

## **HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES**

### **REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CITY OPERATIONS**

**AGENDA ITEM: 9**

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#### **PORTFOLIO: SKILLS, SAFETY & ENGAGEMENT (COUNCILLOR DAN DE'ATH)**

##### **Reason for this Report**

1. To consider objections to the proposal approved by Cabinet on 2 July 2015 to vary the current City of Cardiff Council's rate of hackney carriage fares.

##### **Background**

2. The Council may fix or vary the rate of fare for the hire of a taxicab under the provisions of Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The Section requires that any variation of the fare must be advertised in a local paper and that a period of notice of at least 14 days be given to enable any person to make objections.
3. On the 5 May 2015 the taxi operator Dragon Taxis, Martin Road, Tremorfa Industrial Estate, Cardiff submitted a proposal to the Licensing Section to increase the rate of fares.
4. A subsequent application to increase the rate of fares was also made to the Council on the 27 May 2015 by the Cardiff Hackney Carriage Association. The proposal imitated the tariff of fares currently approved by Bristol City Council.
5. A report was taken to Cabinet on the 2 July 2015 which gave full details of the two tariff proposals and considered the merits of both. The report to Cabinet with details of the two applications and relevant considerations is referenced in Appendix A.
6. Cabinet resolved to reject the Cardiff Hackney Carriage tariff proposal and accept the application put forward by Dragon Taxis subject to a period of consultation with the taxi trade and issuing of a public notice in a local newspaper.

## **Issues**

7. During the consultation period six representations were received, four in support, with two objections to the proposed tariff increase. These are detailed in Appendix B. Cabinet is required to consider the objections received and determine the decision made in July 2015.
8. Cabinet should note that following the original public notice issued in July 2015 there was a specified period of time under which Cabinet should have considered any representations received and made a decision. Due to an administrative delay, this period elapsed and a second public notice was therefore issued on the 7 October 2015. The Notice is attached for reference as Appendix C.
9. No further formal objections were received as part of this second consultation period.

## **Reason for Recommendations**

10. The report seeks determination of the applications to vary the City of Cardiff Council's Hackney Carriage tariff of fares. It is a legal requirement that the approved tariff applies to all hackney carriage journeys that start and end within the Cardiff boundary.

## **Financial Implications**

11. This report does not result in any additional financial implications. The increase in fares will need to be publicly advertised and the associated costs of advertising will be borne by the Licensing Budget from within its existing Budget.

## **Legal Implications**

12. The proposed variation in the Table of Fares has been published and representations received. Cabinet must now consider those representations and decide whether to approve the variation, with or without modifications. If Cabinet approves the variation it must set a date for the variation to come into force, which must not be later than 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

## **HR Implications**

13. There are no HR implications as a result of this report

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. note the representations in Appendix B received for and against the decision taken by Cabinet on the 2 July 2015 to amend the tariff of fares.

2. approve the application submitted by Dragon Taxis with an implementation date of 21 December 2015.

**ANDREW GREGORY**

Director

4 December 2015

*The following appendices are attached:*

Appendix A: Report To Cabinet Of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 Application For A Hackney  
Carriage Fare Increase

Appendix B: Representations made during public consultation period

Appendix C: Public Notice of Tariff of Fares

**CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL  
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**CABINET MEETING: 2 JULY 2015**

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**APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE INCREASE**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CITY OPERATIONS**

**AGENDA ITEM: 9**

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**PORTFOLIO: SKILLS, SAFETY & ENGAGEMENT (COUNCILLOR DE'ATH)**

**Reason for this Report**

1. To consider applications made by Dragon Taxis and the Cardiff Hackney Carriage Association to vary the current City of Cardiff Council's rate of hackney carriage fares.

**Background**

2. The Council may fix or vary the rate of fare for the hire of a taxicab under the provisions of Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976. The Section requires that any variation of the fare must be advertised in a local paper and that a period of notice of at least 14 days be given to enable any person to make objections.
3. The current tariff of fares has been in place since 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011.
4. An application made by taxi operator Dragon Taxis, Martin Road, Tremorfa Industrial Estate, Cardiff, to increase the rate of fares was submitted to the Licensing Section on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and is detailed in Appendix A.
5. A subsequent application was made to the Licensing Section on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015 by the Cardiff Hackney Carriage Association and is detailed in Appendix B. The application proposes to imitate the tariff of fares currently approved by Bristol City Council.

**Dragon Taxis Application**

6. Dragon Taxi's application proposes to increase the charge of the first 103 yards and when the distance exceeds 103 yards by 30p to £2.30. All other charges remain the same as the current table of fares. Full details are shown in Appendix A. It is proposed that the tariff takes effect on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 to tie in with the start of the academic year and the increase in trade which begins at that time.

7. The proposal would increase the cost of an average three mile journey by 4.1% during the day and by 3.7% during the night. In monetary terms this would be an increase from £7.20 to £7.50 during the day, and from £8.20 to £8.50 at night. An average journey of up to 10 miles would result in an increase during the day from £19.00 to £19.30 a rise of 1.58% and £20.00 to £20.30 a rise of 1.50% at night. There would be no increase in waiting time or additional charges.
8. In support of the application Ryan Owen, Director of Dragon has stated:  
  
*'I believe that the fare increase requested is a modest one which would be wholly acceptable to both drivers and customers alike. Because we only want to adjust the initial charge, journeys which are over longer distances do not become extortionate. I feel that this increase would be a good one to implement. It is a reasonable request and would not dramatically impact the taxi market in Cardiff. Customers would continue using the service, but drivers would receive the far overdue increase that they deserve. The rates have not been increased for many years now and inflation does start to bite into the driver's income as we go on.'*
9. Officers have agreed that the application made by Dragon is a modest one and is easily understood by members of the public; a flat rate increase of 30p on every metered taxi fare. The proposed increase in fares is unlikely to deter members of the public from using taxis, however it must also be clear that the quality, consistency of charging for services and the ambassadorial role played by Hackney Carriage drivers for the City are all critical factors in customer satisfaction.

