



Regulatory and General Purposes Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 27 July 2022
Time:	6.00 p.m.
Venue:	Committee Room 1 - Wallasey Town Hall

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AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**
- 2. APOLOGIES**
- 3. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of the Committee are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, in connection with any item on the agenda and state the nature of the interest.

4. PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS

4.1 Public Questions

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4.2 Statements and Petitions

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Please telephone the Committee Services Officer if you have not received an acknowledgement of your statement/petition by the deadline for submission.

4.3 Questions by Members

Questions by Members to dealt with in accordance with Standing Orders 12.3 to 12.8.

5. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES (Pages 1 - 20)

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for this committee can be found at the end of this agenda.

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REGULATORY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

27 JULY 2022

REPORT TITLE	REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES
REPORT OF	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Committee to consider whether to amend the current Hackney Carriage fare tariffs.

The Wirral Plan sets out a number of priorities for the council to consider and the contents of this report supports the priority of working for a prosperous, inclusive economy - helping businesses to thrive and creating jobs and opportunities for all.

This matter affects all Wards within the Borough.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Regulatory and General Purposes Committee is recommended to consider the proposals to amend the Hackney Carriage Tariffs and determine whether it is appropriate to approve an increase in the Hackney Carriage fare tariffs, subject to any objections being received as part of the consultation process.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 A proposal to amend the current Hackney Carriage fare tariffs has been received from Unite the Union.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 The Committee could determine that there should be no change to the Hackney Carriage fare tariffs or that an alternative proposal should be the subject of consultation.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The authority given to the council to set Hackney Carriage fares is set out in paragraph 5 of this report.
- 3.2 The current Hackney Carriage fares came into effect on 1 November 2018. Whilst a proposal to amend the fare tariffs was considered in 2019 and received approval in February 2020 the amendments were not implemented due to the introduction of COVID 19 restrictions. A copy of the current fare tariffs is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.3 A proposal has been submitted by Unite the Union to increase the Hackney Carriage fare tariffs as follows:
- Increase the initial hiring distance from 300 yards to 1760 yards and increase the initial hiring distance charge from £3.20 to £5.00 on tariff 1 (standard day rate)
 - Increase the initial hiring distance from 300 yards to 1392 yards on tariff 2 (standard night rate and public and bank holiday day rate) and increase the initial hiring charge from £3.60 to £5.00
 - Increase the initial hiring distance from 300 yards to 1160 yards on tariff 3 (public and bank holiday night rate) and increase the initial hiring distance charge from £3.80 to £5.00
 - Increase the initial hiring distance on tariff 4 (Christmas and New Year Day and night rate) from 300 yards to 880 yards and reduce the initial hiring charge from £6.00 to £5.00
 - Increase the “running mile” charge by reducing the yardage charged at 20p from 230 yards to 215 yards on tariff 1.
 - Increase the “running mile” charge by reducing the yardage charged at 20p from 175 yards to 172 yards on tariff 2.

- Increase the “running mile” charge by reducing the yardage charged at 20p from 165 yards to 120 yards on tariff 3.
- Increase the “running mile” charge by reducing the yardage from 230 yards to 107.5 yards and reducing the charge from 40p to 20p on tariff 4.

3.4 The current four Hackney Carriage fare tariffs are set out below:

Tariff 1	Standard Day Rate (6am to 10pm)
Tariff 2	Standard Night Rate (10pm to 6am) Public and Bank Holiday Day Rate (inc Easter Sunday)
Tariff 3	Public and Bank Holiday Night Rate (inc Easter Sunday)
Tariff 4	Christmas and New Year Day and Night Rate

Christmas is defined as the period from 18.00 hours on Christmas Eve until 06.00 hours on the day after Boxing Day.

New Year is defined as the period from 18.00 hours on New Year’s Eve until 06.00 hours on the day after New Year’s Day.

