

Carlisle City Council

Report to Regulatory Panel

Report details

Meeting Date:	8 th February 2023
Portfolio:	Finance, Governance & Resources
Key Decision:	No
Policy and Budget Framework	No
Public / Private	Public
Title:	Hackney Carriage Table of Fares Review
Report of:	Corporate Director of Governance & Regulatory Services
Report Number:	GD 05/23

Purpose / Summary:

The Licensing Authority sets the rate of fare for Hackney Carriages (Taxis) in the District. The Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2022-2027 states that the tariff will be reviewed bi-annually or following a request from the trade.

The tariff was last reviewed in February 2022 (implemented from April 2022) and would be due to be reviewed in February 2024, however a request had been made from Carlisle Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Association to consider an increase to the Table of Fares.

Recommendations:

That members consider the request from the Association and, if a change to the Table of Fares for Hackney Carriages is proposed, agree this subject to consultation.

Tracking

Executive:	N/A
Scrutiny:	N/A
Council:	N/A

1. Background

- 1.1. Hackney Carriage (taxis) are a vital form of local transport. Local Authorities have the power to set the maximum fares of taxis which they licence.
- 1.2. Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (Appendix 1) states that

“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 hackney carriages 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.”

- 1.3. By fixing the fares, the Council is effectively setting the maximum fare that Hackney Carriage drivers can charge. Legally, taxi drivers may charge less than this but may not charge more.
- 1.4. The fares set by the Council include provisions for taxi drivers to earn a wage, cover the costs of running a taxi and providing a service to the public when it is needed whilst ensuring that fares are reasonable for the public to pay for such a service.
- 1.5. The last review of the table of fares was undertaken in February 2022 and the fares were increased by 12% on the national benchmark 2 mile journey (from £5.80 to £6.60).
- 1.6. The Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2022-2027 states that it is good practice to review the fare scales at regular intervals, and will therefore, consider the fare scales on a bi-annual basis or sooner if a request is received by the trade.¹

2. Proposals and initial consultation

- 2.1 Carlisle Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Association (“the Association”) contacted the Licensing Manager in December 2022 to request that the Table of Fares be reviewed due to the increase in inflation and costs of living.
- 2.2 The proposal tabled by the Association was as follows:
 - A reduced distance to the first click
 - Waiting time increased from 20p to 30p per minute
 - Tariff 1 to start at £3.80 (currently £3.40)
 - Tariff 2 to start at £5.10 (currently £4.50)

¹ Carlisle City Council Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Policy 2022-27 Part 7 Section 7.1

- Tariff 3 to start at £5.60 (currently £5.10)
- Soiling charge to increase to a maximum of £50 (currently £35)

2.3 In the same period some disquiet had also been received by the trade by way of several emails to the Department objecting to any proposed increase. It was therefore decided to gauge a wider view of the Trade prior to reporting to the Panel.

2.4 Carlisle City Council currently licence a total of 235 Hackney Carriage Drivers and 106 Private Hire Drivers (341 licences). 27 drivers hold both licences, leaving a total of **314 individuals** who were invited to complete a survey.

2.5 **The results of this initial consultation are as follows:**

- 127 individuals completed the survey (39%) – 90 Hackney Carriage Drivers, 23 Private Hire Driver and 12 drivers who hold both a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence.
- 98 respondents agreed that the existing tariff of fares should be revised (77% of respondents and 31% of drivers in total)
- 27 respondents disagreed that a revision was necessary (23% of respondents and 9% of drivers in total).

Comments on the proposals from respondents can be found at **Appendix 2**.

2.6 In order to review the fares, the Council's Financial Services produce the changes to the RPI to the identified criteria for transport costs since the last review. These changes have been multiplied by the weighting agreed with the Taxi Association with the main costs being fuel, labour and insurance. The calculations show an average increase in costs of 11.68% since the last figure were received in October 2021 and overall inflation is currently running at 14%.

Main Costs	Oct 21	Nov 22	Variance	Weighting	Total
Fuel & Oil	401.60	506.20	26.05	18.95	493.45
Insurance & Tax	921.30	1207.50	31.06	4.95	153.88
Maintenance	485.90	530.60	9.20	9.34	85.88
Labour & Wages	536.70	577.02	7.51	54.49	409.35
Vehicle Purchasing	114.90	117.20	2.00	11.05	22.12
Licensing (Badge, Plate, COC & Taxi Test x 2)	399.00	411.00	3.01	1.23	3.69
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2.7 The current flag fall is £3.40 for the first 1000 meters and 20p for each subsequent 160 yards (approximately 146 meters) or uncompleted part thereof. (**Appendix 3 – Current Table of Fares**)

- 2.8 The proposal from the Taxi Association is that the Tariff 1 flag fall is increased to £3.80 and this would result in the following increase to a Tariff 1 journey.

	Current Tariff	Proposed Tariff	Increase
1 mile	£4.40	£4.80	8%
2 mile	£6.60	£7.00	6%
5 mile	£13.20	£13.60	3%
10 mile	£24.20	£24.60	2%

- 2.9 Carlisle would be ranked 1st of the 6 Cumbria Councils for the benchmark 2-mile journey and will be ranked within the 132-147 of the 359 authorities in the country for a 2-mile journey who all have a £7.00 fare. The national average 2-mile journey for Tariff One is £6.93. (**Appendix 4**)

2 Mile Ranking	District	Charge for 2 Miles	Date Reviewed
1	Carlisle	7.00	2023
2	South Lakeland	6.70	2022
3	Eden	6.60	2022
4	Barrow BC	6.50	2022
5	Copeland	6.20	2022
6	Allerdale	6.00	2022