### **Cardiff Hackney Carriage Association (CHCA) Application**

10. The CHCA application proposes to replicate the City of Bristol's Hackney Carriage tariff of fares. Full details are detailed in Appendix B.
11. This application varies considerably from Cardiff's current tariff of fares, as it includes 6 different tariffs:
  - I. Day Rate: Monday to Friday 6:00 to 22:00
  - II. Night Rate; Monday to Friday 22:00 to 06:00
  - III. Weekend Day Rate: Saturday & Sunday 06:00 to 22:00
  - IV. Weekend Night Rate: 22:00 to 06:00
  - V. Bank/Public Holiday Rate
  - VI. Christmas & New Year Rate
12. The proposed CHCA tariff also includes additional charges that are not currently included in Cardiff such as charges for animals, separate charges for different sized items such as rucksacks, suitcases, prams, and additional charges for fares commencing at Cardiff Central Station. The CHCA base this application on their consideration that house prices, Council tax and business rates in Cardiff are very similar to Bristol.

13. An average 3 mile day-time (weekday) journey would increase from £7.20 to £7.83, an increase of 8.75%. A 3 mile night time journey would increase from £8.20 to £9.80, an increase of 19.51%. With the additional tariff, the night time rate on weekends for a 3 mile journey would be £10.10, an increase of 23.17%.
14. The CHCA application is a considerable increase in the rate of fares, especially on weekends and at night. It should be noted that the night rate also applies 2 hours earlier than the current Cardiff night-time rate. It is Officers opinion that this increase may deter passengers from using hackney carriages and the 6 separate tariffs makes estimating a fare confusing for drivers and passengers.
15. In addition, the separate extra charges for medium and large luggage are considered by Officers to be subjective and would cause cases of conflict between passengers and drivers and could cause an increase in enquiries and complaints to the Council. The Licensing section already receives a significant number of complaints about overcharging, inconsistency of charges and this proposal, if accepted, could exacerbate that position.

### **Considerations**

16. The table in Appendix C is a comparison between the current Cardiff tariff of fares and the 2 applications. It is difficult to directly compare the current Cardiff & Dragon applications with the CHCA application as the charges are applied differently and apply to different distances.
17. In September 2009, the Council approved the Hackney Carriage Fare Index, a method of calculating how much the cost of operating a hackney carriage has changed since the last fare increase was implemented. Using the Index, it has been calculated that the vehicle costs (cost of vehicle, parts, labour costs, licence fees etc) have risen by 0.5% since 2011, and driver costs (based on average earnings for private sector services) have risen by 3.5% giving a total index of 4%.
18. The AA Fuel Price Report shows that the cost of diesel has decreased from a Wales average of 139.5p per litre at March 2011 to 119.0p per litre in April 2015 a decrease of 15%. Unleaded 95 Octane petrol has also decreased by 15% to 113.5p per litre, in the same period.
19. Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence fees have decreased since September 2011 from £230 to £163 for a 12 month renewal, a decrease of approximately 30%.
20. The vehicle excise duty has increased for petrol & diesel vehicles in band H from £180 to £205 a 13% increase.
21. Consideration should be given to obtaining a balance between increasing the fare to compensate in the increase of costs of running a hackney carriage, and ensuring that the increase or methodology does not deter

the public from using hackney carriages, nor form a poor reflection of visitor and resident experiences of the City.

22. In the Taxi Rank Operations and Public Attitude Survey conducted by AECOM in 2013, the optimum period for taxi hirings was between 19:01hrs and 07:00hrs on Saturdays. The CHCA proposals will add a significant increase to those journeys, with an average 3 mile journey costing 23% more, as opposed to a 3.7% increase under the Dragon proposals. The survey also stated that the majority of respondents indicated that the standard of taxi service was rated as 'good' except for the price, which the majority thought was 'average'.
23. For information the following table provides details of the daytime rate of the 2 mile fare currently authorised by the Council together with a comparison with the proposed fares and also the fares authorised by a sample of other licensing authorities:

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Cost per 2 mile journey</b>
London	£7.20
Bath	£6.40
Birmingham	£6.20
Swindon	£6.10
<b>CHCA Proposed Fare (Bristol)</b>	<b>£6.02</b>
Newcastle	£5.80
Manchester	£5.80
<b>Dragon proposed fare</b>	<b>£5.70</b>
Vale of Glamorgan	£5.65
Wrexham	£5.60
<b>Cardiff current fare</b>	<b>£5.40</b>
Rhondda Cynon Taff	£5.20
Newport	£5.10
Swansea	£5.05
Liverpool	£5.00
Bridgend	£4.90

24. The average 2 mile day-time fare in the UK is currently £5.66, and in Wales it is £5.16. Cardiff is currently 229<sup>th</sup> in the 2 mile fare league table out of 365 local authorities, as printed in the April edition of Private Hire & Taxi Monthly (see Appendix D for further details)
25. Should the Cabinet agree to vary the tariff, the variation would need to be advertised for a period of at least 14 days to permit persons to make an objection. Should there be no objections; the variation would then come into effect on the date of the expiry of the period of notice. However, should an objection be received the objection would need to be considered by the Cabinet before the variation is implemented. Should the revised tariff be implemented it is also recommended that a further customer satisfaction survey is carried out within a year to assess any impacts.

## **Reason for Recommendations**

26. The report seeks determination of the applications to vary the City of Cardiff Council's Hackney Carriage tariff of fares. It is a legal requirement that the approved tariff applies to all hackney carriage journeys that start and end within the Cardiff boundary.

## **Financial Implications**

27. This report does not result directly in any additional financial implications. The increase in fares will need to be publicly advertised and the associated costs of advertising will be borne by the Licensing Service from within its existing budget

## **Legal Implications**

28. If the Cabinet decides to amend the fare tariff it will be necessary to give public notice in accordance with Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The Cabinet will then have to consider any objections that are received.
29. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. standing orders and financial regulations; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note the issues and impacts to taxi fares set out in the report
2. reject the application put forward by the Cardiff Hackney Carriage Association.
3. Approve the application put forward by Dragon Taxis with an implementation date of 1st September 2015 (provided that there are no objections).
4. Authorise the advertisement of the variation in a local newspaper.