3.5 A table comparing the current fare tariffs with the proposed rates is shown at Appendix 2 to this report. A table showing the effect of the proposed increases is attached at Appendix 3 to this report. Details of the Hackney Carriage fare tariffs applicable in other neighbouring authorities can be found in Appendix 4 to this report.

3.6 Should Members approve the amendments to the current fare tariffs, the proposal must be advertised for a period of at least fourteen days. If no objections to the proposal are received, the revised tariffs could become effective in August 2022. Should the Licensing Authority receive any objections to the proposals they will be reported back to this Committee for further consideration in September 2022.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 It is estimated that the cost of the public advertisement will be approximately £100.00. This cost will be recovered from licence fees.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Section 65(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 gives the local authority power to set Hackney Carriage fares as follows:

1. A District Council may fix the rates or fares within the district as well for time as distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a vehicle or with the arrangements for the hire of a vehicle; to be paid in respect of the hire of a hackney carriage by means of a table (hereafter in this section

referred to as a ‘table of fares’) made or varied in accordance with the provisions of this section.

2. When a District Council make or vary a table of fares they shall publish in at least one local newspaper circulating in the district a notice setting out the table of fares or the variation thereof and specifying the period, which shall not be less than fourteen days from the date of first publication of the notice, within which and the manner in which objections to the table of fares or variation can be made.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

- 6.1 Any change to the fare tariff requires the meters in Hackney Carriage Vehicles to be re calibrated which will then be checked by Licensing Officers.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Any change to the table of fares will be published in a local newspaper which circulates in the borough. The notice will set out the table of fares or the variation and specify the period, which shall not be less than fourteen days from the date of first publication of the notice, within which and the manner in which objections to the table of fares or variation can be made.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity. The Equality Impact Assessment relevant to a proposed increase in Hackney Carriage Fares is attached via the link below:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments>

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Hackney Carriage Vehicles contribute to harmful emissions including particulate matter, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide which can be harmful to health.
- 10.2 Hybrid and electric cars emit less greenhouse gases and air pollutants than petrol and diesel cars. (*Source: European Environment Agency report 2018*)

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are none arising directly from the content of this report.

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 Current Hackney Carriage Fare Tariffs
- Appendix 2 Table comparing the current and proposed rates
- Appendix 3 Table showing the effect of the proposal
- Appendix 4 Details of the Hackney Carriage fare tariffs applicable in other authorities

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Letter from Unite the Union
- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee	18 July 2018 19 September 2018 13 November 2019 22 January 2020
Cabinet	24 February 2020

HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

Within the Borough and up to 4 miles beyond the district boundary. Unless a separate fare has been agreed <u>in advance</u> for a hiring to a destination beyond 4 miles of the district boundary, the fare payable is that shown on the taximeter	
Tariff 1	Day rate: 6.00am to 10.00pm
First 300 yards or part thereof	£3.20
Each subsequent 230 yards	20p
Tariff 2	Night rate: 10.00pm to 6.00am Public and Bank Holiday day rate: 6.00am to 10.00pm (including Good Friday and Easter Sunday)
First 300 yards or part thereof	£3.60
Each subsequent 175 yards	20p
Tariff 3	Public and Bank Holiday night rate: midnight to 6.00am 10.00pm to midnight (including Good Friday and Easter Sunday)
First 300 yards or part thereof	£3.80
Each subsequent 165 yards	20p
Tariff 4	Christmas and New Year rate <i>From 6pm on 24 December until 6am on 27 December</i> <i>From 6pm on 31 December until 6am on 2 January</i>
First 300 yards or part thereof	£6.00
Each subsequent 230 yards	40p

Extra charges

For each passenger in excess of two per journey (excluding children under 5 years of age)	10p
For each animal (other than an assistance dog)	£1.00
Waiting time – for each minute or part thereof	30p
Bulky items	£5
Fouling charge (see separate notice)	£35
Tolls – for both the outward and the return journey	