- 2.10 The proposals to change the flagfall for Tariff 2 and Tariff 3 are in line with the rate increase (ie plus 1/3rd for Tariff 2 and plus ½ for Tariff 3).
- 2.11 The above does not take into account the proposal from the Association to reduce the distance to the first click (currently 1000 meters) as the proposals take Carlisle above the national average and the most costly in Cumbria without this taken into consideration.
- 2.12 Members also need to consider the requests to increase the waiting charge from 20p to 30p per one minute and to increase the soiling charge to a maximum of £50.
- 2.13 Members will be aware that Cumberland Council will be established from April 2023. Taxi policies from the sovereign authorities (Carlisle, Allerdale and Copeland) will remain until such a time a single policy for Cumberland is approved. At this point it may be proposed that there is one tariff for the Cumberland district. For information the Table of Fares for Allerdale and Copeland are attached at **Appendix 5**. Copeland are not reviewing their maximum fare prior to April 2023. Allerdale BC Regulatory Committee are to receive a report on 6th February 2023 and no change to the tariff is recommended. A verbal update will be given to the Panel.

3. Risks

- 3.1 Any tariff will need to be adopted in accordance with the relevant legislation.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 In accordance with Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Council must publish their proposed table of fares in at least one local newspaper and a notice placed at the Council Offices for a period of 14 days.
- 4.2 If no objections are received, or are subsequently withdrawn, by the closing date of the 28th February 2022, the new tariff will apply from the 31st March 2023.
- 4.3 Any objections will be heard by the Regulatory Panel on the 15th March 2023 and the tariff shall come into force, with or without modification, on the 31st March 2023.

5. Recommendations

5.1 That Members take one of the following options

- subject to consultation, members agree, other than the reduction in distance to the first 'click', the proposed changes to the Table of Fares for Hackney Carriages; or,
- That no change is made to the Table of Fares at this time.

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Appendices attached to report:

1. Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
2. Survey Comments from Licence holders
3. Carlisle Table of Fares April 2022
4. National Hackney Fares Table January 2023 (Private Hire Monthly)
5. Table of Fares Allerdale Borough Council & Copeland Borough Council

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- None

Corporate Implications:

Legal Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows the Council to fix the maximum rates or fares.

Any proposals for amendment are to be published and if no objection is received then the amendments shall take effect. Where objection is received then the Council shall consider the objections received and may set a further date (no later than two months) on which the table of fares (with or without modification) shall take effect.

Finance None – the consultation and publication in respect of the proposed Table of Fares will be met from the running costs of the Licensing Department.

Equality - None

Information Governance- None



Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 57

PART II

HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

65 Fixing of fares for hackney carriages.

- (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 hackney carriages 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)
 - (a) 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 the first publication of the notice, within which and the manner in which objections to the table of fares or variation can be made.
 - (b) A copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall for the period of fourteen days from the date of the first publication thereof be deposited at the offices of the council which published the notice, and shall at all reasonable hours be open to public inspection without payment.
- (3) If no objection to a table of fares or variation is duly made within the period specified in the notice referred to in subsection (2) of this section, or if all objections so made are withdrawn, the table of fares or variation shall come into operation on the date of the expiration of the period specified in the notice or the date of withdrawal of the objection or, if more than one, of the last objection, whichever date is the later.
- (4) If objection is duly made as aforesaid and is not withdrawn, the district council shall set a further date, not later than two months after the first specified date, on which the

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Section 65. (See end of Document for details)

table of fares shall come into force with or without modifications as decided by them after consideration of the objections.

- (5) A table of fares made or varied under this section shall have effect for the purposes of the Act of 1847 as if it were included in hackney carriage byelaws made thereunder.
- (6) On the coming into operation of a table of fares made by a council under this section for the district, any hackney carriage byelaws fixing the rates and fares or any table of fares previously made under this section for the district, as the case may be, shall cease to have effect.
- (7) Section 236(8) (except the words “when confirmed”) and section 238 of the ^{M1}Local Government Act 1972 (except paragraphs (c) and (d) of that section) shall extend and apply to a table of fares made or varied under this section [^{F1}by a district council in England] as they apply to byelaws made by a district council [^{F2}in England] .
- [^{F3}(7A) Section 8(5) and section 19 of the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012 shall extend and apply to a table of fares made or varied under this section by a council for a county or county borough in Wales as they apply to byelaws made by a council for a county or county borough in Wales.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 65(7) inserted (31.3.2015) by [Local Government Byelaws \(Wales\) Act 2012 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 22(2), [Sch. 2 para. 10\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2015/1025, art. 2(r) (with art. 3)
- F2** Words in s. 65(7) inserted (31.3.2015) by [Local Government Byelaws \(Wales\) Act 2012 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 22(2), [Sch. 2 para. 10\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2015/1025, art. 2(r) (with art. 3)
- F3** S. 65(7A) inserted (31.3.2015) by [Local Government Byelaws \(Wales\) Act 2012 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 22(2), [Sch. 2 para. 10\(3\)](#); S.I. 2015/1025, art. 2(r) (with art. 3)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1972 c. 70.