**ANDREW GREGORY**

Director

26 June 2015



*The following appendices are attached:*

Appendix A: Details of the Dragon Taxis Application

Appendix B: Details of the Cardiff Hackney Carriage Association Application

Appendix C: Comparison between the application sand the current tariff of fares

Appendix D: April edition of Private Hire & Taxi Monthly 2 mile fare comparison.

## Appendix A

### Details of Dragon Taxi Application:

<b>CURRENT CHARGE</b>		<b>PROPOSED CHARGE</b>	
First 103 yards (94.18 metres) or part thereof,	£2.00	First 103 yards (94.18 metres) or part thereof,	£2.30
If distance exceeds 103 yards (94.18 metres) for first 103 yards (94.18 metres)	£2.00	If distance exceeds 103 yards (94.18 metres) for first 103 yards (94.18 metres)	£2.30
For each subsequent 207 yards (189.28 metres)	£0.20	For each subsequent 207 yards (189.28 metres)	£0.20
<b>WAITING TIME:</b>		<b>WAITING TIME:</b>	
For each period of 48 seconds	£0.20	For each period of 48 seconds	£0.20
<b>EXTRA CHARGES</b>		<b>EXTRA CHARGES</b>	
For hirings between midnight and 6.00 am and on Sundays, and Bank Holidays	£1.00	For hirings between midnight and 6.00 am and on Sundays, and Bank Holidays	£1.00
For hirings between 8.00pm Christmas Eve and 6.00am on 27th December and between 8.00pm New Years Eve and 6.00am 2nd January	£3.00	For hirings between 8.00pm Christmas Eve and 6.00am on 27th December and between 8.00pm New Years Eve and 6.00am 2nd January	£3.00
For each passenger exceeding four	£1.00 each	For each passenger exceeding four	£1.50 each
For bicycles, cabin trunks (minimum size 36" x 24" x 18") and items of furniture	£0.50 each	For bicycles, cabin trunks (minimum size 36" x 24" x 18") and items of furniture	£0.50 each
For the fouling of a vehicle	£50.00	For the fouling of a vehicle	£50.00

**Application made by Cardiff Hackney Carriage Association:**

**From:** Cardiff Hackney Associationsk

**Sent:** 27 May 2015 15:05

**To:** Licensing (Licensing, Regulatory)

**Subject:** Proposal to the Licensing and Public protection committee to approve the proposal of fare increase for Hackney Carriages in City and County of Cardiff; Based on the fact that since last fare increase (1st September 2011) The cost of Insurance, Maintena...

Dear Sir/Madam,

May I draw your attention to the fact that last fare increase was implemented on 1st September 2011 nearly four years ago. since then price of everything has increased significantly as a result majority of the taxi drivers have requested me to apply for fare increase in line with other large cities in England and Wales. Based on their request I have decided to follow the fare tariff used by Bristol City Council bearing in mind that Cardiff is the Capital City of Wales and the house prices and the Council tax and business rates are very similar to Bristol city.

A supporting letter with signatures of drivers will be filed to the licensing section in due course.

Yours sincerely

Mathab Khan

P.S.

The fare tariff written below is identical copy of fare tariff of Bristol city Council except for couple of items.

Fares for distance and time.

Tariff 1

Day Rate

, Monday to Friday

06:00 to 22: 00

Initial Hiring

£2.60 for the first 194.4 Yards or 177.7 metres or part thereof.

plus approx £1.80 per mile (not including waiting time)

By taximeter units of 10 p for every subsequent of 97.2 yards (88.85 metres)

Waiting time 20 p per 40 seconds (£18/hour)

Tariff 2  
Night rate,  
Monday to Friday

22:00 to 06:00

Initial hiring

£3.40 for the first 160 yards (146.3 metres) or part thereof

plus approx £2.20 per mile. (not including waiting time)

By taximeter units of 10 p for every subsequent 80 yards (73.15 metres) or part thereof

Waiting time 20 p per 31 seconds (£23.20/hour)

Tariff 3  
Weekend  
Day rate  
Saturday & Sunday 06:00 to 22:00

Initial hiring

£3.20 For the first 194.4 yards (177.7 metres)

Plus approx £1.80 per mile

By taximeter units of 10 p for every subsequent 97.2 yards (88.85 metres) or part thereof

Waiting time 20 p per 31 seconds (£23.20/hour)

Tariff 4  
Weekend night rate  
Saturday & Sunday

22:00 to 06:00

Initial hiring

£3.40 for the first 153 yards (139.9 metres) or part thereof  
plus approx £2.30 per mile (not including waiting time)

By Taximeter units of 10 p for every subsequent 76.5 yards (69.95 metres) or part thereof

Waiting time 20 p per 28.7 seconds (£25.10/hour)

Tariff 5  
Bank/public holiday rate  
(excluding when tariff 6 applies)  
from 00.01 to 06.00 following day

### Initial hiring

£3.40 for the first 195.5 yards (179.8 metres or part thereof)  
Plus approx £2.70 per mile

By taximeter units of 10 p for every 65.16 yards (59.93 metres) or thereof

Waiting time 30 p per 43 seconds (£25.10/hour)

### Tariff 6

#### Christmas and New Year Rate

From 20.00 hours on 24/12 to 06.00 on 27/12. from 20.00 on 31/12 to 06.00 on 2/1

### Initial hiring

£4.40 for the first 160 yards (146.30 metres) or part thereof  
Plus approx £3.30 per mile (not including waiting)

By taximeter units of 10 p for every subsequent 53.30 yards (48.76 metres) or part thereof

Waiting time 30 p per 43 seconds (£25.10 hour)

Extra charges (excluding spoilage or fouling charges)

Every hiring commencing at Cardiff central train station taxi rank 20 p

Every adult after 4 th person £1.50 p due to excess cost of fuel consumption and maintenance compare to saloon vehicles.