Comparison of current and proposed Hackney Carriage tariffs

	Current rate	Proposed rate
TARIFF 1		
First 300 yards	£3.20	
First 1760 yards		£5.00
Each subsequent 230 yards	20p	
Each subsequent 215 yards		20p
TARIFF 2		
First 300 yards	£3.60	
First 1392 yards		£5.00
Each subsequent 175 yards	20p	
Each subsequent 172 yards		20p
TARIFF 3		
First 300 yards	£3.80	
First 1160 yards		£5.00
Each subsequent 165 yards	20p	
Each subsequent 120 yards		20p
TARIFF 4		
First 300 yards	£6.00	
First 880 yards		£5.00
Each subsequent 230 yards	20p	
Each subsequent 107.5 yards		20p

Table showing the effect of the proposal

	Distance	Fare based on current tariff	Fare based on proposed tariff	Percentage increase
Tariff 1	300 yards	£3.20	£5.00	56.3%
	1 mile	£4.60	£5.00	8.7%
	2 miles	£6.00	£6.80	13.3%
	3 miles	£7.60	£8.40	10.5%
	4 miles	£9.20	£10.00	8.7%
	5 miles	£10.60	£11.60	9.4%
	10 miles	£18.40	£19.80	7.6%
Tariff 2	300 yards	£3.60	£5.00	38.9%
	1392 yards	£5.00	£5.00	0%
	1 mile	£5.40	£5.60	3.7%
	2 miles	£7.40	£7.60	2.7%
	3 miles	£9.40	£9.60	2.1%
	4 miles	£11.40	£11.60	1.7%
	5 miles	£13.40	£13.80	3.0%
	10 miles	£23.40	£24.00	2.6%
Tariff 3	300 yards	£3.80	£5.00	31.6%
	1160 yards	£5.00	£5.00	0%
	1 mile	£5.60	£6.00	7.1%
	2 miles	£7.80	£9.00	15.4%
	3 miles	£10.00	£12.00	20.0%
	4 miles	£12.00	£14.80	23.4%
	5 miles	£14.20	£17.80	25.3%
	10 miles	£24.60	£32.40	31.7%

Tariff 4	300 yards	£6.00	£5.00	-16.7%
	880 yards	£7.20	£5.00	-30.5%
	1 mile	£8.80	£6.80	-22.7%
	2 miles	£11.60	£10.00	-13.8%
	3 miles	£14.80	£13.20	-10.8%
	4 miles	£18.00	£16.60	-7.8%
	5 miles	£20.80	£19.80	-4.8%
	10 miles	£36.40	£36.20	-0.5%

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The City of Liverpool Hackney Carriage Rates of Fare

Operative from 29th March 2022

The following four Rates of Fare (D, N, S and E) apply to journeys to destinations wholly within the City of Liverpool or starting within the boundary of the City of Liverpool and ending at any point **less** than 4 miles beyond the nearest boundary of Liverpool.

The taximeter should always be engaged for such journeys and the fare demanded should not exceed that shown on the taximeter at the conclusion of the journey (plus any additional charges specified below).

D (Day) rate

For journeys beginning after 06:00 hours and ending before 23:00 (other than when the N, S, or E rate below applies)

- £3.00 for the first 330 yards or less
- Then 20p each
- Then 20p each succeeding 205 yards (or less) up to 35,200 yards Then 20p each succeeding 300 yards (or less)
- And 20p each 60 seconds waiting charge (or less)



N (Night) rate

Except when the E rate applies, the N rate should be used for journeys (1) beginning after 23.00 hours and ending before 06.00 hours or (2) at any times on Easter Sunday and all bank holidays (other than the Xmas and New Year periods when the E rate should be charged see below)

- £3.75 for the first 330 yards or less
- Then 25p each succeeding 205 yards (or less) up to 35,200 yards Then 25p each succeeding 300 yards (or less)
- And 25p each 60 seconds waiting charge (or less)