Do you agree or disagree that the existing tariff of fares should be revised?	If you would like to give reasons for your choice, please do so here
Agree	The cost of fuel has rocketed, the price of servicing and buying the vehicles has also rocketed to a degree which may not be sustainable for many operators.
Agree	According price increase of everything(expecially fuel ,reparing and cost of living) and effecting our life, taxi fares should be revieved and and bring up to correct prices.
Agree	An increase would help absorb the rise in fuel costs.
Agree	As a private hire taxi, i think we do need a meter and all jobs should go off a meter, we all know the road system in carlisle is shocking.
Agree	As the tariff has recently gone up. At the moment it should stay as it is and maybe from April go up. Then have a annual review
Agree	As we all know the cost of living has gone up in every direction especially the cost of fuel. The soiling charge needs to go up as if you get someone that vomits in your taxi it's not possible to get it valeted at night and ends your night of earning any money as soiling charge will mostly go to getting the car cleaned.
Agree	At the minute everything price is going up
Agree	Bills are going up and up
Agree	Cost of fuel, running costs of vehicle and general upsurge in living cost in general.
Agree	Cost of living and fuel and keeping the car on the road
Agree	Cost of living and only going to get worst

Do you agree or disagree that the existing tariff of fares should be revised?	If you would like to give reasons for your choice, please do so here
Agree	Cost of living goes up so this is essential really
Agree	Cost of living increases and fuel prices
Agree	Cost of living rise affects everyone
Agree	Cost of living, fuel prices and increase in all car expenses
Agree	Due to rising expense to maintain and fuel vehicles to keep them on the road a far increase is required.
Agree	Due to the rise in fuel and also the cost of living, I believe the rates should be increased. The soiling rate is too low at present as it's impossible to have even a mini valet to clean up soiling, plus it's downtime expense.
Agree	Due to the rising costs of keep vehicles on the road a fare increase is almost certainly required at this time.
Agree	Everything costs 2x - 3x increased. Garages labour charges double. Parts, Tyres, insurance etc. 2x. Even bus charge more than taxi fare. For example with previous meter fare from station to hilltop hotel was £4.50 now is £4.80.
Agree	Everything has increased far more than what we had last time. Some drivers may not agree as they may have better business connections. They can reduce the price if they like, but the increase is necessary for those who have no regular customers.
Agree	Everything is so expensive to afford it ..home shopping,utilities,fuel price is too much for driving now days.thanks
Agree	Fuel price is more expensive and cost of living more expensive

Do you agree or disagree that the existing tariff of fares should be revised?	If you would like to give reasons for your choice, please do so here
Agree	Hi Nicola. Shame we had to do this way instead of through the association. I don't agree with all the current strikes when the country is on its knees because of 3 main reasons. Anyway there's nothing wrong with a thorough review.
Agree	I agree that the increases should coincide with cost of living. Unfortunately we live in very desperate times.
Agree	I agree to the fare increase as to the increasing costs of keeping my vehicle on the road is getting harder to run it and to earn a living, fuel and the cost repairing and the maintenance of my vehicle is costing more every week and also the normal cost of living is also hitting taxi drivers as much as everybody else people seem to think taxi drivers are exempt from the cost of living crisis
Agree	I Believe in Line with the Cost of Living Rise that these increases should go ahead we are currently position 191 in the tariff chart for National Hackney Fare and this increase is fare.
Agree	I currently think with the price of diesel still very high,plus also costs of tyers and maintenance on vechiles going up we have felt a very sizeable deduction in our earnings.A fare increase would be very welcome.plus as you well know its only really a one night town in carlisle with Saturday's only the busy night unless we do the likes of school contracts threw the week.i personally think alot off taxi drivers would leave the trade if it wasent for school runs threw the week .there can be 15 plus taxis sitting threw the week day nights for up to 20 /30 mins at a time to get a job to Denton holme for £4 pound unfortunately those fairs do not cover the bills and day to day runing of the vechile.
Agree	I feel torn about this, I hate that I can't sustain the rise of the cost of living to help people with transport . But I just feel sometimes we get left behind compared to train or lorry drives
Agree	if any employed person is offered a pay rise, they will take it. so I will take any increase in fares I can.
Agree	I'm generally happy with the old prices if they didn't discriminate against my workplace

Do you agree or disagree that the existing tariff of fares should be revised?	If you would like to give reasons for your choice, please do so here
Agree	I'm not overly bothered as I'm on wages now
Agree	Increased fuel prices and servicing
Agree	Increased price of fuel, insurance and servicing
Agree	Inflation
Agree	It is a shame to have to do this however the costs of purchasing and running a taxi have increased significantly in the last 3 years which includes everything from insurance to screen wash without a rate increase it would not be sustainable to carry on working and replace
Agree	Living cost has gone up so much as well as fuel prices and car maintenance.
Agree	Living costs higher than before
Agree	Motoring costs have risen substantially, costs of Tyres, Diesel, Garage bills, labour charges, also council badges, MOT, everything motoring costs have risen, I would like to see a rise
Agree	Price of living costs up also fuel prices being to high
Agree	Prices of everything have gone up and small operators cannot sustain them!
Agree	Running cost's are spiralling !!! There is less fares about !!
Agree	Significant fuel and living cost increases in the last few months.

Do you agree or disagree that the existing tariff of fares should be revised?	If you would like to give reasons for your choice, please do so here
Agree	<p>Tariff 3 is a Nightmare. It stops people coming out on Bank Holidays as they always assume its 3 times more expensive. Even if the whole bank holiday was Night rate that would be fair and people would mostly know in advance what it's going to cost. It would also stop people coming out on those days that are on a bank holiday that you never see any other days therefore making it harder for everyone to make anything at all.</p> <p>As for the soiling charge, I still think £50 is way below what it should be. If someone is sick in a taxi on the floor or seats at 6 or 7pm that's your entire night over as it takes multiple cleans and trips to the cleaners to get rid of. I understand its the nature of the job, I really do, but there needs to be bigger consequences for costing us potentially £200 in cleaning and lost earnings alone. My last Valet for sick was £160 as it needed 2 deep cleans, door cards took off, widow rubbers cleaned. She did try to get it out the window but didn't. Seems unfair to be out of pocket for doing your best that's all. Thanks</p>
Agree	The cost of living an fuel price is all going up
Agree	The cost of living an fuel price is on the up
Agree	The day time we are struggling at mo. Being stuck in traffic is costing more on fuel. The bank holiday rate does not need to be increased as its high enough now. At present time even if we have 3 passengers in the taxis are still cheaper than public transportation. As for soiling it
Agree	The increase in prices for everything has gone up so our "wage" needs to too
Agree	The spiralling cost of living and the ever increasing costs of running a vehicle
Agree	to come in line increase with cost of living