Every medium holdall/rucksack/suitcase 20 p

Every large/heavy holdall/rucksack/suitcase/pram/pushchair 30 p

Every folding bicycle £1.00

Every non folding (rigid frame) £2.00

Every caged animal £1.00

Every uncaged animal (except for assistance dogs) £2.00

Items of bulk or weight by negotiation

Spoilage or fouling of the vehicle £50.00

Assistance dogs, wheelchairs and any assistance aid used by a disable passengers carried free of charges.

### Comparison between Dragon Taxi and CHCA Applications:

#### Weekday Daytime:

	Cardiff Existing Tariff	Dragon Proposal		CHCA Proposal	
		Cost	% Increase	Cost	% Increase
<b>First Mile</b>	£3.80	£4.10	<b>7.89</b>	£4.21	<b>10.79</b>
<b>2 Miles</b>	£5.40	£5.70	<b>5.56</b>	£6.02	<b>11.48</b>
<b>3 Miles</b>	£7.20	£7.50	<b>4.17</b>	£7.83	<b>8.75</b>
<b>4 Miles</b>	£8.80	£9.10	<b>3.41</b>	£9.64	<b>9.55</b>
<b>5 Miles</b>	£10.60	£10.90	<b>2.83</b>	£11.45	<b>8.02</b>
<b>6 Miles</b>	£12.20	£12.50	<b>2.46</b>	£13.26	<b>8.69</b>
<b>7 Miles</b>	£14.00	£14.30	<b>2.14</b>	£15.07	<b>7.64</b>
<b>8 Miles</b>	£15.60	£15.90	<b>1.92</b>	£16.88	<b>8.21</b>
<b>9 Miles</b>	£17.40	£17.70	<b>1.72</b>	£18.69	<b>7.41</b>
<b>10 Miles</b>	£19.00	£19.30	<b>1.58</b>	£20.50	<b>7.89</b>

#### Weekday Night-time

	Cardiff Existing Tariff	Dragon Proposal		CHCA Proposal	
		Cost	% Increase	Cost	% Increase
<b>First Mile</b>	£4.80	£5.10	<b>6.25</b>	£5.40	<b>12.50</b>
<b>2 Miles</b>	£6.40	£6.70	<b>4.69</b>	£7.60	<b>18.75</b>
<b>3 Miles</b>	£8.20	£8.50	<b>3.66</b>	£9.80	<b>19.51</b>
<b>4 Miles</b>	£9.80	£10.10	<b>3.06</b>	£12.00	<b>22.45</b>
<b>5 Miles</b>	£11.60	£11.90	<b>2.59</b>	£14.20	<b>22.41</b>
<b>6 Miles</b>	£13.20	£13.50	<b>2.27</b>	£16.40	<b>24.24</b>
<b>7 Miles</b>	£15.00	£15.30	<b>2.00</b>	£18.60	<b>24.00</b>
<b>8 Miles</b>	£16.60	£16.90	<b>1.81</b>	£20.80	<b>25.30</b>
<b>9 Miles</b>	£18.40	£18.70	<b>1.63</b>	£23.00	<b>25.00</b>
<b>10 Miles</b>	£20.00	£20.30	<b>1.50</b>	£25.20	<b>26.00</b>

**Weekend Day-time**

	Cardiff Existing Tariff	Dragon Proposal		CHCA Proposal	
		Cost	% Increase	Cost	% Increase
<b>First Mile</b>	£3.80	£4.10	<b>7.89</b>	£4.81	<b>26.58</b>
<b>2 Miles</b>	£5.40	£5.70	<b>5.56</b>	£6.62	<b>22.59</b>
<b>3 Miles</b>	£7.20	£7.50	<b>4.17</b>	£8.43	<b>17.08</b>
<b>4 Miles</b>	£8.80	£9.10	<b>3.41</b>	£9.94	<b>12.95</b>
<b>5 Miles</b>	£10.60	£10.90	<b>2.83</b>	£12.05	<b>13.68</b>
<b>6 Miles</b>	£12.20	£12.50	<b>2.46</b>	£13.86	<b>13.61</b>
<b>7 Miles</b>	£14.00	£14.30	<b>2.14</b>	£15.76	<b>12.57</b>
<b>8 Miles</b>	£15.60	£15.90	<b>1.92</b>	£17.48	<b>12.05</b>
<b>9 Miles</b>	£17.40	£17.70	<b>1.72</b>	£19.29	<b>10.86</b>
<b>10 Miles</b>	£19.00	£19.30	<b>1.58</b>	£21.10	<b>11.05</b>

**Weekend Night-time**

	Cardiff Existing Tariff	Dragon Proposal		CHCA Proposal	
		Cost	% Increase	Cost	% Increase
<b>First Mile</b>	£4.80	£5.10	<b>6.25</b>	£5.50	<b>14.58</b>
<b>2 Miles</b>	£6.40	£6.70	<b>4.69</b>	£7.80	<b>21.88</b>
<b>3 Miles</b>	£8.20	£8.50	<b>3.66</b>	£10.10	<b>23.17</b>
<b>4 Miles</b>	£9.80	£10.10	<b>3.06</b>	£12.40	<b>26.53</b>
<b>5 Miles</b>	£11.60	£11.90	<b>2.59</b>	£14.70	<b>26.72</b>
<b>6 Miles</b>	£13.20	£13.50	<b>2.27</b>	£17.00	<b>28.79</b>
<b>7 Miles</b>	£15.00	£15.30	<b>2.00</b>	£19.30	<b>28.67</b>
<b>8 Miles</b>	£16.60	£16.90	<b>1.81</b>	£21.60	<b>30.12</b>
<b>9 Miles</b>	£18.40	£18.70	<b>1.63</b>	£23.90	<b>29.89</b>
<b>10 Miles</b>	£20.00	£20.30	<b>1.50</b>	£26.20	<b>31.00</b>

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RISE IN 2015
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RISE IN 2013
RISE IN 2012
RISE IN 2011
RISE IN 2010
RISE IN 2009
RISE IN 2008
RISE IN 2007
RISE IN 2006
RISE IN 2002
FARE REDUCED