S (Saturday/Sunday) rate

Except when the E rate applies, the S rate should be used for journeys beginning after 19.00 hours on a Saturday and ending before 07.00 hours on Sunday

- £4.00 for the first 330 yards or less
- Then 25p each succeeding 205 yards (or less) up to 35,200 yards Then 25p each succeeding 300 yards (or less)
- And 25p each 60 seconds waiting charge (or less)



E (Extra) rate

For journeys beginning (1) after 6.00pm on December 24 to 6.00am on 27 December and (2) after 6.00pm on 31st December to 6.00am 2 January

- £4.50 for the first 330 yards or less
- Then 30p each succeeding 205 yards (or less) up to 35,200 yards Then 30p each succeeding 300 yards (or less)
- And 30p each 60 seconds waiting charge (or less)

Journeys ending 4 miles or more beyond the nearest boundary of the City of Liverpool

For journeys ending 4 miles or more beyond the nearest boundary of the City of Liverpool, the driver is not obliged to accept the hiring but if he/she does so the following will apply:

- Either the hirer can agree the fare or rate of fare (such as the E Rate) with the driver **before** the journey commences in which case the driver must not demand more than the agreed fare or rate of fare.
- Or if no such agreement is made **before** the journey commences the driver must engage the meter in accordance with the applicable D, N, S or E rate and **must not** demand a fare greater than that shown on the meter at the conclusion of the journey (plus any of the Permitted Additional Charges). For journeys ending 4 miles or more beyond the nearest boundary of the City of Liverpool the driver may request you to pay the estimated fare/deposit up-front. If you do not agree you may be refused travel. No such request should be made in respect of journeys which end within Liverpool or less than 4 miles beyond the nearest boundary of Liverpool.



Permitted additional charges

The only additional charges which may be added to the fare are:

- Tolls to and from the destination (including Tunnel, Motorway, Bridge and Airport tolls).
- A charge of £40 for cleaning the inside of the vehicle in the event of soiling or fouling and a charge of £10 for soiling or fouling of the outside of the vehicle.

The driver is prohibited from making any additional charge for making payment by electronic means.

Enquiries, compliments or complaints

If you have any enquiries, compliments or complaints please contact:

- Licensing and Regulatory Services, Cunard Building, Water Street, Liverpool, L3 1AH
- Telephone: 0151 233 3015
- Email: Licensing@liverpool.gov.uk

If you have any complaints/comments about this vehicle or driver, please contact:
Licensing Team, Wyvern House, The Drumber, Winsford CW7 1AH
Telephone: 0300 123 8123

If any journey ends outside the boundary of Cheshire West and Chester Council, Ellesmere Port and Neston Zone, the fare may be agreed in advance with the driver, otherwise the Table of Fares must be applied. In all cases where the Table of Fares is applied, it is an offence for the driver to charge more than the fare shown on the taximeter. Fares shown on the taximeter are a maximum, and may be lower at the discretion of the driver or after negotiation with the driver prior to the commencement of the journey.

Fares will increase due to slow moving traffic, any time the vehicle is stationary and any delays.

Tarrifs:	One Mile	Five Miles	10 Miles	Table gives an indication of possible fares. This does not reflect increases for any delays to journeys. All rates are inclusive of VAT.
Tariff One	£3.60	£9.80	£17.60	
Tariff Two	Tariff One +25%			
Tariff Three	Tariff One +100%			
Tariff One	For journeys commencing between 6am and 10pm • Journeys not exceeding 300 yards: £2.20 • For each subsequent 220 yards (or incomplete part thereof): 20p			
Tariff Two	For each complete journey between 10pm and 6am, and with the exception of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, between midnight commencing the Bank Holiday and 6am, on the following day. Any journey on Tariff two - Equivalent to Tariff one Plus 25% (or distance equivalent)			
Tariff Three	For each complete journey between 6pm, 24 December and 6am, 27 December and from 6pm, 31 December to 6am, 2 January Any journey on Tariff three - Equivalent to Tariff one Plus 100% (or distance equivalent)			
Waiting Time	At all times on all tariffs £9.00 per hour charged at 15p increments. Waiting time will apply if the vehicle is in slow moving traffic and any time that the vehicle is stationary.			
Extra Charge	• 6, 7 or 8 seater taxi carrying 6, 7 or 8 passengers. Any journey charged at appropriate Tariff (Tariff one, two or three) Plus 25% • Fouling of interior of vehicle: £25.00 • Mandatory road fees and tolls will be charged and added separately to the fare.			