Do you agree or disagree that the existing tariff of fares should be revised?	If you would like to give reasons for your choice, please do so here
Agree	To cope with hyperinflation going on of the living costs and all aspects of vehicle running costs , it seems essential to increase rates at some point in my opinion..
Agree	to many clients/passengers Arnt ready when I arrive i think the the tariff starting point has been to low for a long time now and needs to be raised
Agree	We need an increase due to rising cost of fuel and charges
Agree	When we agreed the last changes in April diesel price was £1.53 per ltr now is £1.83 per ltr. Everything else is going up.taxi prices should go up too
Agree	With current cost of living, increase in fuel prices and car prices it is a good decision to review existing fares.
Agree	With fuel & everything else rising in price it's going to cost us more at both in the workplace and out of work.
Agree	With the current fuel prices and everything else soaring. The last fare increase is simply not enough
Agree	With the current rise of everything diesel gas and electric we need more money to pay our bills and provide for our families
Disagree	A drivers association of 10-12 people does not represent me, or the wishes of all your drivers. A fare increase will be the straw that broke the camels back. Most of that association is AAA drivers, they are a struggling company with a unique way of working. Us that work more conventionally and do a full shift dont need an increase.
Disagree	As a Private Hire Driver I think every fare should go off our taxi meter, With the conditions of Carlisles roads you could not say a price on a fare until you get to your destination as there is no telling how long it's going to take you to get there.

Do you agree or disagree that the existing tariff of fares should be revised?	If you would like to give reasons for your choice, please do so here
Disagree	Everybody is currently squeezed for cash, Bus service routes are getting cancelled and many old people now rely on taxis to go shopping or socialise. I believe another price rise at the moment would isolate many of those customers.
Disagree	I feel that things are expensive enough currently and everyone is struggling to make ends meet.
Disagree	I Think the current tariffs are about the Level that the fare paying public will stand taking into account the cost of living crisis, but i do think that next year the Cumberland council will need to review it with the cost of fuel at such a high level and other Taxi associated costs. Most car washes will now charge between £50-£70 to steam clean your seats after a soiling episode so this needs to increase.
Disagree	I think with the current cost of the living crisis that people are struggling enough at the moment. The rates changed not long ago in roughly April 2022. So I don't agree with the price increase.
Disagree	I'm probably not the best person to ask as I only do a few jobs a week..
Disagree	In my opinion we will lose business if the tariff is too high
Disagree	just certain drivers are greedy and want to take advantage of the diverse times when people can,t afford to keep afloat , do they not realise that increasing fares only make things more slower as people will only use taxis as and when, there is still a living to be made out there , so they just need to get on with it .
Disagree	Let the council take a hit and drop there costs to drivers The cost to valet is £50 .
Disagree	Most of the members of the association that are wanting the increase don't normally work with the public through the week. They do contract work then work the weekend on nights. They're not thinking of the wider community that we deal with through the week. I just think the increase would end up putting people off using taxis in the future.

Do you agree or disagree that the existing tariff of fates should be revised?	If you would like to give reasons for your choice, please do so here
Disagree	Not the right time when everone is struggling to servive
Disagree	The current economic climate is very difficult for everyone. A lot of our customers are elderly through the day and many of our customers use taxis as a necessity. We charge more than enough on the current tariff and since covid and the lack of taxis across the city things haven't been this busy for years.
Disagree	THE FARES HAVE ALREADY BEEN INCREASED THIS YEAR AND CUSTOMERS WILL TAKE THE BUS INSTEAD OF USING TAXIS IF WE KEEP INCREASING THE FARES. I WILL HOWEVER GO WITH THE MAJORITY DECISION AND GET MY METRE UPDATED SHOULD THE FARES INCEREASE.
Disagree	The fares have just gone up not long ago so maybe next year too soon now
Disagree	The proposal put forward borders on daylight robbery, there is currently plenty of work out there to be done. It's greed of drivers, your night time revellers may not mind, but the day old lady's ect that rely on taxis for shopping. I'm actually flabbergasted they'd request another rise so soon.
Disagree	There is plenty of work, we have no reason whatsoever to request a second increase so soon after receiving the one in April!!
Disagree	Times are hard enough for people as it is without adding to it. Customers would be less likely to use taxis

Do you agree or disagree that the existing tariff of fares should be revised?	If you would like to give reasons for your choice, please do so here
Disagree	We are all in a cost of living crisis but in my opinion a fare increase will drive business away, I do agree with the soiling increase as to valet a vehicle now is well over ,£30 and is more like £80
Disagree	We pick a lot of OAPs up regularly who can't afford taxis but are only means of from A to B . They pay our wages during the week . I'm told the majority of drivers for the increase work weekend nights and do regular contract work , they are not considering the wider market .
Disagree	<p>Yes times are tough and things are expensive but people aren't using the taxis the same as they used to. There's already been 1 rise this year. Customers are going to stop using taxis. Its the wrong time to think about raising them.</p> <p>The only things I agree to is a rise in the soiling charge and the waiting time as alot passengers get us to wait quite a time when they go in somewhere or were waiting at a 2nd address for their mates who aren't ready.</p>
Diagree	I totally disagree with this as we had a price increase in April due to the rising fuel costs. I think everyone is finding thigs difficult enough at the moment and the last thing I want to happen is for people to stop using taxis because they are far too expensive. So I'm happy to stay on the tariffs we're on at the moment.
Disagree	I strongly disagree with this request. The general public are going through financial hardship and if we increase our fares, the general public will stop using out service. Since COVID there are a lot less taxis in Carlisle and in general the trade has not been this busy in many years. I feel that our tariffs now are high enough. We have to think of the future and a fare increase could cause major financial damage.