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National Fares Tables

APRIL 2015

Pos.	Council	Tariff 1:	2 Miles	Pos.	Council	Tariff 1:	2 Miles	Pos.	Council	Tariff 1:	2 Miles
1	LUTON (AIRPORT)		£9.20	74	CHICHESTER		£6.20	147	BROMSGROVE		£5.80
2	WATFORD		£8.40	75	CREWE & NANTWICH		£6.20	148	EAST HERTS		£5.80
3	LONDON (HEATHROW)		£7.60	76	HORSHAM		£6.20	149	FYLDE		£5.80
4	EPSOM & EWELL		£7.20	77	LEEDS		£6.20	150	GLASGOW		£5.80
5	LONDON		£7.20	78	LINCOLN		£6.20	151	GLOUCESTER		£5.80
6	DARTFORD		£7.00	79	MENDIP		£6.20	152	HAVANT		£5.80
7	HERTSMERE		£7.00	80	NORTHAMPTON		£6.20	153	LEICESTER		£5.80
8	MID SUSSEX		£7.00	81	RUNNYMEDE		£6.20	154	LEWES		£5.80
9	SALISBURY		£7.00	82	SEDGEMOOR		£6.20	155	MIDLOTHIAN		£5.80
10	GUILDFORD		£6.90	83	SOLI HULL		£6.20	156	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE		£5.80
11	VALE OF WHITE HORSE		£6.90	84	SOUTHAMPTON		£6.20	157	NORTH WARWICKS		£5.80
12	CARADON		£6.80	85	SPELTHORNE		£6.20	158	REIGATE & BANSTEAD		£5.80
13	CARRICK		£6.80	86	ST ALBANS		£6.20	159	SELBY		£5.80
14	COLCHESTER		£6.80	87	STRATFORD ON AVON		£6.20	160	SOUTH AYRSHIRE		£5.80
15	EAST LOTHIAN		£6.80	88	TAUNTON DEANE		£6.20	161	SOUTH RIBBLE		£5.80
16	HART		£6.80	89	TEIGNBRIDGE		£6.20	162	STOCKPORT		£5.80
17	READING		£6.80	90	WAVERLEY		£6.20	163	TAMWORTH		£5.80
18	KERRIER		£6.75	91	WEST OXFORD		£6.20	164	UTTLESFORD		£5.80
19	WEST BERKSHIRE		£6.70	92	WINCHESTER		£6.20	165	WEST SOMERSET		£5.80
20	WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND		£6.70	93	TORBAY		£6.15	166	EAST KILBRIDE		£5.70
21	ADUR		£6.60	94	EASTLEIGH		£6.10	167	EASTBOURNE		£5.70
22	BASINGSTOKE & DEANE		£6.60	95	ELMBRIDGE		£6.10	168	ISLE OF MAN		£5.70
23	BOURNEMOUTH		£6.60	96	NEW FOREST		£6.10	169	ISLE OF WIGHT		£5.70
24	BRIGHTON & HOVE		£6.60	97	NORTH HERTS		£6.10	170	MANCHESTER		£5.70
25	CRAWLEY		£6.60	98	SWINDON		£6.10	171	MID DEVON		£5.70
26	EXETER		£6.60	99	SOUTH SOMERSET		£6.08	172	MONMOUTHSHIRE		£5.70
27	JERSEY		£6.60	100	CHARNWOOD		£6.05	173	NORTH SOMERSET		£5.70
28	MAIDSTONE		£6.60	101	SHETLAND ISLANDS		£6.05	174	PLYMOUTH		£5.70
29	MEDWAY		£6.60	102	ABERDEENSHIRE		£6.00	175	RYEDALE		£5.70
30	POOLE		£6.60	103	BRACKNELL FOREST		£6.00	176	WELWYN HATFIELD		£5.70
31	TUNBRIDGE WELLS		£6.60	104	CANTERBURY		£6.00	177	WORCESTER		£5.70
32	WAVENEY		£6.60	105	CARMARTHENSHIRE		£6.00	178	CARLISLE		£5.65
33	WEALDEN		£6.60	106	CASTLE POINT		£6.00	179	VALE OF GLAMORGAN		£5.65
34	CHELMSFORD		£6.50	107	CHESTER		£6.00	180	WYCOMBE		£5.65
35	MOLE VALLEY		£6.50	108	DOVER		£6.00	181	BASILDON		£5.60
36	RESTORMEL		£6.45	109	EAST HAMPSHIRE		£6.00	182	BOSTON		£5.60
37	ARUN		£6.40	110	FIFE		£6.00	183	BROXBORNE		£5.60
38	BATH & N E SOMERSET		£6.40	111	GREAT YARMOUTH		£6.00	184	EDINBURGH		£5.60
39	CAMBRIDGE		£6.40	112	IPSWICH		£6.00	185	FOREST HEATH		£5.60
40	GRAVESHAM		£6.40	113	KENNET Now Wiltshire (East Zone)		£6.00	186	GOSPORT		£5.60
41	GUERNSEY		£6.40	114	KETTERING		£6.00	187	HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH		£5.60
42	HARLOW		£6.40	115	LUTON		£6.00	188	NORTH KESTEVEN		£5.60
43	HARROGATE		£6.40	116	MILTON KEYNES		£6.00	189	NORTH WEST LEICESTER		£5.60
44	MALVERN HILLS		£6.40	117	NORTH DORSET		£6.00	190	NOTTINGHAM		£5.60
45	NORWICH		£6.40	118	NORTH WILTSHIRE		£6.00	191	PORTSMOUTH UA		£5.60
46	OXFORD		£6.40	119	ROCHFORD		£6.00	192	RENFREWSHIRE		£5.60
47	PURBECK		£6.40	120	SCARBOROUGH		£6.00	193	RUSHCLIFFE		£5.60
48	ROTHER		£6.40	121	SHEPWAY		£6.00	194	SANDWELL		£5.60
49	SOUTH CAMBRIDGE		£6.40	122	SLOUGH		£6.00	195	SHEFFIELD		£5.60
50	SOUTH GLOUCESTER		£6.40	123	SOUTHEND-ON-SEA		£6.00	196	SOUTH BUCKINGHAM		£5.60
51	SOUTH LAKE LAND		£6.40	124	STEVENAGE		£6.00	197	SUFFOLK COASTAL		£5.60
52	STROUD		£6.40	125	TEST VALLEY		£6.00	198	TAMESIDE		£5.60
53	SURREY HEATH		£6.40	126	THREE RIVERS		£6.00	199	WOLVERHAMPTON		£5.60
54	WOKING		£6.40	127	THURROCK		£6.00	200	WREXHAM		£5.60
55	WOKINGHAM		£6.40	128	WARWICK		£6.00	201	WYRE		£5.60
56	SEVENOAKS		£6.32	129	WEST DORSET		£6.00	202	DUNDEE		£5.58
57	COUNTY OF HEREFORD		£6.30	130	WEST WILTSHIRE		£6.00	203	CHERWELL		£5.55
58	COVENTRY		£6.30	131	WORTHING		£6.00	204	DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL		£5.55
59	DACORUM		£6.30	132	DARLINGTON		£5.95	205	CALDERDALE		£5.52
60	EAST DEVON		£6.30	133	TENDRING		£5.95	206	CANNOCK CHASE		£5.50
61	PENWITH		£6.30	134	HIGH PEAK		£5.92	207	CASTLE MORPETH		£5.50
62	SWALE		£6.30	135	TORRIDGE		£5.92	208	CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE		£5.50
63	TONBRIDGE & MALLING		£6.30	136	CHRISTCHURCH		£5.90	209	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY		£5.50
64	YORK		£6.30	137	DUDLEY		£5.90	210	EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE		£5.50
65	FOREST OF DEAN		£6.27	138	EAST DORSET		£5.90	211	EAST STAFFORDSHIRE		£5.50
66	HARBOROUGH		£6.27	139	EAST LINDSEY		£5.90	212	EDEN		£5.50
67	NUNEATON & BEDWORTH		£6.25	140	HASTINGS		£5.90	213	EPPING FOREST		£5.50
68	ARGYLL & BUTE		£6.20	141	RUSHMOOR		£5.90	214	GWYNEDD		£5.50
69	ASHFORD		£6.20	142	WALSALL		£5.90	215	HAMBLETON		£5.50
70	BIRMINGHAM		£6.20	143	NORTH DEVON		£5.85	216	HUNTINGDONSHIRE		£5.50
71	BRENTWOOD		£6.20	144	TEWKESBURY		£5.85	217	MORAY		£5.50
72	BRISTOL, CITY OF UA		£6.20	145	BLACKPOOL		£5.80	218	OLDHAM		£5.50
73	CHELTHAM		£6.20	146	BRAINTREE		£5.80	219	SHROPSHIRE		£5.50



