40
206	SOUTHEND ON SEA	£6.40
207	TAMESIDE	£6.40
208	WEST LINDSEY	£6.40
209	WOKING	£6.40
210	WYRE	£6.38
211	PERTH & KINROSS	£6.33
212	NEWARK & SHERWOOD	£6.32
213	BLACKBURN	£6.30
214	CLYDEBANK	£6.30
215	DARLINGTON	£6.30
216	SOUTH HOLLAND	£6.30
217	SOUTH RIBBLE	£6.30

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
218	DUNDEE CITY	£6.28
219	BABERGH	£6.26
220	REDDITCH	£6.25
221	MIDLOTHIAN	£6.22
222	THANET	£6.21
223	CHORLEY	£6.20
224	COPELAND	£6.20
225	EAST SUFFOLK (SOUTH)	£6.20
226	FALKIRK	£6.20
227	FENLAND	£6.20
228	HORSHAM	£6.20
229	NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE	£6.20
230	NORTHUMBERLAND	£6.20
231	SOLIHULL	£6.20
232	SPELTHORNE	£6.20
233	ST ALBANS	£6.20
234	SUNDERLAND	£6.20
235	WYCHAVON	£6.20
236	RENFREWSHIRE	£6.15
237	WYRE FOREST	£6.14

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
238	CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE	£6.13
239	ABERDEENSHIRE	£6.10
240	BRADFORD	£6.10
241	CLACKMANNAN	£6.10
242	ELMBRIDGE	£6.10
243	SCOTTISH BORDERS	£6.05
244	ABERDEEN CITY	£6.00
245	ALLERDALE	£6.00
246	BLACKPOOL	£6.00
247	BOLTON	£6.00
248	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	£6.00
249	DENBIGHSHIRE	£6.00
250	DUMBARTON & VALE OF LEVEN	£6.00
251	EAST STAFFORDSHIRE	£6.00
252	GATESHEAD	£6.00
253	GWYNEDD	£6.00
254	KIRKLEES	£6.00
255	KNOWSLEY	£6.00
256	LANCASTER	£6.00

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
257	NORTH WEST LEICESTER	£6.00
258	PETERBOROUGH	£6.00
259	POWYS	£6.00
260	PRESTON	£6.00
261	ROTHERHAM	£6.00
262	RYEDALE	£6.00
263	S. LANARKSHIRE (E. KILBRIDE)	£6.00
264	SALFORD	£6.00
265	STOCKPORT	£6.00
266	TELFORD & WREKIN	£6.00
267	THURROCK	£6.00
268	WARWICK	£6.00
269	STOKE-ON-TRENT UA	£5.90
270	VALE ROYAL	£5.90
271	WALSALL	£5.90
272	EAST RIDING	£5.85
273	BARNSELY	£5.80
274	FLINTSHIRE	£5.80
275	HALTON	£5.80

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
276	HIGHLAND	£5.80
277	LICHFIELD	£5.80
278	MERTHYR TYDFIL	£5.80
279	NEATH PORT TALBOT	£5.80
280	NORTH NORFOLK	£5.80
281	NORTHERN IRELAND	£5.80
282	RHONDDA CYNON TAFF	£5.80
283	S. LANARKSHIRE (CLYDESDALE)	£5.80
284	SEFTON	£5.80
285	WIGAN	£5.80
286	YNS MON	£5.80
287	DONCASTER	£5.75
288	NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE	£5.75
289	CAERPHILLY	£5.70
290	GEDLING	£5.70
291	ST HELENS	£5.70
292	STIRLING	£5.70
293	WARRINGTON	£5.70
294	ASHFIELD	£5.60

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
295	NORTH LANARKSHIRE	£5.60
296	S.LANARKSHIRE (HAMILTON)	£5.60
297	WREXHAM	£5.60
298	CHERWELL	£5.56
299	NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	£5.55
300	INVERCLYDE	£5.54
301	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY	£5.50
302	EPPING FOREST	£5.50
303	REDCAR & CLEVELAND	£5.50
304	ROCHDALE	£5.50
305	TORFAEN	£5.50
306	ELLESMERE PORT	£5.40
307	HARTLEPOOL	£5.40
308	MANSFIELD	£5.35
309	NORTH AYRSHIRE	£5.30
310	SOUTH KESTEVEN	£5.30
311	STAFFS MOORLANDS	£5.20
312	WEST LANCASHIRE	£5.20
313	SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE	£5.10

NO.	COUNCIL	2 ML. FARE
314	STOCKTON ON TEES	£5.10
315	BURNLEY	£5.00
316	ROSSENDALE	£5.00
317	MIDDLESBROUGH	£4.90
318	BOLSOVER	£4.60
319	OADBY & WIGSTON	£4.40
320	PENDLE	£4.40

**APPENDIX C: HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING FEES
2023/24**

	PROPOSED FEES 2023/24
Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence (for 1 year)	£92.00
Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence (for 3 years)	£190.00
Additional driver's licence (adding a licence)	£37.00
Hackney Carriage Knowledge Test & Re-test	£71.00
Replacement badge / Licence	£15.00
Vehicle Licence - New or Renewal (including plate) for 1 year	£346.00 New £305.00 Renewal
Vehicle Plate Internal / External	£26.00
Transfer of Vehicle Licence (with or without vehicle plate)	£46.00
<i>Vehicle Inspection - Test Fee (set by contract)</i>	£32.00
<i>Vehicle Inspection - Missed Appointment (set by contract)</i>	No charge
Private Hire Operators Licence - New or Renewal (for 5 years)	1-3 vehicles : £200 4-10 vehicles : £590 11-20 vehicles : £1114
To increase number of vehicles licensed during duration of Operators Licence	1-3 : £200.00 4-10 : £415.00 11-20 : £560.00
Fee for Returned (Bounced) Cheques	£22.00