This vehicle may be hired for special occasions which may be subject to an extra charge agreed by the hirer. Prior written agreement to the additional charge must be received from the hirer in advance of the journey. In all cases, this agreement must be made at least 48 hours prior to commencement of the journey.

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Telephone: 0300 123 8123

If any journey ends outside the boundary of Cheshire West and Chester Council, Chester Zone, the fare may be agreed in advance with the driver, otherwise the Table of Fares must be applied. In all cases where the Table of Fares is applied, it is an offence for the driver to charge more than the fare shown on the taximeter. Fares will increase due to slow traffic, when the vehicle is stationary and any delays.

Tarrifs:	One Mile	Five Miles	10 Miles	Table gives an indication of possible fares. This does not reflect increases for any delays to journeys. All rates are inclusive of VAT.
Tariff One	£4.40	£11.00	£20.80	
Tariff Two	Tariff One +25%			
Tariff Three	Tariff One +50%			
Tariff Four	Tariff One +100%			
Tariff One	Monday to Saturday, journeys commencing between 6am and 10pm. Journeys not exceeding 210 yards or incomplete part thereof: £2.80 For each subsequent 210 yards or incomplete part thereof: 20p, up to 10,710 yards. For each subsequent 178.50 yards on incomplete part thereof: 20p			
Tariff Two	Between 10pm and 6am Monday to Saturday, and any time on a Sunday or a Bank Holiday (other than Christmas and New Year) Tariff One +12.5%.			
Tariff Three	Christmas and New Year Period. For each complete journey between 6pm and 10pm on 24 December and the 21 December; from 6am 26 December until 6am 27 December; from 6am 1 January until 6am 2 January. Equivalent to Tariff One – Plus 50% (or distance equivalent)			
Tariff Four	Christmas and New Year Period. For each complete journey between 10pm on 24 December until 6am 26 December; 10pm 31 December until 6am 1 January. Equivalent to Tariff 1 – Plus 100% (or distance equivalent)			
Waiting Time	At all times on all tariffs £15.00 per hour charged at 20p increments. Waiting time will apply if the vehicle is in slow moving traffic and any time that the vehicle is stationary.			
Extra Charge	For each article of luggage carried (other than light luggage): 20p 6 or 7 seater taxi carrying 6 or 7 passengers: £3.00 Fouling of interior of vehicle: £50.00			

Mandatory road fees and tolls will be charged and added separately to the fare. This vehicle may be hired for special occasions which may be subject to an extra charge agreed by the hirer. Prior written agreement to the additional charge must be received from the hirer in advance of the journey. In all cases, this agreement must be made at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the journey.