Pos.	Council	Tariff 1 :	2 Miles	Pos.	Council	Tariff 1 :	2 Miles
220	SOUTH HAMS		£5.50	293	ALNWICK		£5.05
221	STAFFORD		£5.50	294	SOUTH HOLLAND		£5.05
222	TYNEDALE		£5.50	295	SWANSEA		£5.05
223	WANSBECK		£5.50	296	BLYTH VALLEY		£5.00
224	SCOTTISH BORDERS		£5.45	297	CHESTERFIELD		£5.00
225	GEDLING		£5.44	298	CONWY		£5.00
226	ABERDEEN		£5.40	299	COPELAND		£5.00
227	ANGUS		£5.40	300	DAVENTRY		£5.00
228	BARROW IN FURNESS		£5.40	301	EREWASH		£5.00
229	CARDIFF		£5.40	302	LIVERPOOL		£5.00
230	CHILTERN		£5.40	303	NEATH PORT TALBOT		£5.00
231	CLACKMANNAN		£5.40	304	NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE		£5.00
232	DERBY		£5.40	305	PETERBOROUGH		£5.00
233	FAREHAM		£5.40	306	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE(clydsle)		£5.00
234	LANCASTER		£5.40	307	SOUTH NORTHANTS		£5.00
235	MID SUFFOLK		£5.40	308	THANET		£5.00
236	NEWARK & SHERWOOD		£5.40	309	WEST LINDSEY		£5.00
237	NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE		£5.40	310	STOKE ON TRENT UA		£4.95
238	PEMBROKESHIRE		£5.40	311	BRIDGEND		£4.90
239	PERTH & KINROSS		£5.40	312	CHORLEY		£4.90
240	RUGBY		£5.40	313	CLYDEBANK		£4.90
241	SUNDERLAND		£5.40	314	CONGLETON		£4.90
242	TANDRIDGE		£5.40	315	FLINTSHIRE		£4.90
243	TRAFFORD		£5.40	316	KINGSTON-UPON-HULL		£4.90
244	WEST LOTHIAN		£5.40	317	ROSSENDALE		£4.90
245	WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD		£5.40	318	TELFORD & WREKIN		£4.90
246	WYCHAVON		£5.40	319	WELLINGBOROUGH		£4.90
247	BROXTOWE		£5.36	320	REDDITCH		£4.88
248	KINGS LYNN & W. NORFOLK		£5.36	321	ALLERDALE		£4.85
249	BASSETLAW		£5.35	322	ASHFIELD		£4.80
250	RICHMONDSHIRE		£5.35	323	CAERPHILLY		£4.80
251	BRADFORD		£5.30	324	DERBYSHIRE DALES		£4.80
252	BURY ST EDMUNDS		£5.30	325	DONCASTER		£4.80
253	COTSWOLD		£5.30	326	HAMILTON		£4.80
254	CRAVEN		£5.30	327	INVERGLYDE		£4.80
255	DUMBARTON		£5.30	328	MANSFIELD		£4.80
256	FENLAND		£5.30	329	NORTH AYRSHIRE		£4.80
257	LICHFIELD		£5.30	330	NORTH LANARKSHIRE		£4.80
258	MELTON		£5.30	331	ROCHDALE		£4.80
259	NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE		£5.30	332	ROTHERHAM		£4.80
260	NORTH NORFOLK		£5.30	333	RUTHERGLEN		£4.80
261	RIBBLE VALLEY		£5.30	334	TORFAEN		£4.80
262	WYRE FOREST		£5.30	335	BARNLEY		£4.70
263	SALFORD		£5.26	336	BERWICK ON TWEED		£4.70
264	VALE ROYAL		£5.25	337	BLACKBURN		£4.70
265	BLABY		£5.24	338	EAST AYRSHIRE		£4.70
266	BEDFORD		£5.20	339	EAST NORTHANTS		£4.70
267	BOLTON		£5.20	340	FALKIRK		£4.70
268	BURY		£5.20	341	HIGHLANDS		£4.70
269	DENBIGHSHIRE		£5.20	342	HYNDBURN		£4.70
270	ELLESMERE PORT		£5.20	343	WEST LANCASHIRE		£4.70
271	HALTON		£5.20	344	EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE		£4.60
272	MACCLESFIELD		£5.20	345	EAST RENFREW		£4.60
273	NORTH TYNESIDE		£5.20	346	SEFTON		£4.60
274	ORKNEY ISLANDS		£5.20	347	WAKEFIELD		£4.60
275	POWYS		£5.20	348	BURNLEY		£4.50
276	PRESTON		£5.20	349	CORBYP		£4.50
277	RHONDDA CYNON TAFF		£5.20	350	MERTHYR TYDFIL		£4.50
278	SOUTH TYNESIDE		£5.20	351	REDCAR & CLEVELAND		£4.50
279	STAFFS MOORLANDS		£5.20	352	ST. HELENS		£4.50
280	STIRLING		£5.20	353	STOCKTON ON TEES		£4.50
281	WARRINGTON		£5.20	354	KIRKLEES		£4.40
282	WIRRAL		£5.20	355	KNOWSLEY		£4.40
283	YNYS MON		£5.20	356	OADBY & WIGSTON		£4.40
284	CEREDIGION		£5.18	357	PENDLE		£4.40
285	EAST RIDING		£5.15	358	AYLESBURY VALE		£4.30
286	BRECKLAND		£5.14	359	BLAENAU GWENT		£4.30
287	AMBER VALLEY		£5.10	360	MIDDLESBROUGH		£4.30
288	BABERGH		£5.10	361	NEWCASTLE-U-LYME		£4.20
289	GATESHEAD		£5.10	362	WESTERN ISLES		£4.20
290	NEWPORT		£5.10	363	HARTLEPOOL		£4.10
291	SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE		£5.10	364	SOUTH KESTEVEN		£3.50
292	WIGAN		£5.10	365	BOLSOVER		£2.80

## THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FARE

Flag at T1 is now	£2.74
Flag at T2 is now	£3.61
1 mile fare T1 is now	£3.80
1 mile fare T2 is now	£4.99
2 mile fare T1 is now	£5.66
2 mile fare T2 is now	£7.41
5 mile fare T1 is now	£11.23
5 mile fare T2 is now	£14.70
10 mile fare T1 is now	£20.66
10 mile fare T2 is now	£26.99
Running mile on T1 is now	£1.86
Running mile on T2 is now	£2.43

## AREA FARE AVERAGES

### Tariff One

	Flag	1 mi.	2 mil.	5 mi.	10 mi.	Running Mile
East Anglia	£3.00	£3.93	£5.70	£10.99	£19.85	£1.77
Midlands	£2.71	£3.68	£5.44	£10.68	£19.42	£1.75
North	£2.46	£3.51	£5.23	£10.36	£19.00	£1.72
South	£2.94	£4.21	£6.19	£12.20	£22.55	£2.00
South West	£2.72	£4.02	£6.15	£12.51	£23.18	£2.12
Scotland	£2.74	£3.55	£5.32	£10.67	£19.59	£1.79
Wales	£2.82	£3.32	£5.16	£10.65	£19.79	£1.83
Nat. Avg.	£2.74	£3.80	£5.66	£11.23	£20.66	£1.86

### Tariff Two

	Flag	1 mi.	2 mil.	5 mi.	10 mi.	Running Mile
East Anglia	£3.91	£5.06	£7.35	£14.16	£25.54	£2.27
Midlands	£3.61	£4.87	£7.19	£14.08	£26.05	£2.32
North	£3.03	£4.35	£6.54	£13.09	£24.00	£2.19
South	£4.05	£5.80	£8.61	£16.73	£30.69	£2.75
South West	£3.76	£5.44	£8.29	£16.91	£31.27	£2.87
Scotland	£3.44	£4.34	£6.30	£12.19	£22.02	£1.97
Wales	£3.57	£4.20	£6.58	£13.66	£25.46	£2.36
Nat. Avg.	£3.61	£4.99	£7.41	£14.70	£26.99	£2.43

**From:**  
**Sent:** 21 July 2015 19:12  
**To:** Licensing (Licensing, Regulatory)  
**Subject:** OBJECTION TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARRIF INCREASE

Please will you accept this as an official objection to the increase in the Hackney Carriage tarrif proposed by Mr Ryan Owen.

My reasons for objecting are:

In a Press Statement Mr Owen was quoted as saying that the proposed increase was "wholly acceptable to both drivers and customers ".

This is certainly not the case. Drivers were not consulted by Mr Owen who, it would appear, is attempting to create the false impression that he has a mandate from the drivers to speak on their behalf.

Mr Owen and, by association, Dragon Taxis have a vested interest in ensuring that any increase in the tariff is confined to the "flag" and not the mileage rate.

This is because a significant proportion of the Dragon account work is charged on a strict "mileage only" basis. Meaning that the drivers receive no waiting time on the running mile and don't get the "flag".

Mr Owens proposal is, therefore, based wholly and exclusively on what is most beneficial to Dragon Taxis and takes no account of either the general public or the drivers.

In addition to this, the increase in the flag would mean a disproportionately high increase in the cost of short journeys. This would be to the detriment of the elderly and infirm who are dependant on taxis.

