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The Chair and Members of Appeals  
and Regulatory Committee

2 March 2022

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the APPEALS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE to be held on WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH 2022 at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Chesterfield, the agenda for which is set out below.

AGENDA

Part 1(Public Information)

1. Declarations of Members' and Officers' Interests relating to items on the agenda
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes (Pages 3 - 6)
4. Review of Licence and Registration Fees 2022/23 (A000) (Pages 7 - 18)
5. Increase in Hackney Meter Tariffs (A410) (Pages 19 - 26)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Sandy".

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## APPEALS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 15th December, 2021

Present:-

Councillor A Murphy (Chair)

Councillors Perkins  
Bellamy  
Bingham  
Flood

Councillors Rayner  
Redihough  
Rogers

\*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

**51 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

**52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors P Innes, Miles, S Niblock and Perry.

**53 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Appeals and Regulatory Committee held on 3 November, 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**54 PROGRAMME OF STREET COLLECTIONS 2021 FOR 2022 COLLECTIONS**

The Licensing Officer presented a report to determine the programme of street collections for 2022, including a provisional programme of collections, a brief summary of the nature of each charity and details of collections held in previous years.

**\*RESOLVED –**

That the programme of street collections for 2022 be determined as follows:

1 February	RSPCA
5 March	RSPCA
24 March	Cancer Research UK Barnsley
28 April	Cancer Research UK Barnsley
30 April	RSPCA
12 May	Cancer Research UK Barnsley
21 May	RSPCA
26 May	Cancer Research UK Barnsley
9 June	Cancer Research UK Barnsley
30 June	RSPCA
28 July	Cancer Research UK Barnsley
30 July	RSPCA
4 August	Cancer Research UK Barnsley
3 September	RSPCA
22 September	Cancer Research UK Barnsley
13 October	Cancer Research UK Barnsley
20 October	RSPCA
12 November	RSPCA
19 November	Edale Mountain Rescue Team

1 December	Cancer Research UK Barnsley
10 December	RSPCA
15 December	Cancer Research UK Barnsley
17 December	RSPCA

**55** **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY -  
CCTV**

The Licensing Manager presented a report on the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy – CCTV and sought approval to commence consultation on its content.

In July 2020 the government published its document Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards, attached at Appendix A of the officer's report, which included guidance on the implementation of CCTV in taxis and private hire vehicles. The Standards document requires Licensing Authorities to consider the installation of CCTV matter and consult on it.

**\*RESOLVED –**

1. That consultation be authorised to ascertain the views of the trade and other consultees on whether or not there should be implementation of CCTV in taxis and private hire vehicles.
2. That the design of the consultation be brought back to a future meeting of the Appeals and Regulatory Committee for approval.

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## FOR PUBLICATION

### REVIEW OF LICENCE AND REGISTRATION FEES 2022/23 (A000)

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MEETING: APPEALS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

DATE: 9 MARCH 2022

REPORT BY: LICENSING MANAGER

WARDS: ALL

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#### 1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To report on four representations made during the consultation on a proposal to increase taxi fees and charges from 1 April 2022.

#### 2.0 **BACKGROUND**

2.1 The committee considered a report on increased fees and charges for several regulatory areas on 3 November 2021 and approved a 5% increase from 1 April 2022. A copy of that report is attached as Appendix 1.

2.2 To facilitate the increase for the taxi trade, the proposed fees and charges had to be advertised and consulted on. The consultation ended on 26 February 2022 and four representations were made.

2.3 The representations are reproduced in full at Appendix 2, essentially arguing against the increase in fees at a time of prices increasing the common theme being it is inappropriate to increase fees and charges when many other living costs are also going up.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 A 5% increase will enable the council to provide these services as close to cost neutral as possible.

### **4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 Approval is given to a 5% increase in taxi fees and charges from 1 April 2022.



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**REVIEW OF LICENCE AND REGISTRATION FEES 2022/23**

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MEETING: APPEALS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

DATE: 3 NOVEMBER 2021

REPORT BY: LICENSING MANAGER

WARDS: ALL

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1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval for revised licence and registration fees for 2022/23.

2.0 **BACKGROUND**

3.1 In accordance with the Council's financial regulations it is necessary for all fees to be annually reviewed.

3.2 The services relate to the regulation, control and administration of the following areas:

- Private Hire and Hackney Carriage fees;
- Scrap Metal collectors and sites;
- Miscellaneous licensing fees.