Do you agree or disagree that the existing tariff of fares should be revised?	If you would like to give reasons for your choice, please do so here
Disagree	<p>I would like this turned down on the basis that in my opinion it will just drive business away from the industry. I have held a licence for 16 years so know about the costs of running taxis but also the costs that we all are seeing and worried about in the future.</p>
Disagree	<p>I object to any form of fare increase which I believe has been requested by the "taxi association". I have been present at some of the meetings and I can honestly say that a core of around 12 drivers attend, they are in no way a fair representation of the hundreds of drivers licensed in Carlisle. Any fare increase is unfair to the fare paying public, which most are experiencing financial difficulties already and with a difficult winter ahead. Our bus service is letting them down, hopefully we won't add to this by pricing some users out of using taxis.</p>
Disagree	<p>I have been made aware that the tiny taxi drivers organisation led by chief trouble maker Chris Bray are pushing for another fare increase. As a licensed taxi driver in your authority, I strongly disagree that another increase is needed, especially with it being so close to the last one in April, which incidentally cost me hundreds of pounds. I would very strongly urge licensing to ignore this organisation and their suggestions. It will lead to less and less jobs as people feel the pinch, especially if their fare goes over a landmark amount...people will see £4.80 as OK, but £5.20 as taking the mickey and being too expensive for example. I have spoken to other drivers who also feel as I do, I implore you to consider the opinion of all drivers, not 10 drivers, mostly from one company, who do not represent the rest of us. Further, this taxi drivers organisation does not represent my wishes, or the wishes of the majority of drivers. I've seen their meetings in the buffs club and only 10 or 12 drivers turn up, and the majority of those are AAA drivers, along with a couple of drivers who only do contracts and Saturday nights. These drivers do not know what the job is like on a day to day basis, and AAA are a very niche company, with a small number of drivers, no office, drivers answering calls in their own cars, and of course them turning off their telephone system on Saturday nights and busy periods.</p>

Do you agree or disagree that the existing tariff of fares should be revised?		If you would like to give reasons for your choice, please do so here
Disagree	We pick a lot of regular customers up who rely on us but are struggling with day to day costs. It would at this time have a detrimental affect certainly on those of us who work days. Those pusing for the increase seem to be weekend drivers who aren't considering the wider community.	



HACKNEY CARRIAGE (MAXIMUM) FARES

MILEAGE

Tariff One

If the distance does not exceed 0.62 mile

(1000 metres) **£3.40**

For each subsequent 160 yards or
uncompleted part thereof (Approx. 146 metres) **20p**

Waiting Time

For each period of one minute or
uncompleted part thereof **20p**

Tariff Two

For hirings commenced between 23:00 hours and 07:00 hours, and between 12:00 hours and 18:00 hours on Christmas and New Year's Eve **Plus one third of tariff one rate of fare**

Tariff Three

All day of Bank and Public Holidays and between 18:00 hours and 24:00 hours on Christmas and New Year's Eve **Plus one half of tariff one rate of fare**

EXTRA CHARGES

For each ADULT (17 years and over)
in excess of four **50p**

For each perambulator or dog
(other than an assistance dog) conveyed **10p**

For each article of luggage conveyed outside
the passenger compartment of the carriage **10p**

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the vehicle. This will not exceed **£35**



HACKNEY CARRIAGE (MAXIMUM) FARES

MILEAGE

Tariff One

If the distance does not exceed 0.62 mile

(1000 metres) **£3.40**

For each subsequent 160 yards or
uncompleted part thereof (Approx. 146 metres) **20p**

Waiting Time

For each period of one minute or
uncompleted part thereof **20p**

Tariff Two

For hirings commenced between 23:00 hours and 07:00 hours, and between 12:00 hours and 18:00 hours on Christmas and New Year's Eve **Plus one third of tariff one rate of fare**

Tariff Three

All day of Bank and Public Holidays and between 18:00 hours and 24:00 hours on Christmas and New Year's Eve **Plus one half of tariff one rate of fare**

EXTRA CHARGES

For each ADULT (17 years and over)
in excess of four **50p**

For each perambulator or dog
(other than an assistance dog) conveyed **10p**

For each article of luggage conveyed outside
the passenger compartment of the carriage **10p**

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the vehicle. This will not exceed **£35**

THE NATIONAL HACKNEY FARES TABLE

JANUARY 2023

NATIONAL AVERAGE 2 MILE
HACKNEY FARE TARIFF ONE

IS NOW £6.93

RISE IN 2023	
RISE IN 2022	
RISE IN 2021	RISE IN 2014
RISE IN 2020	RISE IN 2013
RISE IN 2019	RISE IN 2012
RISE IN 2018	RISE IN 2011
RISE IN 2017	RISE IN 2010
RISE IN 2016	RISE IN 2008
RISE IN 2015	NO SET FARE