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Telephone: 0300 123 8123

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Tariffs:	One Mile	Five Miles	10 Miles	Table gives an indication of possible fares. This does not reflect increases for any delays to journeys. All rates are inclusive of VAT.
Tariff One	£3.50	£10.50	£19.25	
Tariff Two	£4.50	£14.50	£27.00	
Tariff One	For journeys commencing between 7.30am and 11pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial hiring charge £2.50 • On completion of the first mile (in £0.20 increments) £3.50 • Thereafter, for each subsequent 1/5th of a mile (322 metres) or part thereof £0.35 			
Tariff Two	For journeys commencing between 11pm and 7.30am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial hiring charge £3.50 • On completion of the first mile (in £0.20 increments) £4.50 • Thereafter, for each subsequent 1/5th of a mile (322 metres) or £0.50 part thereof • Tariff two rates will apply to all Bank Holidays commencing at 11 pm the night before until 7am the morning after the Bank Holiday. At Christmas to commence at 11pm the night before Christmas Eve until 7am the morning after Boxing Day. At New Year to commence at 11pm the night before New Year's Eve until 7am the morning after New Year's Day. On all other days Tariff two rates will apply between 11pm and 7am. 			
Waiting Time	Waiting time will be charged at £20.40 per hour and will be charged at 17 pence for each half minute or part thereof. Waiting time will be charged when the vehicle is in slow moving traffic or is stopped.			
Extra Charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Passengers – A charge of twice the rate on the fare meter can be made when the vehicle is licensed to carry eight passengers and is carrying at least five passengers. • Fouling – Fouling of interior of vehicle (soilage charge) £25.00 • Left Property – The licence holder who is in possession of property left in the vehicle, shall be entitled to receive from any person to whom the property shall be re-delivered an amount equal to 5 pence in the pound of its estimated value (or the fare for the distance from the place of finding to the office of the Council, whichever is greater) but no more than £7.50. 			

Hackney Carriage



Table of Maximum Fares

2nd November 2021

Tariff 1	£3.00 for the first 440 yards (402 meters) then £0.20 for each 220 yards (201 meters) or part thereof
Tariff 2	£3.80 for the first 440 yards (402 meters) then £0.20 for each 165 yards (151 meters) or part thereof
Tariff 3	£4.60 for the first 440 yards (402 meters) then £0.20 for each 132 yards (121 meters) or part thereof

Where 5 or more passengers are carried the above tariffs will increase by 50% becoming tariffs 4, 5 and 6

Waiting Time

The hirer will be charged **£0.20** for the following periods or uncompleted part thereof

Tariff 1 - 60 seconds

Tariff 2 - 40 seconds

Tariff 3 - 30 seconds

1. Tariff 1 applies at all times when neither tariff 2 nor Tariff 3 applies
2. Tariff 2 shall apply (where Tariff 1 would otherwise apply) for any journey at and beyond six miles from the commencement of the journey
2. Except when Tariff 3 applies, Tariff 2 applies for hirings between 11.00pm and 6.00am, all day on Bank and Public Holidays, Easter Sunday, and between midday to 11.00pm Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
3. Tariff 3 applies for hirings between:
 - a) 11.00pm Christmas Eve and 6.00am Boxing Day
 - b) 11.00pm New Year's Eve and 6.00am New Year's Day
4. If any journey ends outside the Borough boundary the fare should be agreed in advance with the driver otherwise the Table of Fares must be applied
5. Only mileage and waiting time charges will appear on the taximeter. Other charges will be charged separately
6. Taximeters are calibrated in yards and metric equivalents are approximate only

Extra Charges

Luggage - For each article of luggage outside the passenger compartment **£ 0.20**

Fouling - The cost to the hirer of cleaning the vehicle when fouled by them **£50.00**

Bridge Crossing - For a passenger journey involving a crossing of the River Mersey within the Borough the toll for the crossing may be charged at the rate for the time being in force for the vehicle

St. Helens Council – Hackney Carriage Fares
Operative 25 November 2021

Table of Maximum Hackney Carriage Fares

RATE 1 (R1) 08.01 – 22.59hrs	RATE 2 (R2) 23.00 - 08.00hrs Applies to Bank Holidays except as described in Rate 3 and all day Easter Sunday
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RATE 3 (R3)
 Applies from 18:00hrs on Christmas Eve, throughout Christmas Day and Boxing Day until 08:00hrs on 27th December and from 18:00hrs on New Year's Eve, throughout New Year's Day until 08:00hrs on 2nd January.