3.3 Fees for the Licensing Act 2003 are set nationally and cannot be altered by the Council.

3.4 Fees under the Gambling Act and for sexual entertainment venues are considered by the Licensing committee.

3.5 Members are reminded that these are statutory services and as such are not subject to market forces. The Council has discretion about the setting of fees.

### 3.0 **SCOPE**

3.1 Council policy is to request an increase of 3%, but a 5% increase is required for all fees and charges in the current circumstances. A summary of proposed fees is provided at Appendix A which sets out the fees and charges that were agreed in 2021/22 and the proposed increase; the figures have been rounded up or down to assist with cash handling.

3.2 At present these budgets have averaged out to the point where there is a slight deficit on the taxi budget and no material subsidy either way on the others. A 5% increase will maintain that position.

### 4.0 **EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS**

4.1 In December 2019 members decided to retain the limit of 110 hackney carriages. The committee also decided to commission another unmet demand survey in 2022, the survey to be funded by hackney carriage licence holders, for which licence holders are charged £10 at each six-month renewal.

4.2 The consumable licensing items are subject to price changes by our supplier. Appendix A shows the costs recharged on the current stock but prices will be adjusted when suppliers alter the costs to us.

4.3 Appendix B shows the comparison of taxi and private hire fees within Derbyshire but does not indicate what increase, if any, those authorities are proposing.

## 5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 A 5% increase will enable the council to provide these services as close to cost neutral as possible.

## 6.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 Approval is given to a 5% increase in fees and charges from 1 April 2021.

<b>DRIVERS</b>			
<b>Licence type</b>	<b>Current fee</b>	<b>With 5% increase (rounded)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Application	217	228	
Renewal	217	228	
Application pack	68	71	
Knowledge test	52	55	
DBS disclosure	28	29	
Badge holder	4	4	At cost from supplier
Replacement badge	4	4	At cost from supplier
Lanyard	1	1	At cost from supplier
Dashboard badge holder	1	1	At cost from supplier
<b>VEHICLE</b>			
New application - Private Hire	155	163	
New Application - Hackney Carriage	155	163	No new applications anticipated due to limit set on hackney licences
Vehicle change	40	42	
Vehicle detail change	35	37	
Hackney survey fee	10	10	Tri-annual survey paid on licence renewal.
Renewal Private Hire	108	113	
Hackney Renewal	108	113	
Executive hire new application	70	72	
Executive hire renewal	63	66	
Front plate	9	9	At cost from supplier
Rear plate	9	9	At cost from supplier
Transfer	14	15	
Change of details	14	15	
Duplicates	1	1	Reduction in fee
<b>OTHER</b>			

Flexi plate front	3	3	At cost from supplier
Flexi-plate rear	5	5	At cost from supplier
<b>Licence type</b>	<b>Current fee</b>	<b>Rounded fee +5%</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Key/button set	2	2	At cost from supplier
Extension brackets	8	8	At cost from supplier
Q/L pouch	2	2	At cost from supplier
Back rear bracket	7	7	At cost from supplier
Back rear bracket kit	2	2	At cost from supplier
2XQ/L replacements	2	2	At cost from supplier
Dash pouch	2	2	At cost from supplier
Dash card	2	2	At cost from supplier
ABO signs	5	5	At cost from supplier
Security key	25p	25p	At cost from supplier
High bond pad	2	2	At cost from supplier
<b>OPERATORS</b>			
<b>Fee</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>715</b>	5 year licence
plus per vehicle	30	32	
vehicle test	60	60	Not CBC income
Retest – within 10 days	15	15	Not CBC income
Retest – after 10 days	35	35	Not CBC income
Limousine test	25	25	Not CBC income
<b>Scrap Metal</b>			
	<b>Current fee</b>	<b>Rounded fee for +5%</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Licence Type</b>			
Site licence (3 yearly licence)	<b>450</b>	<b>473</b>	
Collectors licence (3 yearly licence)	<b>188</b>	<b>197</b>	
Addition of new site	<b>225</b>	<b>236</b>	
Change of site manager	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	

Add person to a site licence who has not previously been checked.	73	77	
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Appendix B

2022-23: Comparison of proposed fees with other Derbyshire authorities.

At the time of writing it is not known if other authorities plan to increase their fees.