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POSITION	TARIFF ONE 2 MILE FARE COUNCIL	
1	LONDON (HEATHROW)	£13.20
2	GUILDFORD	£10.00
3	LUTON AIRPORT	£9.70
4	EPSOM & EWELL	£9.60
5	NORTH CORNWALL	£9.60
6	TIL	£9.60
7	MIDLOTHIAN	£8.80
8	SEVENOAKS	£8.70
9	STEVENAGE	£8.70
10	WOKING	£8.70
11	READING	£8.60
12	GREAT YARMOUTH	£8.50
13	EAST SUFFOLK (NORTH)	£8.40
14	LEEDS	£8.40
15	MID SUSSEX	£8.40
16	TONBRIDGE & MALLING	£8.40
17	WATFORD	£8.40
18	HUNTINGDONSHIRE	£8.30
19	LINCOLN	£8.30
20	UTTLESFORD	£8.30
21	JERSEY	£8.28
22	BCP	£8.20
23	BROXBORNE	£8.20
24	CARRICK	£8.20
25	EAST HERTS	£8.20

POSITION	TARIFF ONE 2 MILE FARE COUNCIL	
26	HART	£8.20
27	WOKINGHAM	£8.20
28	WORTHING	£8.20
29	FOREST OF DEAN	£8.13
30	BRENTWOOD	£8.10
31	BRIGHTON & HOVE	£8.10
32	SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE	£8.10
33	VALE OF WHITE HORSE	£8.10
34	CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE	£8.05
35	BRECKLAND	£8.00
36	COVENTRY	£8.00
37	MAIDSTONE	£8.00
38	NOTTINGHAM	£8.00
39	RIBBLE VALLEY	£8.00
40	RUSHCLIFFE	£8.00
41	STROUD	£8.00
42	TORRIDGE	£8.00
43	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	£8.00
44	ISLE OF MAN	£7.90
45	RESTORMEL	£7.90
46	SWALE	£7.90
47	BRACKNELL FOREST	£7.80
48	HASTINGS	£7.80
49	PLYMOUTH	£7.80
50	SCARBOROUGH	£7.80
51	SURREY HEATH	£7.80
52	WAVERLEY	£7.80
53	CHELMSFORD	£7.70
54	DACORUM	£7.70
55	GUERNSEY	£7.70
56	SWINDON	£7.70
57	WEALDON	£7.70
58	EAST DEVON	£7.68
59	WILTSHIRE	£7.68
60	SHETLAND ISLES	£7.62
61	BASINGSTOKE & DEANE	£7.60
62	CHELTENHAM	£7.60
63	EAST AYRSHIRE	£7.60
64	FIFE	£7.60
65	SOUTH SOMERSET	£7.60
66	KERRIER	£7.60
67	MONMOUTHSHIRE	£7.60
68	OXFORD CITY	£7.60
69	RUSHMOOR	£7.60
70	SOUTHAMPTON	£7.60
71	TEST VALLEY	£7.60
72	WINCHESTER	£7.60
73	TORBAY	£7.51
74	CARDIFF	£7.50
75	CHESTER	£7.50
76	EXETER	£7.50
77	MILTON KEYNES	£7.50
78	NORTH HERTS	£7.50
79	TAMESIDE	£7.50
80	BIRMINGHAM	£7.40
81	CANTERBURY	£7.40
82	EAST HAMPSHIRE	£7.40
83	EASTLEIGH	£7.40
84	HARROGATE	£7.40
85	LEICESTER	£7.40
86	LEWES	£7.40
87	SELBY	£7.40
88	SOLI HULL	£7.40
89	SOUTH AYRSHIRE	£7.40
90	TEWKESBURY	£7.40

POSITION	TARIFF ONE 2 MILE FARE COUNCIL	
91	WEST BERKSHIRE	£7.40
92	WEST OXFORD	£7.40
93	NEW FOREST	£7.35
94	ASHFORD	£7.30
95	CAMBRIDGE CITY	£7.30
96	DARTFORD	£7.30
97	NORTH DEVON	£7.30
98	SHROPSHIRE	£7.30
99	SOUTH CAMBRIDGE	£7.30
100	WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	£7.30
101	TEIGNBRIDGE	£7.26
102	ARUN	£7.20
103	BATH & N. E. SOMERSET	£7.20
104	DERBY	£7.20
105	DORSET	£7.20
106	GOSPORT	£7.20
107	HARLOW	£7.20
108	NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE	£7.20
109	PORTSMOUTH UA	£7.20
110	REIGATE & BANSTEAD	£7.20
111	ROTHER	£7.20
112	SLOUGH	£7.20
113	SOUTH GLOUCESTER	£7.20
114	TANDRIDGE	£7.20
115	WEST NORTHANTS	£7.20
116	WEST SUFFOLK	£7.20
117	YORK	£7.20
118	TAMWORTH	£7.14
119	ARGYLL & BUTE	£7.13
120	COTSWOLD	£7.10
121	CRAWLEY	£7.10
122	DOVER	£7.10
123	ISLE OF WIGHT	£7.10
124	MENDIP	£7.10
125	MOLE VALLEY	£7.10
126	OLDHAM	£7.10
127	PENWITH	£7.10
128	RUGBY	£7.10
129	WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD	£7.10
130	RUNNYMEDE	£7.10
131	HARBOROUGH	£7.09
132	BRISTOL	£7.00
133	BROMSGROVE	£7.00
134	CHICHESTER	£7.00
135	EAST LOTHIAN	£7.00
136	EDINBURGH	£7.00
137	GRAVESHAM	£7.00
138	HAMBLETON	£7.00
139	HERTSMERE	£7.00
140	KINGS LYNN & WEST NORFOLK	£7.00
141	MACCLESFIELD	£7.00
142	MANCHESTER	£7.00
143	MEDWAY	£7.00
144	NEWPORT	£7.00
145	PEMBROKESHIRE	£7.00
146	SWANSEA	£7.00
147	WELWYN HATFIELD	£7.00
148	WESTERN ISLES	£7.00
149	CRAVEN	£6.99
150	SANDWELL	£6.92
151	BURY	£6.90
152	COLCHESTER	£6.90
153	EASTBOURNE	£6.90
154	WORCESTER CITY	£6.90
155	ADUR	£6.80