The proposal would see a 1 mile journey increase by approximately 8% whereas a 5 mile trip would go up by around only 2.8%.

A much fairer solution would be to increase the mileage charge thereby reducing the burden of the increase to those who depend most on the service.

My own preference would be to increase the mileage rate by around 6% to £1.80 per mile and to incorporate with this an extra charge of 40p per passenger for 2,3 or 4 people as in Bristol.

This would provide much needed additional income for the drivers without placing undue extra expense on the individual passenger.

Under my proposal a 2 mile journey for 4 people would be costed at £6.80 which is broadly equivalent to the cost of 4 people taking the same journey by bus. Excellent value I would say.

I would be happy to submit this as an official proposal if you could let me have details as to how I go about this.

Many Thanks

Hackney Badge Number and driver of both Black and White and Private Hire Cars since 1998

Dear Ms/Mrs Hartrey,

I would like to express my disappointment at the recent objection to the Taxi Meter Rise for Cardiff. I feel the rise is well overdue in relation to other cities in the UK, and would not be seen as disproportionate to inflation and general wage increases in the UK.

Regards

Taxi Driver badge number

Dear Claire Hartrey,

I would like to show my support for the meter increase proposal. My taxi plate is.

Yours sincerely

Hi,

Just wanted to send a quick email in favour of the proposed taxi fare rise.

I feel that this is a long overdue increase to the starting rate that, unlike increasing the mileage rate will make a noticeable difference to drivers while being clear enough to customers to not discourage them from using taxis.

I'm aware of the objection put forward by Mr Mathab Khan but I can assure you that Mr Khan does not speak for all drivers in Cardiff. In seven years of holding a taxi license I've yet to meet another taxi driver who agrees with Mr Khan on any subject at all.

Dear Ms Hartrey,

Re: Application for fare increase filed on behalf of Hackney Carriage drivers on 27th May 2015

As the application for fare increase is directly linked with Licensing & public protection committee, and usually it is handled by this committee.

Why this time you or your boss decided to refer it to the cabinet members? Is it because you or your boss wanted to make sure that I don't get the opportunity to give explicit and convincing reasons for making such application in person, which could have given better chance of success.

Secondly I would like to know why I am not allowed to give my reason orally to the cabinet members? and isn't it a clear violation of my/our democratic rights?

Thirdly, when private hire operators are allowed set their own tariff/ rates by themselves without Council's permission, why do you or your boss allow them to interfere with taxis tariff rates? Is it because you and your boss wanted to create systematic blockage to my application using private hire operator as a shield. In turn creating conflict between Taxi trade and private hire trade.

Fourthly I have handed 206 signed petition to Mr Walters in support of my application and condemning the application made by private hire operator. Hence if my application is rejected by the cabinet members, and the application made by the private hire operator is accepted.

I would like to use these petitions as formal objection to that absurd increase.

Finally As I am not allowed to participate at the cabinet meeting to day, I think it is absolutely pointless for me to attend the meeting.

Therefore I have decided not to attend the meeting, hence I will highly appreciate if you would let me know the outcome of the meeting as soon as possible. Also please let me know if the petition was presented to the members of the cabinet prior to or during the meeting and if these petition can be used as a formal objection to that absurd increase if it's gets approved by the cabinet members.

Yours sincerely

Mathab Khan (chair) Cardiff Hackney Association

P.S. please note I will forward copy of this E-Mail to all the Councillors as to Members of the Association in due course

I would like to show my support for the meter increase

Yours

<b>THE CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES</b>			
<b>TAKE NOTICE THAT</b> as of 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2015 the City of Cardiff Council proposes to vary the Table of Fares currently in force for hackney carriages in the City and County of Cardiff, pursuant to its' powers under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 in the following manner:-			
<b><u>PRESENT CHARGE</u></b>		<b><u>PROPOSED CHARGE</u></b>	
First 103 yards (94.18 metres) or part thereof,	£2.00	First 103 yards (94.18 metres) or part thereof,	£2.30
If distance exceeds 103 yards (94.18 metres) for first 103 yards (94.18 metres)	£2.00	If distance exceeds 103 yards (94.18 metres) for first 103 yards (94.18 metres)	£2.30
For each subsequent 207 yards (189.28 metres)	£0.20	For each subsequent 207 yards (189.28 metres)	£0.20
<b>WAITING TIME:</b>		<b>WAITING TIME:</b>	
For each period of 48 seconds	£0.20	For each period of 48 seconds	£0.20
<b>EXTRA CHARGES</b>		<b>EXTRA CHARGES</b>	
For hirings between midnight and 6.00 am and on Sundays, and Bank Holidays	£1.00	For hirings between midnight and 6.00 am and on Sundays, and Bank Holidays	£1.00
For hirings between 8.00pm Christmas Eve and 6.00am on 27th December and between 8.00pm New Years Eve and 6.00am 2nd January	£3.00	For hirings between 8.00pm Christmas Eve and 6.00am on 27th December and between 8.00pm New Years Eve and 6.00am 2nd January	£3.00
For each passenger exceeding four	£1.00 each	For each passenger exceeding four	£1.00 each
For bicycles, cabin trunks (minimum size 36" x 24" x 18") and items of furniture	£0.50 each	For bicycles, cabin trunks (minimum size 36" x 24" x 18") and items of furniture	£0.50 each
For the fouling of a vehicle	£50.00	For the fouling of a vehicle	£50.00
<p>Any objection to the proposed variation must be made in writing to the Group Leader, Licensing, City Hall, Cardiff CF10 3ND. All objections must be received by 12.00noon on <b>22 October 2015</b></p> <p>A copy of this Notice shall be deposited at the Public Carriage Office, Cardiff Bus Depot, Sloper Road, Cardiff from, CF11 8TB today until 12.00noon on 22 October 2015 and shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable hours without payment</p>			
<p>Dated 07 October 2015 Licensing City of Cardiff Council, City Hall, Cardiff. CF10 3ND Licensing@cardiff.gov.uk</p>			