Authority	Private Hire / Hackney Drivers Licence 3 years	Hackney Vehicle Licence	Private Hire Vehicle Licence
Amber Valley	£223	£338 (renewal) – 1 year £409 (new) – 1 year	£293.50 (renewal) – 1 year £409 (new) – 1 year
Bolsover	£180	£ 92 – 6 months	£92 – 6 months
<b>Chesterfield</b>	<b>£217</b>	<b>£155 new, £108 renewal 6 monthly</b>	<b>£155 new, £108 renewal 6 monthly</b>
Derby City	£289	£169 new & renewal – 12 months (Vehicles over 5 years old to be licensed every 6 months)	£83 new & renewal – 12 months (Vehicles over 5 years old to be licensed every 6 months)
Derbyshire Dales	£189	£351 – 12 months Includes annual & 6 monthly inspection	£351 – 12 months Includes annual & 6 monthly inspection
Erewash	£203	£325 – 12 months (includes 2 vehicle inspections per year) £260 – 12 months for low emission vehicle	£325 – 12 months (includes 2 vehicle inspections per year) £260 – 12 months for low emission vehicle
High Peak	£225	£180 – 12 months	£180 - 12 months
North East	£180	£92 - 6 months	£92 – 6 months

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## 1) From Waseem Ahmed

As a licensed driver of Chesterfield Borough Council I strongly oppose the proposal of increase of fee. Most important reasons are as follow

- sharp increase in fuel prices
- unbelievable increase in energy prices
- increase in cost of maintenance and repair of vehicle
- overall inflation.

Due to above mentioned and many other factors, I really believe that increase in fee will hardly harm us and definitely cause more difficulties to already suppress taxi drivers. I hope you will consider my request not to increase the fee.

## 2) From Muhammad Tanveer

I as a licensed driver of chesterfield borough council respectfully and strongly oppose the proposal of increase of fee. The most important reasons are as:

- sharp increase in fuel prices
- unbelievable increase in energy prices
- increase in cost of maintenance and repair of vehicle
- overall inflation

Due to above mentioned and money other factors , I really believe increase in fee would do no favor but definitely cause More difficulties to already suppressing taxi drivers.

## 3) From Shazhdad Fareed

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- sharp increase in fuel prices
- unbelievable increase in energy prices
- increase in cost of maintenance and repair of vehicle
- overall inflation.

Due to above mentioned and money other factors, I really believe increase in fee would do no favour but definitely cause more difficulties to already suppressing taxi drivers.

## 4) From Gary Foster

It's a joke, business is very poor at the moment and you still want to put prices up, it will back fire when folk cannot afford it and you get no money at all.

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## FOR PUBLICATION

### APPLICATION TO INCREASE THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES (TARIFF) (A410)

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Meeting: APPEALS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Date: 9 MARCH 2022

Cabinet Portfolio: HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Report by: LICENSING MANAGER

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### **For publication**

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#### 1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To propose an increase in the tariff charged by the council's Hackney Carriage Table of Fares ; this follows a request by representatives from the hackney carriage trade.

#### 2.0 **BACKGROUND**

2.1 A local authority may fix the fares for Hackney Carriages within its area for time as well as distance under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Part II.

2.2 A local authority has no power to set the fares charged by private hire drivers or operators.

2.3 Hackney fares were last increased in April 2012; this request asks for an increase of around 10%, or 2% per year.

Current Fares	Proposed Fares
Tariff One Between 06.00 – 22.59 daily	Tariff One Between 06.00 – 22.59 daily
First $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 4 Minutes: £2.30	First $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 4 Minutes: £2.55
For each succeeding $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both: £0.23	For each succeeding $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both: £0.26
Tariff Two Between 23.00-05.59 daily, Sundays, Statutory and Bank Holidays excluding Christmas and New year as displayed in tariff 3.	Tariff Two Between 23.00-05.59 daily, Sundays, Statutory and Bank Holidays excluding Christmas and New year as displayed in tariff 3.
First $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 4 Minutes: £2.80	First $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 4 Minutes: £3.08
For each succeeding $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both: £0.28	For each succeeding $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both: £0.31
Tariff Three Between 18.00 on 24 December to 05.59 on 26 December; and 18.00 on 31 Decemner-05.59 on 2 January.	Tariff Three Between 18.00 on 24 December to 05.59 on 26 December; and 18.00 on 31 Decemner-05.59 on 2 January.
First $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 4 Minutes: £3.80	First $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 4 Minutes: £4.18
For each succeeding $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both: £0.38	For each succeeding $\frac{1}{8}$ mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both: £0.42