POSITION	TARIFF ONE 2 MILE FARE COUNCIL	
156	AMBER VALLEY	£6.80
157	BEDFORD	£6.80
158	BLACKBURN	£6.80
159	BOSTON	£6.80
160	BRIDGEND	£6.80
161	BROXTOWE	£6.80
162	CARADON	£6.80
163	CARMARTHENSHIRE	£6.80
164	CEREDIGION	£6.80
165	EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE	£6.80
166	EAST LINDSEY	£6.80
167	GLASGOW	£6.80
168	GLOUCESTER	£6.80
169	KINGSTON-UPON-HULL	£6.80
170	MANSFIELD	£6.80
171	MID DEVON	£6.80
172	NORTH KESTIVEN	£6.80
173	NORTH NORTHANTS	£6.80
174	NORTH WARWICK	£6.80
175	SEDGEMOOR	£6.80
176	SOMERSET WEST & TAUNTON	£6.80
177	S. LANARKSHIRE (Cambus/R'Glen)	£6.80
178	TENDRING	£6.80
179	TRAFFORD	£6.80
180	VALE OF GLAMORGAN	£6.80
181	WEST LOTHIAN	£6.80
182	WIRRAL	£6.80
183	WOLVERHAMPTON	£6.80
184	DUNDEE CITY	£6.79
185	CHARNWOOD	£6.75
186	NUNEATON & BEDWORTH	£6.75
187	MALVERN HILLS	£6.72
188	ANGUS	£6.70
189	BLABY	£6.70
190	BRAINTREE	£6.70
191	CONGLETON	£6.70
192	EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE	£6.70
193	FYLDE	£6.70
194	NORTH SOMERSET	£6.70
195	NORTH TYNESIDE	£6.70
196	SHEFFIELD	£6.70
197	SOUTH LAKELAND	£6.70
198	THREE RIVERS	£6.70
199	SOUTH HAMS	£6.66
200	CANNOCK CHASE	£6.60
201	CARLISLE	£6.60
202	CONWY	£6.60
203	DUDLEY	£6.60
204	EDEN	£6.60
205	FAREHAM	£6.60
206	FOLKESTONE & HYTHE	£6.60
207	HAVANT	£6.60
208	HIGH PEAK	£6.60
209	MORAY	£6.60
210	NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE	£6.60
211	NORWICH	£6.60
212	ROCHFORD	£6.60
213	SOUTH TYNESIDE	£6.60
214	STRATFORD ON AVON	£6.60
215	WAKEFIELD	£6.60
216	IPSWICH	£6.55
217	BARROW IN FURNESS	£6.50
218	BASSETLAW	£6.50
219	CALDERDALE	£6.50
220	DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL	£6.50

POSITION	TARIFF ONE 2 MILE FARE COUNCIL	
221	EREWASH	£6.50
222	LIVERPOOL	£6.50
223	LUTON	£6.50
224	ORKNEY	£6.50
225	STAFFORD	£6.50
226	TORFAEN	£6.50
227	CHESTERFIELD	£6.45
228	HYNDBURN	£6.42
229	BASILDON	£6.40
230	BLAENAU GWENT	£6.40
231	CASTLE POINT	£6.40
232	COUNTY OF HEREFORD	£6.40
233	CREWE & NANTWICH	£6.40
234	DERBYSHIRE DALES	£6.40
235	EAST RENFREW	£6.40
236	HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH	£6.40
237	MELTON	£6.40
238	MID SUFFOLK	£6.40
239	RICHMONDSHIRE	£6.40
240	SOUTHEND ON SEA	£6.40
241	WEST LINDSEY	£6.40
242	WYRE	£6.38
243	PERTH & KINROSS	£6.33
244	NEWARK & SHERWOOD	£6.32
245	CLYDEBANK	£6.30
246	DARLINGTON	£6.30
247	SOUTH HOLLAND	£6.30
248	SOUTH RIBBLE	£6.30
249	BABERGH	£6.26
250	REDDITCH	£6.25
251	THANET	£6.21
252	CHORLEY	£6.20
253	COPELAND	£6.20
254	EAST SUFFOLK (SOUTH)	£6.20
255	FALKIRK	£6.20
256	FENLAND	£6.20
257	HORSHAM	£6.20
258	NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE	£6.20
259	NORTHUMBERLAND	£6.20
260	SPELTORNE	£6.20
261	ST ALBANS	£6.20
262	SUNDERLAND	£6.20
263	WYCHAVON	£6.20
264	RENFREWSHIRE	£6.15
265	WYRE FOREST	£6.14
266	ABERDEENSHIRE	£6.10
267	BRADFORD	£6.10
268	CLACKMANNAN	£6.10
269	ELMBRIDGE	£6.10
270	SCOTTISH BORDERS	£6.05
271	ABERDEEN CITY	£6.00
272	ALLERDALE	£6.00
273	BLACKPOOL	£6.00
274	BOLTON	£6.00
275	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	£6.00
276	DENBIGHSHIRE	£6.00
277	DUMBARTON & VALE OF LEVEN	£6.00
278	S. LANARKSHIRE (E. KILBRIDE)	£6.00
279	EAST STAFFORDSHIRE	£6.00
280	GATESHEAD	£6.00
281	GWYNEDD	£6.00
282	KIRKLEES	£6.00
283	KNOWSLEY	£6.00
284	LANCASTER	£6.00
285	NORTH WEST LEICESTER	£6.00

