

Report of the Chief Executive

**PROPOSAL FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES INCREASE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976**1. Purpose of report

To consider a proposal to increase hackney carriage fare rates from 1 May 2019.

2. Background

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 gives local authorities the power to fix hackney carriage rates in the borough.

3. Detail

The present fees were last increased on 1 June 2015. 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 in appendix 1 and a summary of the responses from the driver consultation which closed on 28 January 2019 will be advised at the Committee meeting. 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 6% increase from January 2015 to December 2018. However the CPI increase for fuel for the same period is 12.3%.

A table showing the percentage increase for each proposal together with current fares from neighbouring local authorities is contained within the appendix.

4. Financial implications

The Council is required to advertise the proposed fee increase at an approximate cost of £500 which is contained within existing budgets.

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 in the report.**

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX 1

Fare Proposals (£)

Current Fees (from 1 June 2015)	Option 1 Current	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
First 880 yards	2.50 (880 yd)	3.00 (880 yd)	2.80 (880 yd)	2.50 (880 yd)
Subsequent 88 yards	0.10 (88 yd)	0.10 (88 yd)	0.10 (88 yd)	0.10 (80 yd)
(1 Mile /1609 metres approx)	3.50	4.00	3.80	3.60
Thereafter each 88 yards	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10 (80yd)
(each mile/1609 metres approx)	2.00	2.00	2.00	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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Christmas period from 6.00am 24 December to 6.00am 27 December New Year period from 6.00am 31 December to 6.00am 2 January	2 times normal rate	2 times normal rate	2 times normal rate	2 times normal rate
Soiling Charge	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
First Mile (% increase)	3.50	4.00 (14.3%)	3.80 (8.6%)	3.60 (2.9%)
Two Miles (% increase)	5.50	6.00 (9.1%)	5.80 (5.5%)	5.80 (5.5%)
Five Miles (% increase)	11.50	12.00 (4.3%)	11.80 (2.6%)	12.40 (7.8%)
Ten Miles (% increase)	21.50	22.00 (2.3%)	21.80 (1.4%)	23.40 (8.8%)

Option 1: No change

Option 2: £0.50 increase on first 880 yds only

Option 3: £0.30 increase on first 880 yds only

Option 4: No increase in first 880 yds but reduction to 80 yds for each following increment.

Neighbouring Authority Fares (£)
(Year of last change to fare in brackets)

Authority	Initial	1 Mile	2 Miles	5 Miles	10 Miles
Ashfield (2014)	3.00 (1 Mile)	3.00	4.80	7.23	19.20
Erewash (2016)	3.50 (1 Mile)	3.50	5.50	11.50	21.50
Rushcliffe (2013)	2.00 (165 Metres)	3.54	5.55	11.58	21.63
Amber Valley (2014)	3.00 (1 Mile)	3.00	5.10	11.40	21.90
Mansfield (2011)	2.50 (880 yds)	3.25	4.75	9.25	16.75
Gedling (2011)	3.10 (1.5 K)	3.23	5.32	11.59	22.04
Nottingham City (2018)	2.00 (110 mtr)	4.68 (1609 mtr)	6.80 3218 (mtr)	12.55 (8045 mtr)	22.44 (16090 mtr)

NOTE: Fares should legally be set in imperial rather than metric units.
Units of Measurement Regulations 1995 Reg 5(2).