MILEAGE	R1	R2	R3
For the first 300 metres or part	£2.30	£2.80	£3.70
For each subsequent 175 metres or part	£0.20		
For each subsequent 130 metres or part		£0.20	
For each subsequent 125 metres or part			£0.20
Waiting time (Each period 30 seconds or part)	£0.10		
Waiting time (Each period 20 seconds or part)		£0.10	£0.10

The Driver is only entitled to charge the above mentioned rate of fares

Extra charges

1. For fouling the cab	£25.00
2. Before the journey starts the driver must advise if they are exercising discretion to charge for carrying abnormal loads. This does not apply to the carriage of wheelchairs, pushchairs, suitcases, handheld luggage and shopping bags.	£10.00
3. Toll charges (Where Applicable)	

NOTE – If you have any complaints regarding the driver or the vehicle you should inform the Council's Licensing Team at Wesley House, Corporation Street, St Helens, WA10 1HF (Telephone – 01744 676770) quoting the vehicle plate number and or the drivers badge number.

St. Helens Council – Hackney Carriage Fares
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RATE 1 (R1) 08.01 – 22.59hrs	RATE 2 (R2) 23.00 - 08.00hrs Applies to Bank Holidays except as described in Rate 3 and all day Easter Sunday
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RATE 3 (R3)
 Applies from 18:00hrs on Christmas Eve, throughout Christmas Day and Boxing Day until 08:00hrs on 27th December and from 18:00hrs on New Year's Eve, throughout New Year's Day until 08:00hrs on 2nd January.

MILEAGE	R1	R2	R3
For the first 300 metres or part	£2.30	£2.80	£3.70
For each subsequent 175 metres or part	£0.20		
For each subsequent 130 metres or part		£0.20	
For each subsequent 125 metres or part			£0.20
Waiting time (Each period 30 seconds or part)	£0.10		
Waiting time (Each period 20 seconds or part)		£0.10	£0.10

The Driver is only entitled to charge the above mentioned rate of fares

Extra charges

1. For fouling the cab	£25.00
2. Before the journey starts the driver must advise if they are exercising discretion to charge for carrying abnormal loads. This does not apply to the carriage of wheelchairs, pushchairs, suitcases, handheld luggage and shopping bags.	£10.00
3. Toll charges (Where Applicable)	

NOTE – If you have any complaints regarding the driver or the vehicle you should inform the Council's Licensing Team at Wesley House, Corporation Street, St Helens, WA10 1HF (Telephone – 01744 676770) quoting the vehicle plate number and or the drivers badge number.



HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF MAXIMUM CHARGES (WITH EFFECT FROM 18th April 2022)

EVEN WHEN HIRED VIA A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR THE TAXIMETER MUST ALWAYS BE ENGAGED AT THE APPROPRIATE MAXIMUM TARIFF SET BY THE COUNCIL APART FROM JOURNEYS THAT EXTEND MORE THAN 4 MILES BEYOND THE BOROUGH BOUNDARY. ANY DRIVER CHARGING HIGHER THAN THE PERMITTED FARE MAY BE COMMITTING A CRIMINAL OFFENCE.

THIS VEHICLE IS HIRED BY A COMBINATION OF BOTH TIME AND DISTANCE CALCULATED AT THE MAXIMUM RATES AS SHOWN IN THE TABLES BELOW.

TARIFF 1	<u>0600 HOURS TO 2300 HOURS EVERY DAY UNLESS SHOWN BELOW</u>
<p>£2.80 for the first 330 yards or less Then 20p for each succeeding 205 yards (or less) up to 35,200 yards Then 20p for each succeeding 300 yards (or less) Then 20p each 60 seconds waiting charge (or less)</p>	

TARIFF 2	<u>2300 HOURS TO 0600 HOURS, AND ALL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS EXCEPT CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR</u>
<p>£3.50 for the first 330 yards or less Then 25p for each succeeding 205 yards (or less) up to 35,200 yards Then 25p for each succeeding 300 yards (or less) Then 25p each 60 seconds waiting charge (or less)</p>	

