

Report of the Chief Executive

<p>PROPOSAL FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES INCREASE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976</p>

1. Purpose of Report

To consider a proposal to increase hackney carriage fares from 1 July 2022.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- 1. Consider the proposed increases and RESOLVE accordingly**
- 2. RESOLVE to advertise any proposed increase in hackney carriage fare rates as detailed below**

3. Detail

The present fees were last increased on 1 May 2019. The matter has been raised by members of the “Taxi” trade and as in the past, it was decided to consult directly with the drivers and four options were offered.

The proposals are outlined below together with a summary of the responses from the driver consultation which closed on 21 May 2022.

The Committee is asked to consider which one should be accepted. Any proposed increase is subject to public consultation under section 65(2) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and must be published in a newspaper with a 14-day period for representations to be made. Any relevant representations will be reported to committee for consideration prior to implementation

For reference purposes the Consumer Price Index (CPI) shows a 9% increase in 12 months from April 2021. The CPI 12-month increase for motor fuels for the same period is 31.4%

146 hackney carriage/private hire drivers were consulted between 3 and 21 May. 35 responses were received.

The proposed fee table is attached as appendix 1.

The neighbouring authority fares is attached as appendix 2.

A breakdown of the responses is attached at appendix 3.

4. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the Council in responding to the consultation. Whilst there may be a future financial impact depending upon any changes made to the Taxi Policy in future, these would potentially be recouped through increased charges.

5. Legal Implications

The amendments to hackney carriage fares must be carried out in accordance with the statutory requirements set out in Section 65 the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 as set out in body of the report.

6. Background Papers

Nil

APPENDIX 1

Proposed Fee Table

Current Fees (from 1 June 2015)	Option A Current	Option B	Option C	Option D
First 880 yards	3.00 (880 yd)	3.50 (880 yd)	3.00 (880 yd)	3.50 (880 yd)
Subsequent yards	0.10 (88 yd)	0.10 (88 yd)	0.10 (80 yd)	0.10 (80 yd)
(1 Mile 1760 yards)	4.00	4.50	4.10	4.60
Thereafter each 88/80 yards	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10 (80yd)
(each mile)	2.00	2.00	2.20	2.20
each 20 sec waiting time	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Surcharges				
Journey made 12.00 midnight to 6.00am per hiring excluding Christmas and New Year periods	1¼ times normal rate	1¼ times normal rate	1¼ times normal rate	1¼ times normal rate
All statutory Bank Holidays except Christmas and New Year periods From 6.00am till 6.00am the following day	1¼ times normal rate	1¼ times normal rate	1¼ times normal rate	1¼ times normal rate
Christmas period from 6.00pm 24 December to 6.00am 27 December New Year period from 6.00pm 31 December to 6.00am 2 January	2 times normal rate	2 times normal rate	2 times normal rate	2 times normal rate
Vehicles licensed to carry 5 or more passengers (When carrying 5 or more passengers)				
Journey made between 6.01am and 11.59pm	1½ times normal rate	1½ times normal rate	1½ times normal rate	1½ times normal rate
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Soiling Charge	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
First Mile (% increase)	4.00	4.50	4.10	4.60

		(12.5%)	(2.5%)	(15.0%)
Two Miles (% increase)	6.00	6.50 (8.3%)	6.30 (5.0%)	6.80 (13.3%)
Five Miles (% increase)	12.00	12.50 (4.2%)	12.90 (7.5%)	13.40 (11.6%)
Ten Miles (% increase)	22.00	22.50 (2.3%)	23.90 (8.6%)	24.40 (10.9%)

Option A: No change

Option B: £0.50 increase on first 880 yds only

Option C: No increase on first 880 yds but reduction to 80 yds for each following increment.

Option 4: £0.50 increase on first 880 yds but reduction to 80 yds for each following increment.

Neighbouring Authority Metered Fees for Two Mile Journey

Erewash	£5.50
Rushcliffe	£5.60
Gedling	£5.70
Mansfield	£5.35
Amber Valley	£5.20

Consultation Responses

Option A	7
Option B	2
Option C	4
Option D	22