- 2.4 Should an increase in fares be approved it would be subject to consultation giving a period of 14 days for objections. If any objections are made then the committee will have to consider them at a further meeting. If there were no objections received then the increase in fares would take effect on the date of expiration of the period specified in the notice as advertised.
- 2.5 A proposed New Table of Fares is attached at Appendix A and a chart showing the impact of the fare increase over journeys of 3, 5 and 10 miles is at Appendix B.
- 2.6 The tariff was last increased in 2017, this increase asks for a rise of 10%, or 2% per year. The soiling charge has not been increased since 2008.
- 2.7 If possible, the hackney trade would like the new tariffs to be in place by April 2022.

### **3.0 ATTENDANCE BY APPLICANT**

- 3.1 Mr Chris Brown, who speaks on behalf of the trade, has been invited to attend this meeting in support of the application.

### **4.0 CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING THE APPLICATION**

- 4.1 Trade members may consider that the Council are denying the opportunity to maintain living standards resulting in a deterioration of relationships of the Council and possibility of a legal challenge.
- 4.1 The proposal that has been made is to ensure that licensed Hackney Carriage owners and drivers are able to support their businesses and to maintain vehicles to a roadworthy and acceptable standard but at the same time could result in fewer members of the public being able to afford to travel in a Hackney Carriage and opt for cheaper alternatives.

## **5 RECOMMENDATION.**

5.1 The proposed increase in the hackney tariff is approved.

For more information on this report please contact the author,

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# Hackney Carriage Table of Fares

Applies to all journeys within the Borough Boundary and to journeys outside the Borough Boundary unless agreed otherwise between driver and hirer prior to the hiring

## Sheffield Clean air Zone

For a hiring that at any point enters the area covered by the Sheffield City Council clean air zone. This charge is in addition to the metered fare. **£10.00**

### TARIFF 1

**For hiring commenced between the hours 06.00-22.59 daily**

For the first 1/8 mile, 220 yards or 4 minutes **£2.56**  
For each succeeding 1/8 mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds thereafter or a combination of both. **£0.26**

### TARIFF 2

**For hiring commenced between 23.00-05.59 daily, Sundays, Statutory Holidays and Bank Holidays excluding Christmas and New Year as in Tariff 3**

For the first 1/8 mile, 220 yards or 4 minutes **£3.08**  
For each succeeding 1/8 mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds thereafter or a combination of both. **£0.31**

### TARIFF 3

**For hiring commenced between the hours 18.00 on 24 December to 05.59 on 26 December and 18.00 on 31 December to 05.59 on 2 January**

For the first 1/8 mile, 220 yards or 4 minutes **£4.18**  
For each succeeding 1/8 mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds thereafter or a combination of both **£0.42**

### SOILING CHARGE

To cover cleaning and loss of income, where the interior of the vehicle is soiled (at the discretion of the driver) not exceeding

**£70.00**

### UP-FRONT PAYMENTS

Drivers may ask you to pay an estimated fare/deposit up-front if you do not agree you may be refused carriage



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### CONTACTS

Customer Service Section, Customer Service Centre,  
01246 230) giving the number of the Hackney





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	Tariff 1 06.00 – 22.59 daily		Tariff 2 23.00 – 05.59 daily		Tariff 3 18.00 on 24 December – 05.59 on 26 December; then 18.00 on new years eve to 05.59 on 2 January.	
	Current 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/8 mile £2.30 Subsequent 1/8 £0.23	Proposed 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/8 mile £2.55 Subsequent 1/8 £0.26	Current 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/8 mile £2.80 Subsequent 1/8 £0.28	Proposed 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/8 mile £3.08 Subsequent 1/8 £0.31	Current 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/8 mile £3.80 Subsequent 1/8 £0.38	Proposed 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/8 mile £4.18 Subsequent 1/8 £0.42
3 miles	<b>7.59</b>	<b>8.35</b>	<b>9.24</b>	<b>10.16</b>	<b>12.54</b>	<b>13.79</b>
5 miles	<b>11.27</b>	<b>12.40</b>	<b>13.72</b>	<b>15.09</b>	<b>18.62</b>	<b>20.48</b>
10 miles	<b>20.47</b>	<b>22.52</b>	<b>24.92</b>	<b>27.41</b>	<b>33.82</b>	<b>37.20</b>

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