TARIFF 3	<u>CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS</u>
<p>(From 0600 hours Christmas Eve, all of Christmas Day, all of Boxing Day and until 0600 hours on 27th December and again from 1800 hours on New Year's Eve, all of New Year's Day and until 0600 hours on 2nd January)</p> <p>£3.90 for the first 400 yards or less Then 20p for each succeeding 132 yards (or less) Then 20p for each 40 seconds waiting charge (or less)</p>	

<u>PERMITTED EXTRA CHARGES</u>	
(i)	50p as a single discretionary charge for all journeys where more than 4 passengers are carried in the vehicle;
(ii)	£40.00 Fouling Charge;
(iii)	All Tolls <u>to and from</u> the requested destination (including Tunnel, Motorway, Bridge and Airport tolls)

IF A JOURNEY IS TO EXTEND MORE THAN FOUR MILES BEYOND THE BOROUGH BOUNDARY THE DRIVER MUST, BEFORE THE START OF THE JOURNEY AGREE A RATE OF HIRE OR AN AGREED AMOUNT. IF THE METER RATE IS AGREED IT WILL BE ON A MANUAL OVERRIDE AND WILL BE DISPLAYED AS AN "E" ON THE METER. THIS RATE EQUATES TO TARIFF 2'S USUAL CHARGES.

THE DRIVER IS PROHIBITED FROM MAKING ANY ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY COMPLIMENTS, COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRIES REGARDING YOUR TAXI JOURNEY, PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE TAXI LICENCE PLATE NUMBER AND CONTACT: KNOWSLEY COUNCIL LICENSING ENFORCEMENT -
Telephone: 0151 443 2300, or Email: DCRLicensingEnforcementTeam@knowsley.gov.uk**

Regulatory and General Purposes Committee – Terms of Reference

The principal role of the Regulatory and General Purposes Committee is as the administrative committee, established as an ordinary committee and acting under delegation pursuant to sections 101 and 102 of the Local Government Act 1972, and responsible for making decisions as licensing and registration authority on all regulatory matters not otherwise delegated to the Planning Committee or reserved to the Licensing Act Committee.

The Committee is charged by full Council to fulfil all of those functions, more particularly described as set out at Schedule 1 of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended), and associated matters, including but not limited to:

- (a) functions relating to licensing, registration and ancillary matters other than those falling within the remit of the Licensing Act Committee, including but not limited to:
 - acupuncture, tattooing, ear-piercing and electrolysis;
 - caravan sites;
 - charity collections and street collections;
 - hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licences, drivers and operators;
 - entertainments;
 - market and street trading,
 - pleasure boats and pleasure vessels;
 - scrap yards;
 - sex shops and sex establishments;
 - solemnisation of marriages;
 - theatres and cinemas;
 - zoos, animal trainers and exhibitors and dangerous wild animals;
- (b) functions relating to health and safety at work, to the extent that those functions are discharged otherwise than in the authority's capacity as an employer;
- (c) functions relating to sea fisheries;
- (d) functions relating to statutory nuisance and contaminated land;
- (e) the passing of a resolution that schedule 2 to The Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 should apply in the authority's area;
- (f) commons regulation and town and village greens, the power to apply for an enforcement order against unlawful works on registered common land, the power to protect unclaimed registered common land and unclaimed town or village greens against unlawful interference and the power to institute proceedings for offences in respect of unclaimed land;
- (g) the power to make a closing order on a takeaway food shop;
- (h) the obtaining of particulars of persons interested in land under section 16 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976;

- (f) functions relating to elections and electoral registration not otherwise reserved to Full Council, including the making of recommendations to the Council as to recommendations to the Secretary of State on ward boundaries;
- (g) Power to consider and make recommendations to the Council on matters relating to the name and status of the Borough and individuals; and
- (h) making recommendations to Council on the promotion or approval of local bill.