POSITION	TARIFF ONE 2 MILE FARE	
	COUNCIL	
286	PETERBOROUGH	£6.00
287	POWYS	£6.00
288	PRESTON	£6.00
289	ROTHERHAM	£6.00
290	RYEDALE	£6.00
291	SALFORD	£6.00
292	STOCKPORT	£6.00
293	TELFORD & WREKIN	£6.00
294	THURROCK	£6.00
295	WARWICK	£6.00
296	STOKE-ON-TRENT UA	£5.90
297	VALE ROYAL	£5.90
298	EAST RIDING	£5.85
299	WALSALL	£5.90
300	BARNSELY	£5.80
301	FLINTSHIRE	£5.80
302	HALTON	£5.80
303	HIGHLAND	£5.80
304	LICHFIELD	£5.80
305	MERTHYR TYDFIL	£5.80
306	NEATH PORT TALBOT	£5.80
307	NORTHERN IRELAND	£5.80
308	NORTH NORFOLK	£5.80
309	RHONDDA CYNON TAFF	£5.80
310	SEFTON	£5.80
311	S. LANARKSHIRE (CLYDESDALE)	£5.80
312	WIGAN	£5.80
313	ANGLESEY	£5.80
314	DONCASTER	£5.75
315	NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE	£5.75
316	CAERPHILLY	£5.70
317	GEDLING	£5.70
318	ST HELENS	£5.70
319	STIRLING	£5.70
320	WARRINGTON	£5.70
321	ASHFIELD	£5.60
322	NORTH LANARKSHIRE	£5.60
323	S.LANARKSHIRE (HAMILTON)	£5.60
324	WREXHAM	£5.60
325	CHERWELL	£5.56
326	NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	£5.55
327	INVERCLYDE	£5.54
328	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY	£5.50
329	EPHING FOREST	£5.50
330	REDCAR & CLEVELAND	£5.50
331	ROCHDALE	£5.50
332	ELLESMERE PORT	£5.40
333	HARTLEPOOL	£5.40
334	NORTH AYRSHIRE	£5.30
335	SOUTH KESTIVEN	£5.30
336	STAFFS MOORLANDS	£5.20
337	WEST LANCASHIRE	£5.20
338	SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE	£5.10
339	STOCKTON ON TEES	£5.10
340	BURNLEY	£5.00
341	ROSSENDALE	£5.00
342	MIDDLESBROUGH	£4.90
343	BOLSOVER	£4.60
344	OADBY & WIGSTON	£4.40
345	PENDLE	£4.40
346	MALDON	£
347	RUTLAND	£
348	SOUTH DERBYSHIRE	£
349	SOUTH NORFOLK	£
350	WEST DEVON	£



Allerdale Borough Council

Table of Fares – 18 July 2022

Hackney Carriage Vehicle Number:

DISTANCE (Tariff 1)

If the distance does not exceed 1.6 kilometre (1 mile) for the whole distance 350 pence

If the distance exceeds 1.6 kilometre (1 mile) for the first 1.6 kilometre (1 mile) 350 pence

For each subsequent 0.32 kilometre (1/5th of a mile) or uncompleted part thereof 50 pence

WAITING TIME

For each period of three minutes or uncompleted part thereof 50 pence

ADDITIONAL TARIFFS

(Tariff 2) For hiring commenced between 11.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. (Plus 51.43% of Tariff1) 530 pence

(Tariff 3) All day on Bank and Public Holidays including Easter Sunday, Boxing Day and any Bank Holidays given in lieu of Boxing Day and to 6.00 a.m. on the day following those listed above. Hirings commenced between 6.00 p.m. and Midnight on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve (Plus 77.14% of Tariff 1) 620 pence

(Tariff 4) Christmas Day and New Year's Day (Plus 100% of Tariff 1) 700 pence

For each article of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment or the carriage for the whole distance 20 pence

For each person in excess of two 55 pence

FOULING CHARGE £100.00

The above rates of fare are applicable to:

1. Journeys taken entirely within the Borough of Allerdale.
2. Journeys ending outside the Borough of Allerdale where no fare or rate is agreed in advance of such journeys between the hirer and the driver.

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COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

TABLE OF FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES

EFFECTIVE FROM 17th AUGUST 2022

Tariff 1 (6am – 11pm)	
For a distance not exceeding 1 mile	£4
For a distance exceeding 1 mile – 1 st mile	£4
Next 1/10 th of a mile or uncompleted part	22p
Tariff 2 (11pm – 6am and hirings commenced at any time on a Bank/Public Holidays) <i>(Bank or Public Holiday being Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday, May Day, Whitsuntide Monday, August Bank Holiday Monday & any other Bank or Public Holiday the Government may declare and from 6pm on the Friday before Christmas (known as Mad Friday) to 6am the following day)</i>	Add 50% of Tariff 1 rate
Tariff 3 (For hirings commenced between 6.00pm on Christmas Eve until 6.00am on 27th December and 6.00 pm on New Years Eve until 06.00am on 2nd January)	
1 st Mile	£8.60
Each 1/10 th mile or uncompleted part thereof	46p
Other Charges	
Waiting Time - For each period of one minute or uncompleted part thereof	22p
Collecting - For each mile or uncompleted part thereof within the Borough of Copeland, travelled by the carriage to a hirer's pick-up point at a stated place other than a hackney carriage stand or the proprietor's normal base of operation	45p
For each person in excess of four	25% of the total fare
Clearing and Cleaning Costs – soiling fee	£100 (max)
The above rates of fare are applicable only to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Journeys taken entirely within the district of Copeland. Journeys ending outside the district of Copeland where no fare or rate of fare is agreed in advance of such journey between hirer and driver. 	

Please note these rates do not apply to Private Hire Vehicles – Private Hire Vehicles are not required to have meters and price can be agreed in advance.